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Dear Mayor and Council,

I request that you vote against changing this bylaw. It is an assault on our local authority for the province to make decisions that are not customized to suit our local needs.

I own a single family dwelling and I would hate to see fourplexes built on either side of me or in our neighbourhood. If I were a young person looking to purchase a new home, it would not be my dream to have to share one single family lot with 3 other families. We want yards for kids, dogs, and gardens.

Densification brings myriad physical and mental health challenges. Diseases spread more rapidly and cramped quarters cause stress.

This lifestyle may suit some and should be available, but in designated spaces that are chosen and supported locally - not by bureaucrats from Victoria who have never set foot in Prince George.

The system we have now has been working for years and will continue to work in the future. The system is not broken. Please do not allow the Provincial government to undermine our local authority.

I do not see a housing crisis in Prince George. The vacancy rate hovers around 3% and I see houses for sale everywhere I go.

There is an affordability crisis for housing. Finding ways to increase incomes and supports for first time buyers would work better. Rather than the Provincial Government issuing grants of up to \$225k per unit to wealthy builders/developers, I would ask our municipal government to encourage the province to put that money directly in the hands of purchasers to help them enter the housing market.

The people haven't asked for densification, the provincial government is pushing it on us. People move to Prince George to escape densification, concentration of population and congestion. We have lots of space here, let's take advantage of it.

I urge you to vote against this bylaw and see how the provincial government responds. It is wrong for the Provincial Government to prohibit public hearings on this mighty legislation.

Respectfully

Mary-Jane Fournier