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Anthony Price Development Planner Planning Department

Regarding Ron Lee property: 1428 Adelaide Street, Crofton BC

Good morning,

I am sending you information regarding the situation in place on Mr. Lee's property.

There is an elderly widow that is temporarily residing in the original property's residence. Since the new double wide home was constructed a few years ago, the owner has allowed a lady the old residence as a temporary, free of rent place for her to rest her head in.

There has been no trouble with this person and Mr Lee is being compassionate of her situation. There was a complaint made to a bylaw officer about the lady being there to the municipality back in March. Ben, your building inspector visited the property and saw the situation himself. It was decided he was not going to force the issue and have her evicted, but something was registered against the property.

There is no intention on his behalf to change the zoning of his R-1 property to R-3 as this arrangement is purely temporary in truth. As well, he does not wish to spend money on renovating a 100 year old building to code either. That's just not practical.

This situation has put Mr Lee and his spouse in a situation, as they are wishing to subdivide the unused property behind the primary residence, along with the neighbor Mr Lewis, but with an encumbrance registered against the property due to this bylaw infraction, the ability for them to sell off this unused land is not possible.

It is my understanding that there is a permitted use under the T.U.P. rule that may enable this homeless lady the relief of up to three years before a decision going forward is made on her disposition. If a T.U.P. can be issued, then perhaps this restriction on subdividing will be lifted, and they can generate much needed income to shore up the finances of their retirement.

Mr. Lee has confirmed that the back taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale should that be acceptable to the municipality.

Our hope is that senior staff will respond kindly to this situation and issue the T.U.P. as there is no profit in it for Mr. Lee, and his charity is sustaining a person who may otherwise be living on the streets.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Dan Robin

for Mr. Lee

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* does not impact neighbors nor use any Street parking *