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Dear Mayor Yu and City Council Members,

Thank you for taking time to hear from the community. I have been a resident on Ash Street in the Millar Addition neighborhood for the past 10 years. I am writing to address the concerning air quality in the Millar Addition/ Moccasin Flats encampment. The ongoing fires burning plastic, garbage, and other toxic materials have spiraled out of control. Not only is the smell unbearable, but it poses a significant health risk to the air and residents in the vicinity. Over the last 1.5 years, I have experienced increased respiratory problems (shortness of breath and exacerbation of asthma symptoms.)

While I acknowledge the pressing need for housing in Prince George and across Canada, I am concerned that BC Housing's proposal to place trailers and housing near the encampment is not the most appropriate solution nor the proper place. It appears that no other properties in town have been considered for this purpose, and using the temporary housing as a blanket approach to address the encampment seems shortsighted. I question why the new shelter on First Avenue is not currently being utilized and urge you to carefully consider a comprehensive long-term plan that benefits all residents of Prince George moving forward.

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Living in an area with high criminal activity has significantly impacted my daily life. Recently, I experienced an incident where an individual drilled out my gas tank in my car in my carport during the late hours of the night. This has cost me a lot of money and extra stress, prompting me to take extra measures to ensure my safety. RCMP have told me there is nothing they can do about this incident. They said I must install video cameras. It has become a routine for me to be vigilant every night as individuals come by to inspect vehicles and search for anything they can take from lawns or backyards. This situation has forced me to adjust in my life to protect myself from both the harmful effects of the polluted air and the risk of theft or damage to my home and vehicle.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Liz Neville