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Concern regarding Downtown

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Mayor and Council:

Since the City of PG would like to see a more **robust** revitalization of the downtown core, one step that they could take, is to, at minimum, have all the needles and broken crackpipes picked up **daily** in Veteran's Square (& other squares downtown), as well as on the soft, unpaved trail leading to the top of Connaught Hill Park. Almost every day, I don nitrile gloves and pick them up myself, since I walk almost daily in those areas, often with my dog, and I don't want her, or a child, or anyone really—getting cut by crackpipe glass or stuck by a dirty needle. As a citizen, I do my best to add to my community. However, I think the City should budget for daily sweeps of their properties, since 2 times/week is by far—not enough.

If you want people to feel at least a little safer, you can't have dangerous drug paraphernalia lying around.

As well, I often observe individuals using illicit drugs *openly*, in front of the City Hall building—often, right below the office windows on the ground floor. I never see City employees ask them to leave and go use the facility mandated for this purpose by the provincial government. This sends a terrible message to everyone in PG that illegal drug use in public is sanctioned and/or tolerated by the City. Yet, on the other hand, they want everyone to come downtown to enjoy the shops, restaurants, and so forth. I have friends that are afraid to visit me now that I live downtown. I realize it's a complex time with complex problems. But it's time to really drill down on these types of things, or things will just keep going downhill, and a great deal of those tax dollars spent on infrastructure in order to draw people downtown, will have been wasted.

Plus—I think it's important to acknowledge all the hard work to improve the downtown core by first responders, such as the

RCMP, Prince George Fire Rescue Services, various local Community groups working with the unhomed and/or addicted, and even some of the City of Prince George's bylaw officers and/or security guards—that I have personally witnessed performing life-saving protocols to various incapacitated individuals that have collapsed in Veteran's Square, and may well have died without their swift intervention.

I appreciate the well-written and well thought-out editorial by Kennedy Gordon recently printed in the Citizen that addresses the complex downtown core issues. And I quote:

“Compassion without structure is chaos and chaos is exactly what's driving businesses, workers and residents out of downtown.”

Best regards,

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