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Your Worship Mayor and Council,

We are writing to share our views and concerns regarding the proposed centralization of citywide homeless encampments to the Lower Patricia encampment.

Our family has lived in the Millar Addition since 2004. It is a vibrant and family-friendly neighborhood, and an amazing area of Prince George to live in.

We sympathize with the homeless encampment issues that exist in our city and elsewhere. The problem is complex and significant. We also understand that Council has attempted to deal with the issue in various ways, and that the Supreme Court has overruled some of these proposals.

Our family and our neighbors have had numerous negative and frightening experiences as a direct result of the existing encampment:

- instance of female neighborhood resident being chased while jogging, by a homeless man high on drugs, while removing his pants and continuing to chase her. He had to be deterred by a fellow neighbor who was in his yard and was able to assist the woman.
- instance of homeless man and woman approaching the front door to a Millar Addition residence and pepper spraying the family in their own house (kids present also).
- drug paraphernalia lining the river shore where kids play by the water and use the local trails. Needles found in all areas of the neighborhood.
- personal property being stolen from virtually everyone's yard in the neighborhood.

We are very concerned that the proposed increase in size of the Lower Patricia homeless encampment will lead to increased instances of similar experiences by local neighborhood residents. All of the residents that we personally know in our neighborhood abide by societal rules, keep our neighborhood clean, pay taxes, and vote to elect our civic leaders. Being opposed to increasing the size of this encampment is an understatement.

We would like to know what other measures that the Mayor and Council will put in place to ensure that the Lower Patricia encampment and its related problems do not continue to negatively affect the law-abiding citizens of the Millar Addition.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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