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Hello, Is it possible to add these photos and links to videos to be added to the public record regarding the Encampment Protocol and HATS project. I copy and pasted the commentary as well, though it looks a little messy.



[Location of our Tiny Home village. | By Kris | Facebook](#) (link to video about sight lines and proximity to Bennetto School)

Attention NE residents

In order for the city to put housing on the James/Strachan parking lot the bylaws must be changed

Changing bylaws mean NE residents can file a case with the OMB

The parking lot is designated P4

There are certain restrictions for using P4 land

The main usages are gardens and outdoor recreational uses.

One is seasonal camping. Will the city try to imply these 12 month homes are seasonal to change the bylaw?

Another bylaw states there must be min 7.5 metres between dwellings

Another bylaw states that parking spots must be given for dwellings

So are these proposed units sheds or dwellings?

The city is going to have to change bylaws to be in legal compliance

The city is trying to say this is a non profit groups project

[Kelly Bert Dion Oucharek](#) During covid when people were not supposed to gather, Cameron wanted James st closed off so people could mingle. Council shot him down along with many of his other ideas. As not being good uses for tax dollars. But a heavy campaign was launched in the last election to get him a seat at the council.

And now he can waste tax dollars for his “ progressive” desires whenever he wants

The wants and needs of the residents come second

- Update
- The homeless village in the Strachan/James parking lot is approved. Will become official next week.

Also approved is the homeless can camp in any park in the city as long as there are no more than 5 tents(no size limitations) and 100metres from childrens play areas.

The ward 2 councillor for the North End voted FOR the parking lot village. The ward 2 councillor also wanted tents in parks to be 50 mtrs from play areas but was voted down

Some councillors wanted the restriction to be 150 metres but were voted down. 150 would void the parking lot village as it is 127 metres from children

Citizens can complain if they see more than 5 tents in a park or open drug use

- [Kelly Bert Dion Oucharek](#) it really is sad. I keep thinking I'm going to stay in the neighborhood and stick it out. My family has been here in this house for 45 years. But I just can't afford to live here anymore... Our properties get ransacked every night. I can't afford to keep replacing everything for it to get stolen again. The government raised the interest rates so it doesn't make sense to sell and move.... who can afford it??? so what are we supposed to do???? We save and save and save to be able to purchase properties. (from family or not) just for the property value to drop to basically nothing because NO ONE WILL BUY A HOUSE BESIDE ENCAMPMENTS. If Cameron Kroetsch is so FOR this then why doesn't he offer HIS PROPERTY (or a park close to his house) INSTEAD OF ALL OF OURS

[Kelly Bert Dion Oucharek](#) i thought Farr was a good councillor. Any time i had an issue and some were serious he resolved it Quickly

Many of the ideas Cameron had to waste tax dollars for progressive ideas were shot down for good reasons by council.

Many of the councillors now feel with their superior wisdom they know what the people should want and need without getting input

Thank you

Kelly Oucharek