## Andrea St Pierre and Residents of Rothesay Ave and Westmoreland Road

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Sunny Ridge Tiny Home Proposal: Protesting against this proposal and rezoning.

I am the property owner of 298 Westmoreland Road (E2J 2G3) including rear property that links to the SJ Energy property. I am also a business owner on 358 Rothesay Avenue. Both properties have concern for a near future to build tiny homes for the homeless off of Sunny Ridge Road to Rothesay Ave and directly behind my property of 298 Westmoreland Road.

I have already called police and removed a single encampment that was on my property. I found use of BBQ propane inside a tent with dirty needles and needles left on my property around their tent. My little nephews found this encampment and could had been harmed. Me and my neighbors express great concern of placing a residence that will be housed with severe mental health disorders and drug use. We have had people walk by our home and steal my nephews scooter while my 75-year-old father could not stop him. Sunny Ridge Road is aligned to my property and this risk will be 60 times greater as population may house residents, however, we know they will also house their acquaintances that are using drug paraphernalia or disturbed mental health.

My office at 358 Rothesay Ave, I have already had to lock my doors as I had homeless enter my office during bad weather. One was a large, tall man that I would not be able to defend myself. Many other businesses I had spoke to had been broken into, as well.

I understand the problem of mental health very clearly and others are trying to help. The major concern is mental health and drug addiction is not being assisted in the community and lack of long-term mental health facilities and rehabilitation programs. The ideation of providing these tiny homes is not the answer by placing them in family and business communities. As resident of Saint John, we all are feeling unsafe, and many will not walk the streets of uptown. My family and neighbors do not need more fear to be in their homes which is supposed to be a safe place. I feel the city needs to review mandating a larger police force with cracking down on drug enforcement and maintaining safe streets.

We protest the proposal to bring in tiny homes in our area as we fear for our safety.

Andrea St Pierre and attached list.

It is likely we will offer services to community members using a slightly different model that is customized to meet the needs of our community and leverages the expertise of local partners.

12 Neighbours is, and will remain, a close and valued partner on this project. They have openly and enthusiastically shared a vast amount of knowledge and documentation that has helped us get up and running, and Neighbourly Homes – the tiny home construction arm of the 12 Neighbours charity – will be our home construction partner going forward.

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