

**The following item of  
correspondence was received  
expressing opposition to  
Rezoning Reference # 16-01.**

## OConnell, Kate

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**From:** Terri Marie Perrault  
**Sent:** February-28-17 4:17 PM  
**To:** Clerks; Teresa Marie Perrault  
**Subject:** Bylaw No. 13705Rezoning #16-01 - Zoning Bylaw 1965,Emendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017

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February 28, 2017

Rez Ref # 16-01

Bylaw # 13705

Office of the City Clerk  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, V5G 1M2

Re: Rezoning #16-01, Bylaw No. 13705 @ Location: 1010 Sperling Avneue  
by the Lessee 'Atira Women's Resource Society from the Lessor "Anglican Church of  
Canada'

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Dear Madames:

In regards to the rezoning application of the above mentioned property at 1010 Sperling Avenue , in which I reside for over five years, I have no objection to them converting space into a two bedroom apartment unless the building and residential discrepancies listed below are acted upon in the near future:

- **Change 'Supportive Housing' stated on notice of public hearing to 'independent living'**, or please verify this as independent living is on the individual leases and tenants who all pay rent are led to believe they live in an independent living residence and are repeatedly told by the staff that it is independent living as they demand the tenants to clean, take the garbage out, clean the sidewalks,& de-ice, vacuum etc. as they just sit around most of their shifts and talk. Atira has leased the premises from the Anglican Church of Canada and the initial media coverage and tenants leases stated independent living and not a supportive housing development. When it ever became that I would like to know.
- **Need Sufficient Washers & Dryers to accommodate 25 older women with challenges. There is one large washing maching, one large dryer, a set of stackable W/D (small) and one stackable dryer as the Washing Machine has been broke for nearly a year.** There are twenty five (25) women over 50 currently living in that facility, 8 on the first floor, 14 on the 2nd floor and three on the 3rd floor who are forced to use inadequate laundry services, which causes a lot of conflict, lateral violence, physical violence and creates bad toxic relations
- **Need a workable small kitchen on 2nd floor** , there currently exists a room build either for laundry hook-ups, hair dressing or kitchen which has a microwave in it , which was originally mine but we are not allowed any appliances in our room as the electricity switches off because the building has insufficient electrical wiring for 20 room and there are always outages. This additional kitchen is necessary as the kitchen downstairs does not accommodate the needs of 20 women who have to toast, use the stove, do their dishes in one sink, and when they do there is a lot of abusive behavior and violence which many times led to physical violence and the police were called to report assaults . (None of the older women imagined they would be living in such bad conditions, you it would help if maybe there was another small kitchen to do their own dishes even and cook a quick meal. The facts are there are twenty rooms ( guestimate size of 15'X8") have a bathroom w/shower, **NO KITCHENETTE** , so

therefore older women are living in precarious conditions and suffer poor eating and many times no eating.

- **Need New Electrical Wiring to address current Fire Issues and to Accommodate 20 women to a decent life-style.** Currently Tues.Feb.18 3:41 pm, my bathroom electrical **power has been off for four days** and they don't know where the fuse box is for that circuitry .In the past (2013+) there has been extreme over heating of the electrical panel (as it is outside my door #16) and tenants were told not to use appliances in the rooms (problem).that panel on the 2nd floor is a fire trap and it over heats. Therefore this inadequate electrical wiring is a (FIRE ISSUE) .
- **Need to address the under usage of the emergency lights outside of all the room,** as two of the lights have been on for months The facility was built for seniors so the lights outside the door is a good thing as it lets the neighbours know that the tenant inside maybe is in physical distress as they pulled the emergency string. The Atira staff (Dawn, April, Gena) ignores these lights as they have been asked by the tenants and myself to turn them off and they do not know how and don't want them functional. ????
- **Need mental health people to come in and help the five (or more) women with serious mental health issues,** which affects the kitchen dynamics in way of unwarranted treats and accusations which results in horrible elder abuse situations & lateral violence
- **Need to fix Windows or replacing them as they fall apart.**
- **Fire Exits have to be cleared** next to the east wall just outside the exit door where there has been trees laying across the path since the December snow-storm
- **Elevator is unreliable as it is always breaking down due to tenant misuse.**
- **Food program needs to be cancelled** as it causes fights, jealousy, tenant abuse and worse assaults, all due to their believed right to access that free food as it is a first come first serve basis and they do not feed all the women just a five-six....it is just implorable. Plus it is so badly delivered, mismanaged or not managed, and the staff eat a lot of the food and pit the women against each other....A real mess! Women end of hating each other.
- **Improved TV set in the one and only living room,** as staff gave the good working TV to a tenant last fall (2015) and **one of the tenants (Julie) takes apart all the TV hook ups ,** cable, plug-ins, black box because she is very mental ill and tells us that there are entities in the wiring and vampires and also that the electrical gets into her body and sexual abuses her. The Atira staff thinks this is acceptable and this shared house where there is only one living room for 20 women to sit and enjoy some time, as Atira has let this go one for over three (3) years. This is really unacceptable for the tenants that pay good rent for the amenities in the residence. They need to secure the plug-ins or have that tenant moved out to another place. She reaps apart the two computers we have in the house as well and one of them a plastic box was put over the plug-ins.
- **Fix the leaky roof** as t leaks from the roof to the basement and drips through my room (16) on 2nd floor and mould appears which is a serious health hazard.

When all the above mentioned infractions are addressed and some I have not reported are addressed I think it is a good idea to increase rental capacity by converting common space into a Market rentable apartment., but not at the expense of poor little old ladies.

Truly,

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