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Hello Mayor and Council,

I have lived in New Westminster for 18 years in the Columbia/Carnarvon area and have watched the area go from undesirable to an up-and-coming area with new restaurants like PIVA and El Santo, only to fall back to undesirable. The area has fallen so badly we are now considering moving. Businesses have left and the New West Skytrain station has turned into an area where drug users hangout at all hours of the day selling cigarettes and generally making people feel less safe. As I'm writing this email I can hear people screaming at Hyack Square at the bottom of 8th St.

I think the Temporary Use Permit should not be extended as it has proven to be an unsuccessful gamble damaging this community. The alleged needs of the few have badly reduced the quality of life of the many.

The first Temporary Use Permit for 40 Begbie Street was issued March 29th, 2021, and has already expired. The City has been operating on this site without a permit for 15 months and so it would stand to reason that it would most likely abuse the extension as well. I can assure you that in my business If I operated without a permit the penalty would be severe, and I would permanently lose my ability to work in my field.

Signed,
Mark Luchinski