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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this today not only as a resident of the Millar Addition for 19 years but also as a concerned citizen deeply troubled by the current state of the Lower Patricia encampment. The pervasive odor of burning plastic, garbage, and shelters has engulfed our neighbourhood, creating an environment that no one should ever have to endure.

I urge you to recognize the urgency of the situation and to listen intently to the voices of our neighbourhood members. Reflecting on past experiences, I am reminded of the appalling incident in 2021 at the age of \*redacted when I was subjected to violence by an individual from the encampment. I was on the phone with 911 in my driveway when I was bear-sprayed. This serves as a stark reminder of the unacceptable conditions in which some of our residents are forced to live. No one should ever fear for their safety in their community, especially children.

As we approach the summer months, the threat of wildfires only adds to the urgency of finding a solution to this pressing issue. The risk of fires spreading from the lower Patricia encampment to neighboring properties up the embankment is not only a threat to our physical safety but also an affront to our collective sense of well-being. The toxic fumes emitted from burning materials not only pose immediate health risks but also contribute to long-term health issues, including respiratory illnesses and the potential for cancer development.

I implore you to take decisive action to take the encampment down, recognizing that no one should ever have to live in the deplorable conditions that currently exist in the Lower Patricia encampment. This includes finding suitable housing for the individuals currently residing in the Lower Patricia encampment. Every person deserves to feel safe and secure in their community.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Ella Gagnon