



**For Immediate Release**

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**Council Supports Valemount Senior Citizen's Housing Society (VSCHS)**

The VSCHS is submitting an application to obtain funding to build an affordable housing complex for seniors. Previously, Village Council agreed to set aside a portion of Village owned land for the VSCHS, should they be successful in obtaining grant funding for this project. During a review of the proposed site by VSCHS and Village staff, it was discovered that a lack of sewer service will be a significant issue and will negatively impact VSCHS's application for funding.

During the In Camera portion of the December 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting, Council resolved:

**"THAT Council resolve to install a lift station to service the Subject Property (PID 016-700-058), to support the Valemount Senior Citizen's Housing Society (VSCHS) and potential future economic opportunities on the Subject Property, by committing \$660,000 from the Northern Capital Planning Grant and \$126,500 from the Trans Mountain Community Benefit Agreement, if the VSCHS is awarded funding for the affordable housing development."**

Council agreed that funding a sewer lift station to provide sewer services to the Subject Property (the large, vacant Village owned lot, located immediately south of Valemount Secondary School), using existing grants and funding received from the *Community Benefits Agreement* received from Trans Mountain Expansion Project, will strengthen VSCHS's project application. If VSCHS is successful in receiving their desired funding, our seniors will finally be able to age in place in a dedicated, affordable housing facility.

**"We are investing in those (our seniors), who invested in us" – Mayor Owen Torgerson**

Council recognizes installing a sewer lift station will also 'unlock' the economic potential of a significant portion of the Village. A lift station servicing this 52 acre parcel will allow for the full build out of VSCHS's master plan, as well as future housing projects and potential commercial developments.

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