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Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: Petition re toilets

Good afternoon Counsellor Quiring,
As referenced in this morning's DVA board meeting, please see below for an email from McCulloch Courts regarding the activity around the downtown washrooms located by Nature's Fare. They echo previous sentiments made by Nature's Fare, other surrounding businesses, and the DVA, that the intended use of the public washrooms is not being fulfilled.
Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: September 19, 2024 3:46 PM
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Subject: RE: Petition re toilets

Hi everyone, Lesley at McCulloch Court and McCulloch II here.

I had a meeting with the board, and we would like to be a part of this too giving our feedback.

We are very fed up with having to deal with the street people. I must say when we put the fence in front it has stopped a lot of traffic but we are exposed where the new offices and parkade are so now looking to add fencing there as we're always having them on that area up to no good (a huge cost to us as a non-profit). For staff to have to keep dealing with this is not right as you never know what they may do next.
As for the toilets, we feel it's been a disaster. Constant issues and by-law, police and ambulances having to attend a lot. They get up on the roof of the toilets lately too. I can't imagine anyone else using these. You see not one but often several of them coming out the toilet.

Our tenants tell me that they can't have windows or patio doors open now as the noise is awful. Screaming and shouting at night.

Also – at the back of the MCII building where the [REDACTED] have their parking lot and many of our tenants are using it, but it's another constant

issue with the street people, again screaming, shouting, vehicles broken into, one of our tenants had theirs stolen just this week. Dogs barking at late hours.

Our tenants have had enough. None of them want to even walk past the toilets as they're scared of something happening.

No one should have to live in fear like this. I know that the police are stretched but we used to have them come by a lot throughout the day and night but unless its for the toilet issues we're not seeing that so much now.

We should be able to have quiet enjoyable of our homes. Not live in fear.

Thank you
Lesley Waughman
Manager for Vernon Pensioners Accommodation Society

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