



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

May 9, 2019

City of Fernie
Mayor & Council
501 - 3rd Ave
PO Box 190
Fernie BC V0B 1M0

Re: Public Notice: Fernie Senior Centre – Located at 562 – 3rd Avenue

Please accept these comments from School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) on behalf of your students, your parents, your families and your public education community of the only public elementary school in your community.

Your public education community is hopeful that the expansion opportunities recently approved by the Minister of Education for Isabella Dicken Elementary School and the potential options for the entire community will be considered in your deliberations utilizing the presently zoned institutional site.

Your public education community is hopeful that other site options for the much needed housing project have been considered and pursued to a similar extent.

The possible expansion options in concert with City that would also be of interest to the entire community include a neighborhood learning centre daycare, an enlarged gymnasium and a community centre.

We know deliberations of this nature are complex. Thank you for giving our comments careful and diligent consideration in the best interests of our community's future.

Sincerely,

Frank Lento
SD5 Board Chair

cc: Board of Education
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer