Subject: FW: Ginter's

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Dear Mayor and City Counsel,

I am writing to you for the second time to express my concerns regarding the new housing plan and land use around Ginter's Green and Forest for the World, the Escarpment and Tyner Blvd. I respectfully ask that these plans be reconsidered and do not proceeded with in the future. I ask that this space not be changed and it become a protected and a valued green space. Not just by the residents, but also city council.

My previous email I had written about my experiences while I have been running in Prince George with my dogs. I have almost been hit by a vehicle numerous times by distracted and rushed drivers who do not respect the law or pedestrian lights. I have been stalked by a drug addict attempting to rob me. I have inhaled crack cocaine or methamphetamine smoke as I ran by a public bus stop on 15th avenue that drug addicts were using as a place to get high. In the winter I followed a blood trail as I ran up 5th avenue. The only peace and comfortability I am able to find in Prince George during my runs are running at green spaces, especially Ginter's. This includes the paved trail as well as the dirt trails surrounding Ginter's area.

Ginter's does not only provide excellent trails for running enthusiasts like myself, but also for walkers, hikers, and bikers. All the people who like to get out an exercise. Which is excellent for mental health. It's also beneficial for seniors to get outside and move and be in nature. A key part in seniors health and mental health. Ginter's is a great place for parents to take their young children after a long day of school and work to be in nature. Also great for mental health. There are so many benefits of having green spaces for the residents of Prince George.

The government emphasizes the need for more housing, but this proposal will not benefit those who need housing. We need more low-income housing, not more unaffordable homes that low income people would not even be able to afford to rent let alone buy. I encourage you to look for other places to build low income housing. If you look at all of downtown area including first avenue area there is so much wasted space and the building are all flat. Not a good use of space. Instead of tearing down nature why don't you revitalize downtown, build up to include businesses as well as affordable places for people to live.

The residents of Prince George have spoken over and over again about saving this precious green space from being turned into a road and houses. Why aren't you listening?

Sincerely,

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