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To: Barb Puddifant <bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca>
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Good morning,

I am writing city council to voice my opposition to the proposed homeless shelter at the above address. There has been a concerning lack of timely consultation with the affected residents of this neighborhood regarding this issue. Having lived next door to the current homeless camp one thing in particular has become apparent, that is a contempt for the rule of law. When the weather was cooler there was a constant need to monitor the camp for fires, the fire department would come down and extinguish the fire, and as soon as they left the homeless would relight their fire. During the shoulder season our home would fill with smoke from the fires and would smell from materials other than wood being burned. Police and Bylaw Enforcement officers are a regular presence at the camp. When we have guests we need to apprise them of the need to maintain security awareness due to opportunistic theft and break-ins that have occurred in the area since the arrival of this camp. Is there a need for a homeless shelter? Yes absolutely, however I question the criteria that serves as the foundation for the decision, the access to services could be solved by having the services required becoming more mobile. As the plan is to supply meals and cleaning services, that eliminates that need. So then why does the camp need to be in the middle of town on a premium piece of property? In closing I am disappointed that city council appears to have forgotten whom they represent and saw fit to use our tax money to build a homeless camp that in turn preys on the very taxpayers who paid for their camp.

Regards,
David Bieber
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