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Dear Mr. Mayor Hurley:

With regards to the recent Supplementary Utilities Declaration, I have a few questions but I have not been able to receive any respond from the municipal staff. I hope Mr. Mayor or the Council can address my concern (as this is also the concern of many Burnaby residents).

It is known that there is a shortage of affordable housing in Burnaby. The suite rental would help both the renter and homeowner, as well it can alleviate the affordable housing crisis. While I agree that the rental suite should be paying a Supplementary Utilities but why is this Supplementary Utilities fee only apply to single and two family dwellings? The strata duplex and strata townhouse also consist of unauthorized or authorized suite (it is known to everyone). Shouldn't these strata property owners also pay their fair share of Supplementary Utilities? As well, there are Strata Condo (such as 9288 University Crescent) which is built to have two kitchens within one strata condo unit. Will this Supplementary Utilities Fee also apply to these strata property owners?

Our property tax is based on an equitable system. The existing supplementary utilities impose an inequitable charges which is only applied to a specific type of property owners (single/two family dwellings). I hope the elected Council can review my concern and the Burnaby residents' concern. I look forward to hearing from you. Greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Win Chiu,  
Burnaby Resident

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