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For inclusion in the Council Meeting Agenda
From: Shannon Williams, 2131 Upland St, Prince George, BC

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Shannon Williams, I am a homeowner and taxpayer living in the Gateway. I am writing in regards to Parks and Open Space Bylaw No. 7370, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 9389, 2023.

I am opposed to this proposal, not only for the implications on human rights, not only for the fact that it is unconstitutional, but for the simple fact that it is a waste of my tax dollars.

I must remind you of the case so recently lost by the City in the BC Supreme Court regarding the inhumane and unjust removal of the camp at Moccasin Flats. Adopting and enforcing this bylaw will end with the taxpayers of Prince George paying for more court fees. We will again be the target of national and international news coverage for human rights violations. I personally would prefer that my tax dollars go towards actual solutions like housing, sanitation and safe spaces for vulnerable populations. Maybe we would end up in the news for being a good example of a Canadian city for once.

To Mayor Yu - you were elected by the activist community that believed your message of support for vulnerable people. If this bylaw passes, you will be directly contradicting yourself.

To the rest of the council - I implore you not to adopt this bylaw. Please advise the City's Department of Public Safety to work WITH the front line service workers downtown on solutions, rather than against them. Pounds, UNDU, Central Interior Native Health - they all have experts and connections available to help. Please work with the RCMP to stop the midnight attacks on houseless people that we heard about at the April 1st rally against this policy.

To any fellow taxpayers of Prince George who are in support of this bylaw - ask yourself how you will feel paying higher taxes just to see this bylaw struck down in court. Because it will be.

Sincerely,

Shannon Williams

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May good things find you wherever you may go.