Subject: Kinsmen place proposal

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Subject: Re: Kinsmen place proposal

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From: Kasandraa Christie <*REDACTED*> Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 7:46 PM

To: Wasnik, Deanna < Deanna.Wasnik@princegeorge.ca>

Subject: Kinsmen place proposal

Hello,

I am writing to express my disappointment in your 'recommendation' that the city deny the proposed development permit for 700 Kinsmen place.

If the city doesn't want office buildings relocating from downtown, then it should get moving on some serious and drastic measures to cleanup downtown and make it safe for office professionals to do their jobs every day in peace.

Within the past two weeks alone, staff at our existing downtown office have been assaulted by a homeless woman, requiring us to call the police and have her arrested. We've been spat on, approached for money and cigarettes, and had to have our security kick people out of our secured / gated compound while trying to steal a bicycle. We've had several people in the past year overdose and die while in the immediate vicinity of our building.

People sleeping in our planters. We witness illicit drug use multiple times daily while sitting at our desks.

We now require a 24/7 security guard for our compound due to squatters, even though we don't even have staff at the office 24 hours a day.

It is a fallacy to think that offices aren't going to relocate from downtown simply due to arbitrary zoning to 'encourage office use downtown'. I've worked downtown for 17 years and for at least 10 of those years it has consistently gotten worse and worse every year. Not a single one of the nearly 100 people that work in my office enjoys being downtown. Our company cares about us and our safety and we know that they will find a location outside of downtown to relocate us to no matter what.

It would also bring the city more revenue for us to tenant a newly built and more expensive office building on a monthly basis, not to mention the jobs created during development. I will never understand how the decisions are made around there but they certainly don't stem from sound fiscal reasoning.

I do hope that your 'administration' and 'city staff' takes into consideration the things that we have to contend with on a daily basis while working in a downtown office. I wouldn't wish it on anyone.

Sincerely,

Someone who loves their job, but never wants to step foot in our disgusting downtown ever again.