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***City of Prince George Zoning Bylaw No 7850, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No 9268, 2021 and Liquor Licence Application No LL100178**

I have resided as a home owner on Larch Street for the past 14 years which is a few short blocks from the proposed location of a new liquor store at 1933 Queensway Ave. I stand completely opposed to the opening of a liquor store at this location.

Firstly, we already have two liquor stores located in close proximity to our area. We don't need another. The First Litre Liquor Store at 1744 Strathcona has its' difficulties with loitering, litter and vagrants hanging about in the park across the street. The Shooters Liquor Store at 1512 12th Ave is only a few blocks away. The unsightliness of the surrounding area around Shooters Liquor Store is deplorable. Garbage litters the entire area, people are often seen sleeping and "camping out" for the day or even night, graffiti abounds. Police and Ambulances are routinely called to the Shooters Liquor Store area. Our neighborhood faces many challenges already with our close proximity to downtown and areas of the VLA. We struggle to keep our neighborhood respectable, crime free and clean. An addition of a liquor store is going to send us backwards not forwards!

Secondly, the proposed location backs directly onto residential homes. You are literally considering placing a liquor store that will very probably have a high attraction for vagrants and drug addicts right near children's backyards. Children ride their bicycles in the alley ways. People of our community walk our dogs in our alley ways. We deserve to have a safe, peaceful neighborhood to live in. A liquor store does not contribute any good qualities towards a safe and peaceful neighborhood!

Thirdly – Over the years we often see newcomers planning to move to the Prince George area and they make enquiries on social media as to where would be a good place to live. Replies are countless comments of "Avoid all the Tree Streets", calling the Millar Addition and VLA areas ghettos, slums, crime ridden and the such. My husband and I and anyone we know in the area take pride in our area and love the beauty of the tree streets, the close proximity to be able to walk downtown for dinner (Our areas residents are huge supporters of the downtown area and businesses as well, unlike all those people who recommend to Avoid the Tree Streets....they also tell people to avoid downtown as well!). We continually strive to improve our neighborhoods' "reputation". We want our neighborhood to be a desirable place to reside where residents take pride in our area. An addition of a liquor store to our area is akin to slamming a nail into the coffin of our property values and a neighborhood that, as I said before, already faces enough challenges.

Our area does not need another liquor store. A small bistro/pub in that location would be a much more welcome addition but a liquor store? No...Just NO.

Thank You for taking my concerns into consideration,
Katherine Sinclair Newton
Larch Street Homeowner

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