Re: May 1 motion re: Connective Support Society

Chief Loblaw <kaskachief@rrdc.ca>

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To:Annie.Blake <Annie.Blake@yla.gov.yk.ca>

Thank you Annie

I do support this at your debate. This is a heavy topic and greater accountability to be implemented here ..

Apologies if I can't get the support letter in today We're in for the forum

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On Apr. 30, 2024, at 1:17 p.m., "Annie.Blake" <annie.blake@yla.gov.yk.ca> wrote:

Dear Chief Loblaw,

I am writing to inform you that we will be debating a motion in the Yukon Legislative Assembly on Wednesday May 1st 2024, which states the following:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to conduct a review of all programs operated in the Yukon by Connective Support Society, including Whitehorse Emergency Shelter, Housing First, and the Supervised Housing and Reintegration Program, to determine if these programs should continue under the same operator.

The intent of this motion is to have a review of the above stated programs in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the people who access these programs. Several significant concerns were raised throughout the recent coroner's inquest around safety at the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter and there were notable gaps in policies, services and supports provided by Connective.

Additionally, it was noted that when Connective took over operation from the Yukon Government, they removed a number of safety related policies. Given that there has also been a number of fatalities at the Housing First building and significant concerns raised by participants in the SHARP program around safety we feel it is important that all programs are reviewed.

If you feel compelled to write a letter of support it would be much appreciated. I would request that, if possible, your letter be sent by Wednesday, May 1 at noon. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

With respect,

Annie Blake
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