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Port Rupert City Council  
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On behalf of the elected city council members of Port Rupert, we feel compelled to address the recent release of the movie *Hunting Matthew Nichols*, directed by Markian Tarasiuk and produced by Tara Nichols. This film, purportedly a documentary, revolves around the tragic disappearance of teenagers Matthew Nichols and Jordan Reimer in 2001. While we extend our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones affected by this heartbreaking event, it is with great concern that we express our disapproval and non-endorsement of the film.

The city council firmly believes that the portrayal of Port Rupert depicted in the movie is riddled with inaccuracies and misrepresentations. We have grave concerns regarding the veracity of the events depicted and the overall portrayal of our community. Moreover, we are deeply troubled by the sensationalistic approach taken by the filmmakers, which we believe sensationalizes a tragic event and unfairly casts our town in a negative light.

As elected representatives of Port Rupert, it is our responsibility to uphold the integrity and reputation of our community. We cannot, in good conscience, lend our support or endorsement to a film that we believe misrepresents the truth and exploits the pain of those involved. While we sympathize with the families of Matthew Nichols and Jordan Reimer in their continued grief, we cannot condone the exploitation of their tragedy for entertainment purposes.

We urge our residents and the wider community to exercise caution and discernment when considering this film. It is our sincere hope that the families affected by this tragedy find solace and closure in their own time and on their own terms. As a city council, we remain committed to supporting our community and preserving the dignity and integrity of Port Rupert.

Sincerely,

The Port Rupert City Council

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Mayor Cassandra Montgomery

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Chang".

Councilor Benjamin Chang

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liam Mackenzie".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sofia Speck".

Councilor Sofia Speck