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To my / our city council who volunteered to make our city better!

Myself and my wife are one of the first 10 years ago to invest our life's savings again in prince George by buying a dilapidated industrial property east of Queensway and fixing it up! Since we fixed our property up many others in the community also bought with there hard earned money properties east of Queensway and fixed them up too so now the who industrial subdivision is no longer a blight on our cities name!

We all understand the crisis unfolding not only at Moccasin flats but throughout north America is terrible.

What we CAN do is learn from the past or are we doomed to repeat it. Regent Park, was Canadas first social housing development. It was a failure. It was the most crime ridden neighbourhood in Canada. The reason Regent park was a failure was studied exhaustively and by the early 80s the NUMBER 1 recommendation was to NOT conglomerate all social problems into one geographic area as then the issues will become generational and systemic!!!!

NIMBY is a issue that will require you to have **courage**. Our neighbourhood already has an overpopulation of social issues with the building on first and the development plan for more buildings on first.

This temp permit is NOT a solution but an exasperation of the existing problem. Please, if the city "needs" temp shelter for the unhoused, put it in the hart industrial, or bottom of College Heights, or top of College heights..... and before you laugh, most of the people that require these shelters cannot fend for themselves, as such, as a civilized society we have the duty to show not only compassion but also how to live amongst us. WE right now have the choice to "show the people who need this housing" what is appropriate and acceptable through our community (As did Toronto and Ontario housing by spreading the population out) **OR** we continue the insanity of continually placing all the problems together expecting the problems to go away!

Please do NOT allow this temp permit to proceed as it will become permanent and only create more unease.

Best Regards,

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