

From: **Frieda Robertson**

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Subject: RE: Editorial in Anmore Times - December edition

Dear Councillor Palmer-Isaak,

Thank you for responding to my correspondence. I note your sentiments in your first paragraph about an unbiased Anmore Times being a reflection of the Community and will politely agree to differ.

In your second paragraph you suggest that we should 'stick to the facts'. I'm afraid I'm not sure that you are doing so yourself when you suggest people should not be scaring the public with words like 'liability', when that is exactly what the facts are.

May I quote from the Village of Anmore's official Funding Agreement (#CO78100114), section 3.10;

'For a Project for which the Province is providing Funding under this Agreement of over \$300,000, regardless of whether the Recipient is renovating existing leased space or whether the Recipient owns the Child Care facility, the Recipient will continue the Child Care Operation for a minimum of ten years from the date of issuance of a New Licence.'

My understanding of the above, (my I use the word 'fact') is that we, (the Recipient) are liable for any child care facility for up to ten years, should those well meaning people starting the venture decide to shut it down after 3 months, say for lack of revenue. If my interpretation is totally misguided, I would be happy to be advised. Hopefully that is not too political.

In my letter yesterday I wrote of 'possible liability' in respect of the Child Care facility and for a good reason. The Village could avert liability by placing a Performance Bond on any intended operator of a Child Care facility, unfortunately I suspect the insurance costs would make attendance fees so expensive that it would probably never open its doors. Alternatively a rock solid personal guarantee might suffice, (i.e. someone's un-mortgaged private home that they could not sell for ten years). But those details are for the Council to agree upon. My concern is that my fellow residents are made aware of their very real liability if due diligence is not exhibited by all the Council, (I have enough faith that at least two Councillors are exhibiting that caution but am yet to be persuaded by the rest). That aside, please recall the community's wishes at the last referendum was to abandon the concept of a child care/community centre facility.

I also cannot agree with your last paragraph. Whilst it is regrettable that we have moved into a litigious world at the detriment of good neighbourliness, if people are

intimidated for being honest and doing their job diligently, then perhaps the legal system is the only course open to them besides abdication.

May I also wish you the Season's Greetings.

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