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My concerns:

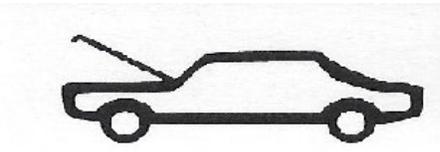
A. Air quality. The open burning of wood, plastics, PVC wire coatings and garbage on a regular basis in the Lower Patricia encampment is causing extremely poor air quality in the area surrounding the encampment. We often cannot be outside due to the terrible smoke and toxic stench. We demand that the City look at ways to eliminate the open burning in the encampment because residents of the surrounding area are suffering health effects from this. We have been at our location for 33 years and have never had this issue in the past.

B. Crime. The amount of crime that occurs in our area on a daily basis is staggering. We regularly see encampment residents riding their stolen bikes with backpacks full of stolen goods from our businesses and nearby neighborhoods. We are extremely frustrated by this and we expect change. I had a major break in and apx \$4000 worth of tools were stolen. Along with countless customers cars being damaged when they are broken into.

C. BC Housing Temporary Use Permit -- modular housing project at 3rd/London. In order for us to support this project, the Lower Patricia encampment MUST be closed, cleaned up and fenced. If it is not, there will be no change to the air quality, nor to the crime in the area. Nobody wants people to live in the filth and garbage of the encampment, nor do we want to feel the effects of it. Providing proper temporary housing to take care of those in need, and closing the encampment is a good first step.

We have been a member of this city as a family since the 1970's and a part of the business community since 1991. I feel we are being ignored. To allow this to become part of our neighborhood is awful. I'm very excited to hear you are looking deeper into this.

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