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To the Prince George Mayor and Council

First of all there are ^{988, five (5)} four (4) situations I am upset about:

- 1) I received my copy of the "Rezoning Amendment Application" Friday evening at 4 pm on January 6th--only 10 days before the First & Second Reading--not long enough to gather facts and write a letter because there was little opportunity to ask or answer questions.
- 2) The main problem with this project is the traffic flow which has not been addressed satisfactorily for almost fifty years. The lane mentioned in the Citizen is only 13 feet wide--not wide enough for two cars to pass on. It is well travelled--a few years back we paid someone to keep a list of the cars that came or went on "our" lane--she tallied 75 vehicles a day--everything from cars to cube vans. They come from all over South Fort George. This creates a possible traffic jam, because if a vehicle is waiting in the lane to pull out onto Queensway, I can't pull in the lane till they move. In the meantime, traffic can pile up behind me while I wait to turn into my driveway.

Although we have a Queensway address, we have no access to our property facing Queensway since the city widened Queensway and raised it 5 or 6 feet. We access our property off the lane--backing up very carefully! Can you imagine what a problem that will be with a hundred cars coming and going on our lane? I was told by the buyer they wanted 100 parking spots.

Our suggestion to the city is to block off our lane at Inlander so all the traffic will flow down Inlander as the city says it will and the new owner says it should.

We have three lanes on our block. Our lane runs east and west. North of us another lane runs through the block from east to west. The lane behind our house runs north and south and comes through behind P2, RS2, RS4 and RS2 for about two-thirds of the block. If for some reason, someone absolutely wanted to drive east and west, they could drive half a block to reach a lane running east and west; so, blocking off our lane would be a small inconvenience.

- 3) I understand from the city that not much the new owner told me would necessarily happen. He (the new owner) said it would be a complex for seniors (in two two-story buildings). It would be quiet and not much coming and going. The application says it will be "an apartment hotel" with people staying no less than thirty days. This information was deceiving as there is a big difference between quiet, permanent seniors and people only moving in for a month or two.
- 4) It is distressing to me after all these many years there is no opportunity to speak to the council or them to question me, so the situation is clearer to all.

Praying the city will do right by all the people involved. Thank you for listening to my concerns!

Sincerely,

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Add-on: 5) If the lane is turned into a "one-way", we will be able to get out of our property, but to be legal to get back in, we will have COVER

to travel several extra blocks to get turned around to get back into the one-way to get parked in our driveway off the lane. There will also be the problem of garbage pick-up and snowplowing. They usually drive in and then back up, which would no longer be allowed.