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To City Council of Prince George,

I am writing to you asking you not to proceed with the expansion of the St. Lawrence Avenue (terminus Vista Ridge Drive and Southridge Avenue). I have a few concerns with the expansion and design of the proposed expansion plan.

- 1) The proposal to cut the land designated as park land should remain as park land and not turned into single residential. This is a big expansion and there are currently no parks in this area already. With the amount of kids already in the area it will need a safe space for them to play with the increased traffic if approved.
- 2) I have a big concern about the increase in traffic in the area and no plan to help ease the flow of it. If this new land is approved for building and there is an evacuation order (ie. forest fire which is extremely dangerous and realistic in this part of B.C.) there are minimal exit routes possibly causing a catastrophic event.
- 3) Without a map of where the new roads would be it is hard to determine a map system of the utilities that would be needed but currently there are already issues with water pressures due to city infrastructure not being upgraded for this type of increased demand.
- 4) With this amount of extra housing being proposed and an Elementary School (Southridge Elementary) already stretched to beyond capacity I feel there needs to be a plan for adding another school for this area. All schools in the College Heights area are experiencing full capacities it is not feasible to simply adjust school boundary lines. There would be a need to add another school instead of adding more pressure to the already over worked school teachers.

To look at a scenario of what is being proposed if there are going to be 200 new single family residential homes built (this is not including the proposed multi family ones being built as well) those will realistically include 75-80% of them having suites. The average household has 2 vehicles and the suites can have 1 or 2 vehicles. This means you will potentially be adding 560-720 vehicles to these roads that are not prepared to handle all that extra traffic. Add in the multi family units and you can be adding more then 1000 vehicles. The roads are not wide enough or safe enough, this is including no signage of kids playing or parks for kids to stay off of these now even busier roads or even line of sights for drivers to see safely around some corners / vehicles parked along these streets.

Thank you for considering my family's concerns and I hope this will provide some insight to what type of impact it will have in this community.

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