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## City council passes motion encouraging government involvement at Nanaimo Seniors Village

Nanaimo City Council quickly passed a motion at its regular meeting on August 13 encouraging the provincial government to step in and resolve quality of care concerns at Nanaimo Seniors Village (NSV).

Recent media coverage of another contract cancellation between NSV-owner, Retirement Concepts, and sub-contractor CareSource on May 8, and the subsequent layoff of 168 care staff at the facility, has cast a shadow on Nanaimo's reputation as a desirable retirement community.

The motion – put forward by the Nanaimo Seniors Village local of the Hospital Employees' Union in an August 2 letter to mayor and council – states:

“That the provincial government be encouraged, through the Minister of Health, to work with the Vancouver Island Health Authority, Nanaimo Seniors Village and the care staff to resolve issues of deteriorating seniors' care and restore our city's well-earned reputation as a desirable retirement destination.”

Nanaimo Seniors Village family council chairperson Kim Slater spoke to the motion during the city council meeting, stressing that seniors look for and deserve quality health services in their communities.

Council passed the motion without discussion and debate, and will now write to health minister George Abbott.

The Nanaimo/Duncan and District Labour Council is holding a rally in support of the Nanaimo Seniors Village workers at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19 at Maffeo Sutton Park in Nanaimo. For more information, please contact the labour council at 250-753-0201.

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