

Mayor and Council has a very important opportunity to consider the OCP amendment By-Law and Zoning amendment By-Law mentioned above. We are asking that the Mayor and Council consider the relocation or elimination of the Townhouses and allow only a Modular Home Park/Estate/Village to help protect the View Corridors on the property, (known as the Grasslands). Also please note when I originally contacted the City Planner to voice my opinions and concerns on this development he stated several times the I should go and visit the Gallagher Village outside of Oliver, as the City of Merritt was modelling this development on the Gallagher Village format before I furthered my conversation with him. I did in fact follow his suggestion, my husband, myself and neighbours on Parker Drive drove there and back. Were the Mayor and Council also told this before making any suggestions, questions or concerns. The Gallagher Village is very beautiful, clean and landscaped with native plants requiring no or little water, visitor parking and RV storage on site for owners. My husband and I spoke to residences of the Village and all spoke highly of the Village. There are no and will never be any Townhouses on this property. I plan on speaking to you all at the Public Hearing on Tuesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. I can only stress that the Mayor and Council are the caretakers of our Community and Resources, and as such We ask that you all make an informed decision. We know from past experiences that Council and Mayors change, it is a reality, along with the registered owners of Properties, properties can be sold. None of us has a crystal ball, however, we ask that consideration is given to rewriting the Zoning By-Law to remove the R7 section completely that allows for up to 4 storey Townhouses. We know it has been said the intention is for 2 storey Townhouses along Voght Street and that we should trust that the 4 storey Townhouse option will never come into play, however the days of trust and a handshake agreement has passed and everything should be legal and in written form. Spayum Holdings Limited Partnership and True Consulting have both stated to both my husband and myself, that the City of Merritt Planning has asked for Townhouses facing Voght Street, not their choice but the City's. None of the Modular Home Developments that True Consulting has completed across the Province have any Townhouses. Since the Mayor and Council act on our behalf we urge you all to be prudent and ensure your decision not only protects the Citizens of Merritt but yourselves and having everything in writing Thanking you in advance for your consideration and time spent reading our email.

Yours very sincerely.

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