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For inclusion in the official agenda for the May 6 council meeting.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I was encouraged to hear multiple references, both on the municipal and provincial level during the Apr 22 Council meeting, to PERMANENT CLOSURE of the Lower Patricia Encampment once the HEARTH 397 3rd Ave project (combined with North Star and other housing) is completed.

Attached is a picture of the typical morning view in my neighborhood....and I would call this a good day, even though I can smell and have to breathe this disgusting smoke in my house. Pretty much every day.....for approximately 1000 Millar Addition residents.

I encourage Mayor and Council to keep strongly pushing the Province to make good on Minister Ravi Kahlon's letter in which he clearly states that the Province will support information sharing in the application to the Courts for closure of the Lower Patricia Encampment following "offers of suitable alternative shelter and housing" to the 30+ encampment residents, which is expected upon completion of the HEARTH 397 3rd Ave project (along with other prior completed BC Housing projects totalling well over 200 residences). We have always said that nobody should live in those types of encampment conditions and we are very happy to see solid progress towards new housing and shelter supports.

Housing Minister Kahlon also stated in the letter that he understands that "following closure of the Lower Patricia Encampment, it is the City's intent to remediate and close the site to permanent sheltering." To the Millar Addition, this is incredibly welcome news as it will mean clean air, less fear of crime and violence, and the ability for my family and our neighbors to not always be wondering what terrible situation we will have to deal with next.

I would really like to see regular updates (as much as can be shared by the City) identifying the achieved milestones on the path to closure of the Lower Patricia Encampment once the 3rd/London project is complete.

On behalf of my family and all of my neighbors families, thank you all for your hard work in getting to this point and we are looking forward to a time when our beautiful neighborhood can be back to the way it was before.

Thank you,

Eduard Hausot
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