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Subject: DO NOT support the "Temporary use application" at 397 3rd Ave.
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To : Mayor and Council members of the City of Prince George

I am writing to you in regards to the temporary use application at 397 3rd Ave.

I Do NOT support this application for this address.

I do think it is a good idea, too make some housing that is cheap and quickly built, but not at this location. My reason for that is I own a building in 4th Ave. And run a retail store there.

Over the past year my property value had gone down, and I expect it will go down even more now. I will then be losing my initial investment. I do not believe you when you say it's "temporary " because you have done absolutely nothing to solve this problem other than enable the homeless.

I'm at work everyday, so everyday I have to deal with the issues, the social issues you don't see living in other areas of PG or sitting inside your city hall office.

On an almost daily occurrence I have to deal with, in one form or another, drug addicts, theft, graffiti, human waste, violence, open drug use and discarded drug paraphernalia. I live in constant fear of being hurt or robbed.

Just last week a female came into our store with two bags and stole all the items around our tills. Loaded up her bags and walked out while our employees were helping other customers. In seconds she cleaned us out of hundreds of dollars of merchandise.

The week before a man nodding off in our door way, customers too afraid to come inside. Asked him to leave and he goes outside and lays down on our sidewalk. It's an embarrassing daily occurrence.

You send them to our neighborhood and forget them there. Leave them for us to deal with. I heard an ad on the radio a couple years ago. Sounded so nice, all we had to do was call the city, and they would send someone down to remove the graffiti. How awesome, right? Guess what? Not on that side of Queenway. We are on our own. Human waste, special team. Hazmat will come and clean that up, City of PG advertised. Nope, sorry, not on that side of Queensway. Fire built against our building. Scorching the side of it. Call city for advice, we are at a loss what to do. The advice, hire a private security team to monitor your block. I asked, is that not what 40% of my \$20,000. Land tax bill to the RCMP is for? I can't afford that! City said, maybe ask all your neighbors to pitch in. Pretty sure that's what the city is literally doing. Taking our money in taxes and supposed to be using it to protect us.

Just the other day on Facebook I see the city said to notify them of you see a structure in College Heights, they will come and remove it. I shook my head in sadness. What about us!? I

called the city three weeks ago about a structure being built in our back alley. They said they won't clear it up. Call waste. Called waste removal, they said they would try to. The store behind us ended up having to put it all in their dumpster.

NO ONE EVER COMES TO HELP US!!!

I could go on, with what we have endured over the last few years, but the list is so long and it's getting worse and happening more, the things we are subjected to.

We are ignored, abandoned by our own city. And you want to move MORE people down here? No! Please, no.

No one tells us how to deal with this. No one trains us how to deal with an overdose on our sidewalks. No one trains us how to protect ourselves from the violence we encounter. No one teaches us theft prevention. No one tells us what to do if a meth addict comes into our store under the influence acting out of control. We have had to do this all on our own. I'm afraid to leave my store after work and walk to my car. I have to drive around the block and make sure it's safe before I arrive to work in the morning. We have installed metal doors, cameras, and now wondering what's next? A loss of someone's life, physical assault? How do I protect my life and the wellbeing of my employees? Do I close my doors and sell my building before it's worthless?

I put my faith in the City of Prince George. I moved here, bought a house here. Bought a building and started a business here. I have employees and contribute to the economy of our city. I pay my taxes and do my part to make this a better community. I'm kind to the homeless that come to our store when it's cold. I let them stay inside and warm up. I've made them tea, we have given them clothes and sometimes food. I've gone and checked on people overdosing, called 911, I've done and dealt with more than anyone I know when it comes to the homeless. But it can't increase. We have reached a capacity here. This needs to be built away from our investments in PG. Away from where people have the right to enjoy a safe and peaceful existence. Your track record sucks, you have proven to us all that the city will do absolutely nothing to protect our investments or our rights.

And We have rights too.

Sincerely,

Tracy Frost