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Good Morning,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing today as a resident of the Millar Addition to express my opposition to the aforementioned application for a liquor store on Queensway.

The reason that I oppose the location is that it will draw foot traffic up into the area and surrounding neighbourhoods as well as the park, museum, and the slough for drinking throughout the day. We have seen this and the shelters/tents that those drinking there have put in to make it comfortable during warmer months along lower Patricia and the treed hillside of 15th avenue from the rolling mix arena to the North Star Inn. Where it is more on display is outside the liquor store on Victoria next to Save-On, which is one of the businesses suffering spillover issues in Parkwood Mall. As a customer of Parkwood Mall businesses we commonly see drinking and drinking related debris. This is not uncommon but in recent years there has been more violence and we have seen an increase in security, police officers, and arrests. It is also undoubtedly one of the reasons Save-On is moving locations.

It is commonly identified that the homelessness and addiction challenges for some people inhabiting the downtown area is having a negative affect on businesses and people's views on the downtown and its nearby neighbourhoods. Last summer when Moccasin Flats was full we were treated to regular drug usage along Patricia Boulevard on benches and occasionally in tents. As a resident, I appreciate that the city tried to help people in the flats and address concerns expressed by residents. I will not go further into that other than to say that given the recent decisions on this encampment by the BCSC and the city it is reasonable to assume it will again be up and running this year. Having a nearby liquor store will only serve to exaggerate the issues.

Although a liquor store may be a legitimate option for zoning purposes anyone with an understanding of Prince George, the downtown, and these neighbourhoods in particular would know this to be a bad decision that will negatively effect the neighbourhoods and the park.

Sincerely,  
John Rex

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