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Subject: Fw: Proposed Mens Shelter at Old Cathedral Boys school.

From: Damon J < >
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:10 AM
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Please forward my concerns to the discussion group of relocating men's shelter to old Cathedral boys high school.

Hello

I Purchased a home on East Ave S 13 years ago. Prior to that, my parents owned the variety store at the corner of walnut and Young (now townhouses). I've watched for the better part of 30 years the slow and steady improvements to the neighbourhoods.

When I first moved in, I immediately questioned the decision to raise my family here. My first week included someone passed out on my front lawn and my car ransacked twice. The improvement in the first 11 years with the new developments, improvements to parks, lighting, flood of young professionals and families moving to the area has removed any doubts I had at first. However, the last 2 years have not followed the same trend of steady improvement. This regression is directly associated with the intense concentration of poorly run RCF's in the neighborhood.

-Stinson accommodates multiple RCF (residential care facility) homes and shelters

Victoria manor 1

Victoria manor 2

Emerald lodge

Shelly's home 2 location

East Ave south (2 facilities)

Jerelday Lodge

Ruthford Lodge

Good shepherd has multiple locations

Etc....

- Victoria 1&2 and Emerald lodge are owned by the same owner as Rosslyn retirement.

- Stinson is still allowing corrupted businesses to profit off the most vulnerable people.

- residents of RCFs, are given bare minimal care and supervision. I have been told by various staff members of Victoria manor that they are unable to control the residents when they become violent.

- residents are found walking down the streets barely dressed, some with no shoes and some who haven't washed or changed in months.

- some residents stand on Victoria Ave S and Main St, Victoria Ave S and King St, aggressively panhandling.

- I have witnessed multiple occasions of violence and abuse going on, especially in Victoria manor. (I unfortunately live directly behind it)

- alcohol and drug abuse in the RCF
- excessive noise and profanities coming from RCF
- garbage and used needles in the alley way
- I have shared my concerns with our councillor, Nrinder Nann, bylaw and police but nothing has changed.
- our councillor is ONLY focusing on HER political platform which is affordable housing.
- Stinson needs to fix the existing RCF's first before considering a homeless shelter
- our councillor needs to revoke licenses of Victoria Manor and Emerald Lodge and re-evaluate all the other RCF's before she allows a homeless shelter to operate
- Nrinder Nann's reply back to me, after expressing my concerns, was a pamphlet of programs that will be offered in the homeless shelter. Clearly, she has already decided on the shelter without any input from the residents living in the neighbourhood, who will be directly impacted.
- Nrinder Nann's decisions will compound our existing problems with RCF's
- Stinson association is only run by people who fall in line with our councillor.
- any opinions going against those of the association and Nrinder are rejected and scrutinize by the association
- Stinson association does not represent all (or any) of the majority of Stinson residents concerns about the proposed homeless shelter
- Nrinder Nann focuses on the programs the shelter will offer but it's up to the individual to accept or refuse. Looks great on her platform for re-election, but does nothing to improve the ward.
- homeless can choose to refuse programs and choose to stay outdoors due to the violence, drug use, close supervision and rules in shelters.
- Stinson is a residential neighborhood and all of our neighbours are in fear it will look like FirstOntario Center
- We have many residents who are elderly and families with young children, they should not be living beside a homeless shelter
- Stinson has its own issues with all the RCF's and the overflow of homeless moving along the rail trail and public parks.
- I have spoken to many neighbours in the Stinson area and ALL are against a homeless shelter coming to the old cathedral boys school.
- stinson is still dealing with property damage, vandalism, vehicle break ins and theft
- adding a shelter in area already full of RCF's will compound the violence and a unsafe environment
- please contact me if any further information/action is needed to have someone address these concerns seriously and not just brushed aside with a generic cut and paste response.

Sincerely,
Damon Joo