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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Michael Holt and I am a resident of the Millar Addition subdivision. I am writing this letter to express my concerns about the encampment on Lower Patricia named Moccasin Flats.

My family and I have lived here for almost 3 years. When we first purchased our home we were so happy as we absolutely loved this area. It was great for our three children who attend Sacred Heart School. Soon after we purchased our home, our neighbourhood started to decline as the encampment got established. I now have great concerns for the safety of my children.

Our personal experiences include:

Attempted break in into my truck;

Food smeared all over my wife's vehicle;

Attempted break in into one of my sheds;

Stolen Christmas decorations; and

About 6 weeks ago, a woman walked into our home through our front door while our children were getting ready for school.

There have been numerous sightings of people using drugs across the street from the elementary school and some have even set up tents in the local dog park. Many homes in the area are going up for sale. The crime and fires associated with Moccasin Flats are getting out of control. The regular fires down in the encampment are very worrisome as we live a block away.

Something really need to be done to address the situation with the encampment. I am worried for the safety of my family as I work out of town for extended periods of time. Selling our home is not an option as we would incur a large loss because of the impact of the encampment.

Please consider supporting the Notion of Motion for a community safety town hall regarding the Moccasin Flats encampment. Further, I do not agree with the location of the atco trailer housing due to the crime and fire hazard already present and request that the city not approve the temporary short term use application from BC Housing.

I look forward to potential solutions to this problem.

Thank you,

Michael Holt