

I grew up in Prince George in the Lakewood Area with my family. We were always feeling safe and like it was ok to be outside and carefree. Once I met, my now wife, she lived in the Millar Addition, and we were excited to be together and grow our family. I decided to move to the Millar Addition to be with her and her young daughter. The sad realization I was met with was shocking. I went from my safe surroundings to a place that requires constant security, always being on the look out and locking doors at all times. I couldn't believe I was in the same city. Some things to note are:

- My vehicle insurance went up due to living in a higher risk area.
- The encampment getting worse and worse and being left unattended.
- The constant smoke and fires that are happening at all times of the day and night.
- My wife and daughter have Asthma and the air quality makes their symptoms worse and in turn their quality of life is worse.
- The drug paraphernalia and open drug use is absolutely disgusting. The fact that it is all happening across from an elementary school is just shameful.
- The things we work hard for are constantly being stolen and when we call in about it, we are met with indifference.

My wife and I work full time jobs. We work hard and we are trying to raise our daughter to be the best she can be. We pay our taxes and try to be good citizens. The fact that the city has let this happen is a disgrace. We often think about moving and if this situation gets much worse, we will be forced out of the Millar Addition. A once beautiful addition to this city.

-Millar Addition Resident