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Subject: FW: Lower Patricia Encampment

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To: Your Worship Mayor and Council

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the centralization of homeless encampments at Lower Patricia. We have lived in the Millar Addition since 2001 and have raised our children in this neighbourhood. When we moved to Prince George, we specifically selected this neighbourhood due to its character and beauty, and also its proximity to downtown. We have enjoyed being able to walk to work, restaurants, and shops without any fear, but we feel that this freedom is being threatened with the presence of a growing encampment.

Unfortunately we have been witnessing and experiencing a degradation to the quality of our neighbourhood, with the growth of the current homeless encampment. We have experienced theft on numerous occasions, and frightening altercations with individuals from the encampment. On two separate occasions, my husband has run to the protection of one of our neighbours and chased off homeless individuals (as verified by police) that were displaying threatening behaviour. As well, we experienced an additional disturbing event last summer when we found a wallet and a pool of blood in our sunroom. We then found drops of blood all over our property. We called the police, who informed us they were aware of who was involved and that it was a known individual from the encampment that been reported to be bleeding. Not only was this event terribly disturbing, we had to incur the cost of cleaning and replacing soiled furniture.

Our concern is that these types of incidents will continue to increase in frequency and severity as the population at the encampment grows. It is evident from the encampment on Hastings Street in Vancouver that large encampments lead to very serious and harmful outcomes for everyone.

We understand that the City is trying to manage a very difficult situation and that the presence and visibility of encampments distributed throughout downtown is also harmful. However, we

are feeling vulnerable with this direction of consolidating a problematic situation in what is essentially our neighbourhood and would like to know what the management strategy will be. We would also like to know the timing of a mid to long term strategy.

Regards,

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