

May 12, 2025

Dear Mayor Windsor and Members of Council,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of the number of tenting and camping spaces at 1117 Greig Avenue. There are significant concerns regarding the Commercial Camping Development on Greig Avenue and the request to allow more tenting and camping activities on that site.

1. This neighbourhood is a lovely residential area and totally unsuited for a commercial camping development.
2. This property is adjacent to Gore Park which is a treasure. Gore Park is extremely fragile and has suffered significant degradation in the last few years. Central Saanich has installed numerous signs through the park to try and protect it. Campers on the Commercial Campground may see the proximity of the park as a place for their own recreational activities and further contribute to negative impacts on the park.
3. Although there may be no smoking allowed at the campground, the campers may wander into the park to smoke. A fire would be devastating to Gore Park and the surrounding homes and properties.
4. Greig Avenue is a very narrow country lane with blind corners - it is very hazardous even with local resident traffic. There are many seniors who walk their dogs along that road, as well as families with young children, and other people riding their horses. It would be undesirable to have increased traffic on that road due to a Commercial Campground.
5. The neighbourhood is not suited to a commercial development that would attract so many transients. This poses real concerns regarding security of the neighbourhood.
6. It is very important for the tenting and camping development on this property to remain under a temporary use permit. This will allow ongoing assessment of the impact of the development on the neighbourhood and community.

I am most appreciative of you taking the time to consider the numerous concerns regarding this Commercial Camping development and that you will reject further expansion of tenting and camping activities on this site.

Best regards,



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