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**Subject:** Fwd: Homelessness and derelict buildings downtown

Sheila ,

Can you please have this added to Public Safety Agenda.

Thanks,

Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**  
**Date:** February 26, 2018 at 8:02:29 AM PST  
**To:** [mayor&council@nanaimo.ca](mailto:mayor&council@nanaimo.ca), [john.horn@nanaimo.ca](mailto:john.horn@nanaimo.ca)  
**Subject:** Homelessness and derelict buildings downtown

Dear Mayor and Council, Mr. John Horn and the Safety Committee,

I am sending you these pics I took on the afternoon of Sunday Feb. 26/18

in the two blocks between the A and W and Terminal Ave,  
The homeless population is increasing and the shelters they are building  
out of blankets, cardboard and whatever else they can find are spreading  
quickly.

There are more buggies with more bedding stacked up, especially in the  
doorways of A + B Sound..

I suspect with nicer weather coming we will be inundated.

Where do they all go to the bathroom? Do we allow people to urinate  
and defecate on our streets?

Do we allow derelict buildings to deteriorate in our residential  
neighborhoods?

Downtown is a residential neighborhood to many and many more to  
come with the welcomed new construction on the horizon.

Why are derelict buildings allowed to deteriorate in our neighborhood?

Does the owner of A + B Sound know what his building is being used  
for?

I would like to ask that the pics of his building are sent to him and he is  
given some sort of ultimatum to clean that corner up.

I have great sympathy for these street people and we have to provide  
housing for the ones who want it.

For those who don't, would you consider providing a 24 hour indoor  
space or spaces, where they can hang out and bring their stuff with them  
This space could provide washrooms with showers, laundry facilities,  
lockers and cots for sleeping.

I know this is not ideal but this problem Is only going to get worse and if  
they have a place to go we should be able to 'force' them off the streets.  
Either go to the facility or leave town because we will not permit you to  
'live' on our streets. I think we have to get tougher and not allow them to  
rule.

We are allowing them to take over, and that is not acceptable. We can't  
let this area of our city become like Hastings street in Vancouver.

Thanks for listening and I look forward to seeing the solutions you come  
up with to take back our streets and revitalize our downtown.

Sincerely,  
Zoe Ann Larsen







