

## **Counselling centre cuts dangerous**

I was appalled when I learned that the well-recognized Citizens Counselling Centre, which offers services that no other group offers in the same way, has been abruptly chopped by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

What are they thinking? That all some magical fairy will pop up out of nowhere to take over this tremendously important centre? That all the people who desperately need their services are to be cast aside as unworthy of any help?

I wonder how many gazillions of dollars have been sent to the Olympics?

People who are under great duress and have very little money to spend on helpful services, deserve the best services that we do have.

Let me add my plea to VIHA: Attend to the people who need you. Dismissing them because of your financial duress does not in anyway help their financial duress. It only makes it a thousand times worse and can lead to terrible consequences.

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