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A few notes from a concerned citizen in regards to the homelessness on the East Ave., South and Hunter Ave., East area(bishop park)

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Currently as of 4:05 PM June 17, 2024 At bishop park on the corner of east and hunter, there is now a total of five large size tents that are not properly spaced apart. Compared to other parks like Victoria Park Bishop is very small and there is not room for five large tents in the vicinity.

Furthermore, there is also an issue with massive amounts of garbage including but not limited to: human and animal waste, needles, rubber IV bands, and other drug paraphernalia(glass).. that of which has brought rats and likely other infestations that are unknown to the civilians, making it very unsanitary and unsafe to walk in the park and surrounding area.

On the note of human waste, a couple residing in one of the tents at Bishop Park had thrown a bucket full of faeces and other bodily waste over the fence surrounding the park on the date of June 6, 2024. There was an email sent out already regarding this incident and the picture to multiple other email address, however, I would like to include this as a point of the extreme urgency concerning these issues, and I will also include a picture as proof.

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This morning at 6 AM approximately at the address of [REDACTED] in the back of the apartment which is private property, another incident had also occurred.

There was a man and a woman assuming homeless sitting directly behind my back door of my apartment, which is also next to my bedroom window, rustling and talking loudly. Politely, I told them that they need to leave, that they were on private property, and quickly they refused to leave the property along with the response that they were "waiting for someone". Shortly there after the superintendent of 94 and 96 East Ave. S. had come out to deal with the problem and proceeded to tell them sternly to leave and once he did that, they began to swear and argue with him loudly. They then proceeded to pull out a pair of scissors as a weapon. When the superintendent felt the need to grab his own protection for his safety, they finally ran off when seeing his means to protect

Himself.

Shortly after the man and the woman had left the back of the apartment, three more individuals, also commonly seen hanging around Bishop Park, were on the front property of the apartment close to the front door, obviously intoxicated on some thing going through the garbage and looking for drugs on the ground . They too loudly and volatily argued with the superintendent when asked to leave.

The police were called and did arrive, but they were too late and all the individuals had already left.

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Trespassing on private property in the area along with using drugs in public, defecating in public, littering, noise violations before and after specific times, and safety concerns due to these individuals having weapons and being extremely intoxicated on different drugs is a common problems that the community are facing of this small neighbourhood that used to at one time be very peaceful, clean, and enjoyable for the many families with children and animals that reside in the area

(Here's a photo of the faeces thrown over the fence)

