Subject: Protect our green space

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Good morning,

My name is Amara Snyder, I own my home at 252 Patterson St N, Prince George, and I would like to express my sadness and concerns about the possibility of losing access to our beloved trails that my family uses regularly in the city. A week doesn't go by that we aren't in Forests for the World, Ginters or the UNBC Greenway. These trails allow us to feel safe, with nature at our fingertips and the opportunity to "sneak" in a walk during our busy schedule.

My kids love catching toads (and releasing), walking the expansive trails that they are so comfortable with, and we all feel rejuvenated after our session of "nature therapy". My dogs can get exercise, I am a better person after my time in the woods, access to these areas are a big part of why we love and live in Prince George. And I know we aren't alone in that! Walk Ginters around 5pm, and see how well used and loved the trails are. Its amazing to have Ginters for parents with strollers, little ones on bikes, and they're frequented by wheelchairs as well. In my 3 years as a Care Aid, my clients lit up when we pushed their wheelchairs along Ginters and the dogs would run up and greet them. There are very few wheelchair accessible trails in Prince George. We also love walking to Shane Lake, watching the birds, roasting hotdogs, sledding in the winter on the hill to the lake, taking my kids fishing... we use the lake a lot.

My family and many others will never afford to live in these new developments, but our schools, roads, parks etc are things we do use and our taxes could be spent on community development and enhancements instead of infastructure for these new, luxurious neighborhoods and new builds.

Please consider leaving the greenspaces and trails we so dearly love, and put our tax dollars back in to our community. There are endless places to spend money in PG. Ruining our favorite part (easy access to nature and accessible trails) would be devastating for our family and many others.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amara Snyder

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