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Your Worship, City councillors and City staff

I am a long-term home owner on Ferrie St W. backing on to Bayfront park. Living here has given me a sense of pride, community and safety...until recently.

Like many of my neighbours I have fallen victim to the lawlessness of the encampments, which are directly below my property on the treed north side entrance to Bayfront park. My garden shed has been broken into on numerous occasions, items stolen, ransacked and left out to be ruined by the elements and most recently, my electrical supply hijacked by them running an extension cord to their encampment.

In total this has cost me approx \$1000 in out of pocket expenses for repairs, replacement and excess hydro.

That unfortunately is the least of my concerns. The filth, the garbage, the drugs, the public defecating, the swearing and violence are making this a very unpleasant place to call home. We will soon be adding rats to the list of problems facing us. I am one of five single senior females backing onto these atrocious conditions, it is just not safe.

The encampments should be moved, if not elsewhere more appropriate in the city, then at the very least to the south side of the park away from residential properties.

Something must be done to end this situation **permanently** and restore our neighbourhood and our safety.

Respectfully,
Mary-Lynn O'Hagan