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Subject: [EXTERNAL]: RE: Public Hearing - RE - Proposed construction and location of a Crematorium @ Highway16/Slack/Henry/Lund/Regina Roads
Date: December 7, 2021 4:53:08 PM

Thanks Deneve & FYI Jason,

I recognize that these comments will not be available for submission in advance of the public meeting, however they are still submitted on Dec 7th and it is what I intend to speak to tonight during my time. I am sending this to you now so you have some insight into my narrative and in case something glitches out with the virtual meeting (which can sometimes happen), so that my comments will not be lost from the record.

I'd like to address two conversation points relevant to the bylaw proposal:

1. Myself and many of my neighbours have resided on our properties in excess of a decade, some two or more decades. Since that time and through to today the C1, then M1A zoning has not listed an incineration business as a permitted use for the Henry Road property. We all purchased our properties and made significant financial investments based on assurances provided to us in the OCP, that activities and businesses located at this site would conform with the list of permitted uses; it is now the RDBN and the developer that seek to change that list of permitted uses to include a crematorium business. With this in mind it is both unfair and inaccurate to characterize local residential opposition to this development proposal as a NIMBY (not in my back yard) perspective. More correctly it is an industrial venture seeking to impose its desires on a local community through changes to the list of permitted uses. We were and are here first! I request that you make certain to correct any reference to NIMBY and residents of this area in relation to this proposal as that inference would disrespect our community;
2. Prior to moving to our home on Elgin Avenue in 2007, we lived in the Fraser Valley for over a decade. During this time I developed a chronic and persistent cough that happened every few minutes to every 15 or so minutes; every day, every week, sometimes at night, for the better part of a decade. My father died of lung cancer and had a similar cough, so I asked my Dr. if I should be concerned and he noted at that time that my condition was more likely the result of poor air quality. When deciding to move out of the Fraser Valley we chose Smithers as a community in which to raise our boys and because we felt I could find better respiratory health outcomes here. Prior to purchasing our property on Elgin I looked into the OCP and neighbouring zoning to ensure that I was not purchasing near an area where commercial incineration or other business that would impact air quality could be located. As you know even today, the Henry Rd property zoning as M1A (formerly C1), does not permit an incineration business to be located in this residential area. So we invested the better part of half a million dollars in purchasing our home in 2007, almost a decade and a half ago now. ...I am not certain what day or week it happened, or even what month, but approximately 8-10 months after moving to our home the cough that I had carried with me for the better part of a decade was gone! You have no idea what this life changing outcome has meant to me and my perceptions of my personal well being and personal health. Because I know I have respiratory sensitivities to air quality, the notion that the RDBN could

grant a variance in permitted uses that could place an incineration business just down the hill from our home and negatively impact my health is very concerning.

This is why my wife and I object to this application and any rezoning that would allow any incineration business to be developed on that property and what I intend on speaking to tonight. It is evident with only a little looking that there are other viable alternate properties for this developer to pursue that still meet their needs.

In the event that a virtual glitch happens, please include this email as what would have been my verbal comments presented during the Zoom meeting.

Thanks.

Bill