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CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF ESQUIMALT		
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Dear Mayor Desjardins,

The Seawalk Housing Cooperative Board of Directors has motioned to request your help in protecting the most vulnerable members of BC's housing co-op communities.

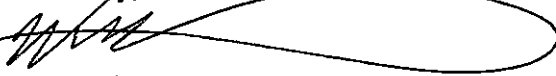
Because federal rent assistance for thousands of low-income co-op members is ending in the next ten years, 1,500 co-op housing households will be affected by 2017. By 2020, almost 3,000 households will not be able to afford their homes.

Ensuring society is housed is now a provincial responsibility however there hasn't been a provincial program brought forward yet to replace this disappearing federal assistance.

Seniors, the disabled, new Canadians and single parents make up the majority of those who rely on these subsidies and are the ones at risk of losing their homes.

Please take efforts to help implement a rent supplement program suggested by the Co-operative Housing Federation of BC. Those who are most susceptible to losing their homes in Canada's most expensive housing market really need your reassurance that they can remain where they've come to know as home.

Sincerely,



Will McGuire
Board of Directors President
Seawalk Housing Cooperative