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Parks & Recreation Dept.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive; and
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

THROUGH: Bennett Knox, Director 

FROM: Dave Bramer, Parks Project Manager

RE: Demolition of the Bay Horizon Hostel Building #603 at Bay Horizon Park

DATE: 1/26/2024

This memorandum is to provide background information to the February 6th introduction of the resolution to demolish the Bay Horizon Hostel Building #603 at Bay Horizon Park.

The building was once leased out and operated as a hostel, which was included in the acquisition of the property. The building has been vacant since 2012. It is in unserviceable condition, and there is an asbestos abatement issue. It has become a vandalism target. Parks would like to raze the building to protect the County from risk associated with attractive nuisance of vacant buildings and protect staff and the public from the hazards of asbestos.

With the building removed, Parks will have the opportunity to expand day-use and open, grassy field activities at Bay Horizon Park.

The Bay Horizon Hostel Building #603 is located at 7467 Gemini St, Blaine, WA.

Please contact Dave Bramer at extension 5867, if you have any questions or concerns.