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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing with respect to the change in lot size for Lots 16-18, Block 121, District Lot 343, Cariboo District, Plan 1268.

2190 McBride Crescent is the address of an old house from the 1920s. It certainly should be considered as a heritage home. There recently were services for water and sewer added to Lot 19. These were added before any notification to the residents of the surrounding area by the city about the changes to the lot.

In-filling with a house on Lot 19 is definitely going to change the character and access (parking and walk-in) to the existing home. It also changes the character of the neighborhood. This is a distinctive property (Lots 16-19) that people admire and notice as they walk, drive and cycle past.

There will be more problems with parking. We have endured quite a few years of on-street parking since the owner of 2190 McBride moved in. This parking issue continued and worsened when the house was rented out. On-street parking is terrible in the winter because of large piles of snow left around cars and trucks that have been plowed in.

I also would like you to know that I am disappointed that I only just received a letter from the city about this matter. It seems like the decisions about the variance have already been made. There already has been money spent on city services for Lot 19. It seems too late to change much now since Lot 19 will have a new house on a normal sized lot or one that's slightly wider.

What needs to change? There needs to be changes to guidelines on the size of house that could be built there. Why? Because the City of Prince George should care about the character and history of a neighbourhood. I will be amazed if the house that is built there is less than the height of the house already on Lots 16-18. I understand the need to densify and use space wisely for more housing, but it would so good to know that the new housing would actually add to an existing aesthetic. One can only hope.

Thanks for your time. It is greatly appreciated.

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