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Jeff Marin  
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Re: Friendship Lodge project, Queensway, Prince George

Dear Mr. Marin,

Please accept my congratulations on the recently completed housing project in Prince George. VanMar Constructors did a good job, both on the building itself and with the community at large.

This was a difficult project involving an unpopular rezoning, and the staff from VanMar were very much present at the public hearings and community meetings. This community work was further developed during the construction period with your site staff informing interested neighbours of the progress of construction, use of local trades and several open houses for the community.

The building itself is designated to a LEED Gold standard and this involved drilling on site and installation of new mechanical and plumbing equipment, consideration for discarding of building materials and ensuring that the air quality was maintained during construction.

This 30 unit apartment project is sustainable and is a valued addition to the neighbourhood. The project was completed on time and on budget. Our internal maintenance staff looked at the building and were impressed, which is high praise from those responsible for ongoing maintenance.

Sincerely,

Louise Elmes  
Senior Project Officer  
BC Housing

