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Sent: April 6, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Devon Guest (dguest@squamish.ca)
Cc: 'Sharon Tait (stait53@telus.net)'
Subject: Your phone call today
Attachments: Letter from Mayor to Tantalus Nov 28, 2008.pdf

Devon,

You called to inform me that a decision has been made **to open the 55 to youth in the evening** when the centre re-opens after Covid-19. You mentioned that you would also call Sharon Tait

I objected by indicating that the 55 was never designed for youth, is not furnished for youth and its use for this purpose would be totally inappropriate. I suggested to you that using a school may be a better option.

You said that under your mandate to maximize the use of the 55 the Muni reached this decision and that **this would be final**.

You may not know that we came to this juncture once before and the proposal to allow youth to use the 55 was withdrawn.

I pointed out that the Seniors Centre Society through their Advisory Board would likely object to such a plan.

Furthermore your approach does not constitute "consultation" with the Advisory Board, as conceived under the attached agreement with the mayor at the time the 55 was being built. The centre was built in consultation with the Seniors of Squamish (THE CHARETTE) i.e. floorplans, finishes, furnishings, window coverings etc. made suitable for a Seniors Centre and therefore totally inappropriate as a youth centre.

Please be aware of the still valid 1999 Supreme Court of Canada decision: *"Consultation is meaningless if accommodation is excluded from the outset."* R v Marshall, [1999] 3 SCR 456 at para 22; Haida Nation v. British Columbia (Minister of Forests), 2004 SCC 73, 3 SCR 511 at para 47.

Best regards,
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November 28, 2008

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Attention: Muriel Shephard

Dear Ms. Shephard:

Thank you for your letter received November 24, 2008 requesting a meeting with Council to discuss the role of the Tantalus Senior Centre Society as the Advisory Committee for the new **Seniors Activity Centre**. At this time, I do not believe a meeting is necessary as I can clarify the role of the Advisory Committee within this letter.

As recommended by the Select Committee on Seniors Issues, Council endorsed the creation of the existing Board of Directors of the Tantalus Senior Centre Society as the **first Advisory Board of the new Seniors Activity Centre**. It is also understood that in June of 2009, a new Advisory Board will be elected from the membership of the new Seniors Activity Centre. A membership drive for the new Centre will begin in January.

In the role of the **Advisory Board**, the **present Board of the Tantalus Senior Centre Society** will assist District staff, namely, Bob Kusch, Janet Gugins and Carol Wynne, in **preparing for the operation and programming of the Centre**. The advisory role is one where the members of the Board will be representative of the seniors' community and express their interests for programming and operation of the Centre. **Staff would consult with the Advisory Committee on such items as membership, fees and recreation programs and services of interest to the senior's community.**

Janet and Carol are presently formulating suggestions and ideas for these areas by way of visitations to other Seniors Centre's and discussions with staff of other communities. Once this information is compiled, a meeting will be called of the Advisory Committee, as well as other interested Seniors to discuss the practices of other communities and the best possible system for the programming and services within the new Centre. This meeting will most likely take place in early January.

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Regarding the use of the equipment bought by the fund-raising initiative, I believe the letter of understanding between the District and the Tantalus Senior Centre Society clearly lays out the District's responsibility, as the well as that of the Tantalus Senior Centre Society for the use and upkeep of any equipment purchased through the Society.

Staff have informed me that the occupancy of the new Centre has been pushed back to June of 2009. An opening date for the Centre will most likely be either late July or early August.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Sutherland', written over a horizontal line.

Ian Sutherland
Mayor