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Subject: Formal resignation from the Affordable Housing Task Force

Hi everyone,

It's with a heavy heart that I feel I must formally resign from the Okotoks Affordable Housing Task Force at this time. As you know, my business partners and I recently made the decision to actively pursue business development in the area of providing Accessory Dwelling Units to residential homeowners. Although we're currently uncertain as to our timing and geographical focus, it is possible that Okotoks could be a market for us, and soon, and it is this potential for conflict of interest between my participation in the task force's work and my business that could create a damaging perception for the public as to the validity of our final recommendations.

I stepped down as Chair immediately when this potential conflict arose, and after much deliberation, I feel it is necessary to fully distance myself from the task force so as not to appear to be exerting any influence whatsoever at this time. I feel like I'm letting you all down by stepping away so close to the finish line, but my feelings about this are secondary to maintaining the integrity of our work. It only takes a glance at what's happening at higher levels of government to see how some very well-intentioned social programs can be fatally damaged by an official who doesn't know when to step away.

It has been a privilege for me to work with all of you for the last 2 1/2 years, and I will be looking on from the sidelines when your final report is presented. This work has been and will continue to be very important to me, and I look forward to connecting with all of you after the task force's work is complete.

Sincerely,
Shawn Rose