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Attention: Scott Huyghebaert

**Re: ASK Wellness Society and Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson**

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Dear Mr. Huyghebaert.

I write in further response to your letter dated November 3, 2022, in which you accused Mayor Hamer-Jackson of defaming ASK Wellness Society and/or its Chief Executive Officer.

I am confident that if there was a shred of truth to your client's accusation, you would have identified the defamatory statements that were alleged in your letter. You were invited to do so in my letter dated November 7, 2022, but have failed to respond to that letter with either evidence of defamation or an apology.

Your letter to the Mayor raises further concerns. Firstly, it is noted that you provided a remarkably inaccurate "definition" of the tort of defamation in reference to a potential "Court Action" against him. Secondly, although your letter was addressed solely to the Mayor and was hand-delivered to him, it was also distributed via e-mail on the same day under the Re line "Letter to Kamloops Mayor and Staff", for the clear and obvious purpose of broadcasting your client's statements and accusations against the Mayor to City of Kamloops staff. I would suggest that tactics such as these are not conducive to forging a constructive, co-operative relationship moving forward.

One of the Mayor's proposed task forces will be responsible for establishing an independent third party review and audit of the operations of housing providers in the City of Kamloops that are subsidized by B.C. Housing and by the City itself. It is anticipated that a review of this nature will be a useful complement to the ongoing review of B.C. Housing's operations that has been initiated by the Government of B.C. Recent media reports have certainly underscored the need for such reviews to take place. You have suggested that the Mayor's task force should not engage in what you term "fault

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finding". With respect, we disagree with the notion that the task force should ignore the causes of the housing crisis, the shortcomings in current funding practices, and the lack of effective oversight in its pursuit of solutions. Effective solutions are only possible if and when systemic problems are identified. I expect that the Mayor, in consultation with City Council, will appoint competent and objective members to the task force to address all aspects of its mandate, without influence from any parties with special interests. Your clients can participate usefully in this process by providing candid and transparent information with respect to its operations and finances, and I trust that they will do so.

Yours very truly,

**McMILLAN LAW OFFICE**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McMillan", written over the printed name below.

**David A. McMillan**