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Dear Mayor Yu and City Council Members,

I want to express my gratitude for taking the time to hear from community members. As a resident of Patricia Boulevard in the Millar Addition neighborhood for the past five years, I am writing to address the concerning air quality in the 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. I have personally experienced increased headaches and sinus issues over the past year due to the poor air quality in our neighborhood. Additionally, the situation is detrimental to the business owners located near the encampment, who have to contend with the excessive garbage and daily criminal activity on a regular basis. 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 may not be the most appropriate solution. 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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Maura O'Malley