## **Public Hearing 2320 Hamilton Hill Road**

Attn: Mayor and Council, Greg Lowis, Director of Corporate Services

I have several concerns about allowing this development to proceed.

First, it is a well known fact that Global Warming is happening. I want **absolute proof** that Merritt has a sustainable water supply for at least **75 Years**. The glaciers that supply many of the rivers are melting at an alarming rate, and these supply our rivers systems.

Our sewer system will be taxed to the limit when hundreds more buildings are added. Will the current residents of Merritt be required to contribute to a sewer system upgrade? This should be paid for by the developer! We, the local taxpayers, are not receiving any benefits from any further development.

Sprinkling restrictions are in place, so why would you even consider adding more water use to an area kilometers from downtown? Has the developer put in place any requirements for less water usage? ie: underground tanks for collecting gray water, no lawns that need to be sprinkled, a collection basin for storm drain water that can be reused.

The winter of 2020 and 2021 was a perfect example of how ill prepared the City is for snow removal. This area on Hamilton Hill has snowfall long before the downtown area. Do the businesses and residents have to wait till this area is plowed before the downtown is plowed?

Please consider carefully before making any decisions about this development. How will this development benefit all the taxpayers and citizens of Merritt?

Remember, more is not always better!!

Respectfully submitted. Linda A. Baird

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