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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you again as a concerned resident of the Millar Addition, along with many of my neighbours. In addition to the numerous concerns you've heard to date regarding theft, crime, and public safety issues related to the Moccasin Flats encampment and its impact on our neighbourhood, the issue of poor air quality continues to be a significant concern. This is directly related to the amount of open burning that is occurring on a daily basis in the encampment; the air quality issues in the area are deteriorating to intolerable levels. I'm uncertain what is being burned in the fires, but I'm very concerned about hazardous and toxic materials being burned. The quality, quantity, and frequency of the smoke is unbearable and posing a serious health risk to everyone living nearby.

On most days I can look out of my office window at the Plaza building towards the encampment and see smoke blowing towards my neighbourhood, at an elevation that directly impacts the homes and the people residing there. Unlike the mills which have stacks carrying the polluted air to a higher elevation, the smoke from the encampment is directly at our breathing level, which has a significant impact.

Overall, the frustration in our neighbourhood over the many issues that we've experienced related to the encampment is high and needs to be addressed. I believe that the City can take some action on the burning and the associated air quality issues, as well as safety issues related to irresponsible burning (potential structural fires in the Millar Addition).

With respect to the temporary housing that is proposed on 3rd Avenue, I can only support this application if it results in a closure of the encampment. This housing needs to include modern and clean heating systems, so that the burning will stop. As well, appropriate management of this site and the health and safety of Millar Addition residents needs to be a priority moving forward. With the densification of proposed supportive housing facilities in the vicinity of our neighbourhood, it is imperative that these facilities are well managed and that enforcement is a key consideration.

Sincerely,

Nimi Long

A typical smoky day in Moccasin Flats, where the smoke is blowing towards homes and people in the Millar Addition.

