

Merritt's City Council,

**Re: the proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2284**

Anhart Homes CCC Ltd, is community contribution company owned solely by Anhart Community Housing Society, which is a registered charity. Anhart Homes purpose is to develop affordable housing across Canada. In 2018, Anhart Homes purchased the property at 3757 De Wolf Way, Merritt, BC and it's currently evolving the plans to develop the property and create 74 units of affordable housing.

According to our research, there is an urgent need to develop affordable housing in the smaller municipalities across the region. With both sale and rental prices increasing across major towns, smaller municipalities are facing an increase in homelessness and those at risk of homelessness as the local communities are priced out of housing.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020 will help developers to create new housing options for current and future residents at the City of Merritt. For the development of 3757 De Wolf Way specifically, the proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020 will help with reducing the required parking and allowing Anhart Homes to build two four storey buildings, which helps with the project viability and makes it possible to deepen the affordability of the project.

Anhart Homes CCC Ltd supports proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 2284, 2020.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,



Gordon Keith Wiebe