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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] River Rd Indigenous Winter housing!

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Susie Dietrich and I am a resident on River Road, 500 yards from River Road Golf Course. I write to voice my opposition regarding the proposal to house unsheltered Indigenous individuals at River Road Golf Course this winter, or at any time in the future. How is it possible that you want to isolate the Indigenous homeless again? Sound familiar to the residential schools! They have no access to amenities on River Rd. The news articles say it is a bus route, well I have lived here for over 4 years and it certainly is not a bus route. It also states that there is no residential around this golf course and that is also not true. There are 7 houses East of the golf course and many businesses and homes to the West. How would you councillors feel having 30 homeless people 100, 300 500 yards from your home? Why is the mechanic moving from River Rd to Adelaide? Why because he doesn't want his tools stolen. Are all homeless people bad, not even maybe be we know from what the homeless did to the neighbourhood they where in last year... destruction. I understand these Indigenous/homeless people need our help, why not use the money you have allocated to buying housing or rent motel rooms with hydro and running water and washroom facilities. The golf course has no water from the people that stole all the metals, no kitchen to help feed the people what are you truly thinking??? We have had no police presents here. We have called the police as well as neighbours regarding things being stolen in the area and no one... NO ONE comes! How are we as residents suppose to protect our property? Our property value has just gone down. I moved to this location for the quietness, small neighborhood. I have heard Kevin Dickerson on the news call River Road Golf Course a "remote location" and "that they (the city) plan to move the homeless to an "isolated" location "out of the watchful eye of the community, neighbors, and passersby." Please recognize that there **are** neighbors who live right there. There **is** a community on River Road. The comings and goings of the homeless people will certainly be in our view and under our watchful eyes. They will be living 500 yards from me! The Golf Course used to be the pride of River Rd. The grounds were well kept and tidy. On the weekend in the winter months, it was common to hear families enjoying the toboggan hill behind the Clubhouse. Who is going to tell them that they are no longer welcome to use that "little gem" for family recreation? I fear for everyone's safety on River Rd, including my daughter and grandson. Jody Hall who did the study, did not recommend ISOLATING the Indigenous people, isn't that what the government did many, many years ago to the Indigenous people? Is doing the right thing for the Indigenous (**MY**) people every going to be a priority? I pose these questions for the committee to consider.

Mayor Ed Holder you are so "proud "of this proposal. I wonder if you or any of you on this committee would like to have this homeless setup 500 yards from your front doors? River Road Golf Course is not the solution to your dilemma!

Respectfully,

*Susie Dietrich*