INVITE TO TENANT INFORMATION MEETING
Battin Fielding Apartment Building Residents

On behalf of BC Housing I would like to invite you to attend an upcoming Information Session on March 30th, 2016 at the Battin Fielding Clubhouse. This session is to provide you with an update on the Nigel Valley Planning Study, and to answer any questions you may have.

After much careful consideration as a result of this study, it was determined that through redevelopment, the Nigel Valley site has the potential to significantly increase the amount of affordable housing and care units available on site. BC Housing’s goal is, and continues to be, to increase the amount of affordable housing in the province.

We would like to notify you of the following;

- There are NO immediate plans to redevelop the Battin Fielding Apartment Building.

- The Battin Fielding Townhouses require significant investment and repair and have been identified as one of the plan’s first redevelopment sites. No changes will be made to the townhomes until all planning permissions are in place. BC Housing is committed to working with Battin Fielding Townhouse tenants on creating an individual relocation plan with the appropriate supports and has set up a separate tenant meeting for townhouse residents to initiate this discussion.

- A Planning Application for the Townhouse redevelopment will be submitted in Spring 2016; the approvals process is expected to run over the course of the next year.

BC Housing invites you to an Information Session to learn more about the work that will be conducted over the next two years. Please join us on:

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:00pm at the Battin Fielding Clubhouse.**

As your Property Manager I will be in attendance, along with representatives from our Tenant Support and Development Services divisions, to answer any questions you might have about the planning process.
BACKGROUND:

Last year our Regional Director sent out letters to you, announcing that a planning study of the Nigel Valley lands was initiated last Spring in partnership with the area’s non-profit housing and care operators: Broadmead Care (Nigel House – 846 Nigel Avenue), Island Community Mental Health (Darwin Apartments – 801 Darwin Avenue and Newbridge Apartments – 843 Nigel Avenue), Garth Homer Society (813 Darwin Avenue), and Greater Victoria Housing Society (Nigel Square – 821 Nigel Avenue).

Many of the existing buildings in the Nigel Valley area, including the townhouses of Battin Fielding, require extensive repair and significant investment. The goal of the Nigel Valley Study was to determine how and if there was an opportunity to collaboratively work with all of the housing and care providers on site to revitalize their properties and increase the amount of services and non-market housing units available on-site.

We look forward to seeing you on March 30th, please bring your questions and concerns, we will do our best to address them. Beverages and snacks will be served.

Thank you,

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