

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Vidal, Paul (ASD-W) <Paul.Vidal@nbed.nb.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 6:44 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Comments in opposition to correctional facility along Vanier highway (Dec. 14, 2022)

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To whom it may concern / members of the PAC,

My name is Paul Vidal and I'm a grade 5 teacher in Fredericton. I live in Lincoln Heights and I've been very happy with the sense of community and safety that this area is known for. Friendly neighbors and a great place to raise my children.

The correctional facility being proposed will affect us here in multiple ways, but for me the most important is the sense of safety for my children. My sons are 11 and 14 and I like to give them some freedom to play and roam in our neighborhood, but I will be very apprehensive about that if this plan is approved. The way I wish to raise my family will be negatively affected. I am quite sure there are many other families that feel similarly in our area.

In addition, it's no small thing to consider the effect this decision will have on housing prices in Lincoln Heights. As a working teacher, my home is my greatest financial asset and hopefully will provide an inheritance of sorts for my family someday. Knowing that the city is choosing to build a prison literally a 5 to 10 minute walk from my house will hurt me financially. I am a hardworking taxpayer who has lived in this city most of my life and this seems very unfair.

I can't help but wonder if council would vote to build a prison in their own backyards...my guess is no.

Finally, this decision doesn't need to move forward because I'm positive that in our province, there are countless other land options that are not right beside a residential neighborhood. Putting one within city limits and within spitting distance of families with young children is simply absurd.

I strongly oppose this motion and if it passes, my opinion of our city and its council will be irreparably damaged. I will do whatever is necessary to prevent this ridiculous project from going forward. I will be at the public meeting on the 14th at 7:00pm to share my opinion with the PAC in person.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Vidal  
Grade 5  
Hanwell Park Academy

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Nelson, Angela (PETL/EPFT) <Angela.Nelson@gnb.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 2:28 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Lincoln Heights Correctional Facility Concerns - ~~Verrier~~

**Importance:** High

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Dear planning committee, I am reaching out to express my concern for a correctional facility to potentially be erected near Lincoln Heights. I have been a resident for 10 years and am very upset about the lack of consideration for the residents of this community. I understand that there is a PCA committee on December 14 and will also be in attendance.

My concerns are:

- 1) Depreciation of housing values in area
- 2) Potential for increased crime
- 3) Potential for increased traffic
- 4) Potential for increased characters unknowns to community showing up
- 5) Is this even zoned for a correctional facility?
- 6) Already dealing with landfill issue
- 7) Lack of regards for residents paying a high property tax value
- 8) Very close to residential area
- 9) Safety of my child living in this community
- 10) Erect it in rural area to create jobs and opportunities. More property to build.

I appreciate you taking these concerns into consideration and to ensure that they find a better suited location away from a large residential location in the city. I am sure the other council members would not want this in their back yard as well.

I am hopeful City council will reconsider this decision to an alternative location.

Thanks

Angela

## Angela Nelson, MBA, BA (Hons.), RPR

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**Brown-Snook, Julie**

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**From:** Julia Hansen <julia\_hansen@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 9:17 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Do NOT sell municipal property for creation of a Correctional Centre - ~~Vanier~~

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Dear members of the planning and development committee,

I am writing you today to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan of sale of municipal land in the Vanier industrial park to develop a correctional centre.

There is no strong evidence for the need of a new correctional facility in the province (please see this article for expert opinion

<https://nbmediacoop.org/2022/11/07/new-brunswick-does-not-need-a-new-prison-experts-say-video/>

Instead, these funds and efforts could be directed to funding mental health and addictions services, housing, support for people with disabilities, people living in poverty, people unable to access health care etc etc

These are the kinds of crises that often lead people to become criminalized and end up incarcerated. We NEED to prevent incarceration of our people. It does not help, and it is costly.

The sale of this piece of property is not benign.

If you sell this property, you are directly supporting the proposed construction and operation of the correctional centre.

Please, listen to the evidence. We need to invest in upstream services: housing, basic income, support for vulnerable folks, addictions and mental health services, basic health services, NOT in further criminalization and incarceration of our people.

I have already written to Councilor Leblanc and Mr David Coon previously regarding this issue, as well as separately to all Councilors and the Mayor on December 3, 2022

I vote NO to the sale of this piece of municipal land for the purpose of constructing a correctional facility

Thank you

Julia Hansen  
Ward 10 Resident  
she/her/elle  
Indigenous Wolastoqiyik territory

**Brown-Snook, Julie**

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**From:** David Legare <david.legare0291@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 6:52 PM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Cassandra; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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03/12/2022

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

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Sincerely,

David Legare



**Brown-Snook, Julie**

**From:** Ian Bishop <ian.bishop@hey.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 2:19 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; Breen, Ruth  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- **Vanier Industrial Park**

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Dec 3, 2022

City of Fredericton  
Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)  
planning@fredericton.ca

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Sincerely,

Ian Bishop

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**From:** Leah Belyea <leahbelyea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 1:57 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; Sheppard, Margo  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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December 3, 2022

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[planning@fredericton.ca](mailto:planning@fredericton.ca)

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Sincerely,  
Leah Belyea



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**From:** Dirk Groenenberg <dirkgroenenberg@zoho.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:45 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
**Subject:** No prison! - **Vanier**

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Esteemed City Councillors,

Do not sell land to the province to build a new provincial jail! This thing would house many who are now unhoused in Fredericton at much higher cost than to build more affordable housing and give a much worse experience and chance at improving their lot than if given a chance at housing in the real community.

Dirk Groenenberg.

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**From:** Tracy Glynn <tracy.a.glynn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; LeBlanc, Cassandra; LeJeune, Jason  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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December 5, 2022

**RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park**

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Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

As criminologist Justin Piché told the media upon announcement of the proposed prison, "prisons have no place in today's society." Criminologists, social workers, health care workers, many of them based at New Brunswick's universities, consider prisons to be ineffective and barbaric. More here: <https://nbmediacoop.org/2022/12/05/critics-slam-proposed-sale-of-land-to-province-for-32m-jail/>

Prisons are an inhumane place where we send poor people, people with mental illness and people with addictions. People need health care. People need shelter. They don't need prisons. None of us need prisons.

A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of land, time and resources better spent on giving New Brunswickers better access to health care, shelter and better working conditions.

Sincerely,

Tracy Glynn

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**From:** Jenn Wambolt <jennwambolt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 11:50 AM  
**To:** Hicks, Steven; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** No provincial jail!

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Monday December 5th, 2022

City of Fredericton

Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

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To allow a jail would directly support the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were not born with enough luck and privilege. The use of jails to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Approving the sale of this land for a jail would add to the record of PAC's decisions. PAC has on multiple occasions denied or entertained the denial of resources to houseless people and people experiencing addictions.

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Sincerely,

Jenn Wambolt



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**From:** Shantel McCracken <sh885132@dal.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 2:59 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposition to Land Sale for Prison Use *Vanier*

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Sincerely,

Shantel McCracken (she/her)  
MD Candidate, Class of 2026  
DMNB Campus  
Dalhousie University, Faculty of Medicine



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From: Sophie Anthony <Sophie.Anthony@dal.ca>  
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:59 PM  
To: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
Subject: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park

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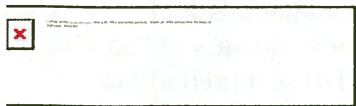
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Sincerely,  
**Sophie Anthony (she/her)**  
MID CANDIDATE 2026

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**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Liam Mulherin <liampjm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 1:46 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Breen, Ruth <ruth.breen@fredericton.ca>; Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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5 December 2022

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Sincerely,  
Liam Mulherin



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Kaitlyn Dawson <kaitlynd9898@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 1:16 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeJeune, Jason <jason.lejeune@fredericton.ca>  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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December 5th, 2022

City of Fredericton

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Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn Dawson

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**From:** Celine G. <celine.gorham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:56 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
**Subject:** Oppose land sale for prison **Vanier**

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Good evening Planning and Advisory Committee and City Clerk,

I'm writing to you to ask that you oppose the sale of land to the province for the purpose of building a prison, and oppose the construction of a new prison. Our city and province need investments in healthcare, affordable housing, and addiction support. All things that are proven to reduce crime rate, yet our provincial government desires to go the opposite direction.

By opposing the land sale and prison, it would send a clear message to the Higgs government that our city and neighbours believe in shelter, properly staffed hospitals, and social support for our most vulnerable. A prison can never address any of the actual needs of the community, and would be an inappropriate addition to Fredericton.

Thank you for your time,

Celine



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Angus Fletcher <ethdem@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:50 PM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Cassandra; clerk@fredericton.ca; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – **Vanier Industrial Park**

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Monday, December 5, 2022

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Dear Cassandra and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

I have worked a winter in the Out of the Cold Shelter, have organized with tenants in Fredericton. Everything in my experience tells me we're currently experiencing an acute need for housing and other supports. Given the number of people sleeping rough and the increasing costs of shelter and food, I find the idea of the construction of a prison completely unconscionable. Tossing houseless folks' camps is ghoulish enough, to proceed further down the road to criminalization is to make the human cost of the current economic crisis greater.

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**From:** Michael Boudreau <mboudreau@stu.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2022 9:18 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposition to the proposed jail *Varner*

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I fully support Dr. Davidson's position.

A new correctional facility is the very last thing that the Fredericton region and the province of New Brunswick needs.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Michael Boudreau  
Professor  
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
St. Thomas University  
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Fredericton, NB  
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Working as I do with people experiencing homelessness, mental health, substance use, and physical health issues, this jail is nothing less than a slap in the face to people providing evidence based approaches to care, and to the businesses and residents of our city bearing the brunt of unmet housing and mental health needs. Making people with mental health issues into criminals will do nothing for our community, including the people living outside. Appropriate medical, mental health treatment and access to suitable housing reduces drug related crime, not jails. Incarcerating people re-traumatizes and dehumanizes them, removing any foothold in managing their mental health issues. It is the most expensive form of emergency social housing possible.

The provincial government is leaning on an ideological 'war on drugs' rather than a data-based approach to manage mental health issues. The war on drugs is a war on people, those experiencing poverty, social exclusion, gender diversity, racialization, and/or being Indigenous being at much higher rates of incarceration. Even the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police came out with a statement in 2020 saying simple possession of drugs for personal use should be decriminalized. They understand how endless, useless, and destructive a cycle incarcerating people for having a substance use disorder is. [https://www.cacp.ca/index.html?asst\\_id=2189](https://www.cacp.ca/index.html?asst_id=2189)

New Brunswick's Affordable Rental Housing Program gives \$70,000 per new unit, for not for profits to provide affordable housing. The \$32 million cost of the jail could translate into **450 new units** for Fredericton - **eliminating all homelessness** and providing for many on the affordable housing lists, easing the affordability crisis in our city for all residents.

Do not be complicit in the Province's lack of foresight, and in letting stigma guide policy. This will create one of the most expensive albatrosses around the neck of the City of Fredericton, as we enter a full blown opioid crisis in the province, and people have started dying on our streets. Reject the jail, not your people.

Dr. Sara Davidson (she/her)

To be fully alive, fully human, and completely awake is to be continually thrown out of the nest.  
*Pema Chodron*

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I don't support building a jail. We need to focus on mental health and addiction health care, harm reduction services, and housing first initiatives. These are evidence-based ways to keep our city safe.

Thank you

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Children of incarcerated parents are particularly affected by incarceration. It is a fact that our justice system does not take the needs of children into account when dispensing justice to parents who often wind up in jail, leaving the care of children up in the air. Children suffer life-long impacts from trauma related to their parents' incarceration, thus making them more likely to become involved with the penal system themselves. Few people on the inside seem able to act on such things in our current prison-industrial system.



Incarceration may be called for with the relatively few offenders who are violent and a threat to family members, spouses, and other vulnerable people in the community. However, prison time is used in the justice system for punishing people for crimes of all types. As an approach to corrections, incarceration has been demonstrated repeatedly as not only ineffective but damaging. Jail time makes many people worse, not better.

New or well-paying jobs are sometimes cited in support of new prisons. However, some jobs are good and life-affirming, while others are less so and put the worker at risk. Implementing and enforcing jail time might pay a steady salary to a prison guard; however, guards are more likely to fall victim to post-traumatic stress and mental illness than other workers. Would a prison and its jobs be a net benefit to the Fredericton community? Or would its stresses and contradictions bring harm to its employees that would undo part or all of the benefit, or even harm the city?

I am hopeful that over the coming months New Brunswickers will demand and receive from the Province, in the place of a \$32M prison announcement, a solid, well-reasoned presentation about challenges in the justice system and how to address them that is backed by data analysis, expert testimony, and a process for community input. Until that happens, Fredericton Council should withhold approval of this hasty and poorly justified request.

Given the weight of evidence against more jails as a way to enhance public safety, the decision whether to build a new jail in Fredericton seems to boil down to a moral question--one of right and wrong. Councillors are worldly people who think of themselves as pragmatists looking for the best angle in our various dealings with the Province. But also, and perhaps more essentially, councillors think of themselves as people of integrity who are kind, caring, and compassionate toward others including the poor. They have the best interests of citizens at heart. I find it intolerable that the Province would ask the City to approve land transactions for something as morally questionable as **a prison** without adequate justification. The moral choice to approve or not approve a new prison in Fredericton is not the Province's alone, but the City's as well. The City is in a real sense being asked to partner with the Province on a prison project. And the Province has not made an adequate case for support. To me, the correct choice--the compassionate and morally defensible choice--is to not support the Province in establishing a prison in Fredericton pending further work to holistically address major shortcomings in the justice system.

Please choose well.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Vincent Zelazny  
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3A4N7  
[vince.zelazny@gmail.com](mailto:vince.zelazny@gmail.com)

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RE: Land sale and development – Vanier Industrial Park

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The provincial government has failed to provide concrete data justifying any need for a new prison beyond the tired political dogwhistle of waging a "war on drugs;" given that drug trafficking sentences are served in federal penitentiaries, a provincial facility for this supposed purpose is utterly redundant.

The only people left to target for imprisonment in this desired facility would be non-violent drug users, people living in poverty, and/or people living with mental illnesses and other disabilities who are left houseless and "undesirable" in cities like Fredericton.

As a scholar, activist, and disabled person who has lived in precarious income and housing situations, I am too closely aware of how police and governments prioritize punishment over care for the people in our communities who are most vulnerable to harm. Choosing imprisonment as a "solution" to the problems of houselessness and drug dislocates the



issue entirely, and instead of eliminating the causes of these problems, only eliminates the people who suffer most from them by inflicting further harm.

This city and other municipalities would be far better served by initiatives that create stable, affordable housing, rental increase caps, and access to mental and general healthcare. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. One has only to look to the research and lived benefits in cities like Vancouver, Halifax, and Toronto that demonstrate how harm reduction initiatives such as safe injection and disposal sites, transition homes, and safe housing can benefit a community far more than simply disappearing the people who are already traumatized by poverty, addiction, and illness.

A perfect storm of inflation, housing crisis, a lack of healthcare access in this province, and the ongoing health damages caused by covid-19 continue to increase the number of people who fall on desperate times. Creating new prisons would only punish and increase the suffering of people who more than anything just need healthcare, livable wages, and a place they can afford to live in without starving.

It is not a crime to exist while poor, to exist while sick (from addiction, mental illness, long covid, or anything), or to exist simply in a province and time that does not provide you the basic services or affordability it takes to survive.

Please do not make the mistake of approving this land sale and prison construction. Please advocate for the reallocation of land and resources to housing and healthcare, both of which are desperately needed by increasing numbers of New Brunswickers. Please make your legacy one of care, rather than one of harm.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rebecca Salazar  
BA, MA, PhD  
Author, Editor, Artist  
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**From:** Making It Manageable <makingitmanageable@gmail.com>  
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Good evening,

I am a resident of the Lincoln Heights subdivision, and I am writing to express my concern over the proposed location for a new correctional facility. I strongly do not support the proposed location.

I own a detached home on Dora Drive and my backyard faces Wilsey Road. I purchased my home less than three years ago as a solo female. Next to affordability, my sense of personal safety was a critical factor in my decision of location of my home. The possibility of having a jail built, literally within view of my backyard, is very disconcerting. It is more than a concern about escapes from the facility. It is very much about the feeling of security, home and community. I doubt that any of the decision makers that agreed to the proposed site will be looking at a bricks and mortar reminder that some members of our society made choices which necessitated them being removed from it. Unless someone actually listens to us, I will have that in my view every single day.

I purchased my home based on my single income. I worked extremely hard over the course of my adult life to be able to have the privilege to own my own home. If this terrible idea moves forward, I will lose value in my investment. I am not in a financial position to lose any value in my home. Given the rapidly increasing cost of living and housing, it isn't a viable option that I could sell my home and relocate. My first reaction when I heard of the plan - 'great I'm as stuck as the people they'll have locked up in there'.

I would ask as a member of the community, voter and fellow New Brunswicker that you please reconsider the location of the proposed jail.

Thank you,

Miriam McLaughlin  
(506) 476-2911

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**From:** Nick Fitzpatrick <nickfitz.582@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:44 AM  
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**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park

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Sincerely,

Nick Fitzpatrick



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**From:** McKayla <mckaylaarseneau@gmail.com>  
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December 6th, 2022  
McKayla Arseneau

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As a youth care worker in this city working to build a therapeutic home environment for apprehended children, I directly see the lack of mental health and addiction services and the need for change. Safe spaces, as well as accessibility to these services and opportunities must be implemented and made available to the province if we have any hope of creating change for the better in our communities.

Building an expensive prison and then paying to simply sustain the lives of these vulnerable persons is not an effective use of provincial funds. We should be rehabilitating them, creating job opportunities and providing adequate mental health services to help them better their lives and futures as a part of this community, province and country.

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Sincerely,

McKayla Arseneau

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Sincerely,

Sarah Hill

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Sincerely,

Brittany O'Sullivan



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**From:** Audree H-St-Amour <audreehstamour@gmail.com>  
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Sincerely,

Audrée Hamelin-St-Amour

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**From:** Melissa Beaulieu <melissa.a.beek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:39 AM  
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Sincerely  
Mel Beaulieu



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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:28 AM  
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I'm writing to voice my opposition to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

This is a neo liberalist approach to social problems that will target vulnerable sectors of our community instead of addressing the real problems at hand. With prices going up in food, housing, and basic necessities, I anticipate we are going to see a lot more people forced to the streets in the upcoming years, and this prison is not the way to approach dealing this rising crisis. Furthermore, it's an extremely gross act to use this money for this when it needs to be going toward sustainable and effective solutions.

Thank you,  
Shinaid McGillivray

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Nick Walsh <officialwalsh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:30 AM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>  
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Sincerely,

Nicholas Xavier Walsh

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Craig Mac <craigmac\_MJ\_2345@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:40 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Breen, Ruth <Ruth.Breen@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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Sincerely,

Craig



## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** sheng li <shengli@yaho.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 10:23 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** opposing building a correction facility in Gl

Vanier

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a home owner in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. I am writing to you to voice my concern about the city's plan to build a correction facility in the general industrial zone, which is just cross the road from our neighborhood. I understand the need for such a facility in our city. What dose not make sense to me is why it has to be built so close to a residential neighborhood and if so, why our neighborhood. It goes without saying that such a facility will strongly affect our property value and may also bring some potential risks to our peaceful and quiet neighborhood. Given its strong impact to our life, I request the process to be transparent. Efforts should be made to consult residents in the surrounding area and notify us about any public hearings (a letter in the mailbox will do).

Please consider our concerns and let me know what we can do within our capacity to stop this project.

Thanks so much!

Sheng Li  
Resident in the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** QT Fatties <qtfattiesinnb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:09 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; LeBlanc, Cassandra; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Prison **Vanier**

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Sincerely,

QT Fatties in NB

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Organizing on unceded Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy territory



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Samantha Shea <samanthaleeshea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Pike, Jocelyn <Jocelyn.Pike@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Sincerely,

Samantha Shea



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** jeannine gallant <sanctaiey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 12:40 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeJeune, Jason <Jason.LeJeune@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
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Sincerely,

Jeannine Gallant

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Aaron Beaumont <aaron.beau2017@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 11:35 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; LeBlanc, Cassandra; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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Sincerely,

Aaron Beaumont.

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Martha Jane Paynter <martha.paynter@unb.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:03 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Jail **Vanier**

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Hello,

Please register my strong opposition to the proposed sale of city land for jail construction.

As a nurse scientist studying the health impacts of incarceration, I want to share the extreme health dangers of prisons not only for prisoners, but for the communities in which they are constructed. Prisons are rife with mental illness, chronic disease, infection, violence and injury. Despite our illusions that prisons are secure environments, people enter and leave prisons everyday- and most of those people are staff who live in our community. They leave with infection, physical stress that causes a host of physical illness, and the moral injury of participating in the violence of prisons. Incarcerated people are released back into communities having been exposed to physical health harms (prison malnutrition, muscle wasting, injury, infection) as well as the enduring trauma of family separation, prison violence, and the stigma of criminalization. They bring these harms back into community with them.

We have ample evidence that incarceration is no solution to social issues facing New Brunswickers, including homelessness, poverty, substance use disorder, gendered violence, and untreated trauma. The City of Fredericton should oppose any involvement in the prison system, and lead the province in demanding evidence-based solutions that promote real safety in our communities.

Thank you,  
Martha

Martha Paynter RN PhD  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Nursing  
University of New Brunswick  
Room 154, MacLaggan Hall  
33 Dineen Drive  
Fredericton, NB E3B5A3  
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## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing Construction of Jail in Fredericton

-----Original Message-----

From: Reann Fournier <reann.fournier@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:12 PM  
To: Breen, Ruth <Ruth.Breen@Fredericton.ca>  
Cc: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>  
Subject: Opposing Construction of Jail in Fredericton

December 6th, 2022  
City of Fredericton  
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planning@fredericton.ca

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Sincerely,  
Reann Fournier

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Subject: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Kait <kait.saad@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:12 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
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Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Saad



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Maria Jane DiCarlo <mdicar2@uwo.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:27 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; Hicks, Steven; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- **Vanier Industrial Park**

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Sincerely,

Maria DiCarlo

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Jeremy Gamble <moonaskedthecrow@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:39 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; Grandy, Bruce; clerk@fredericton.ca; Peters, Mark; Pike, Jocelyn; Hicks, Steven; Megarity, Eric; Ericson, Gregory; LeJeune, Jason; Mallet, Henri  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office; Darrah, Kevin; Breen, Ruth; Sheppard, Margo; LeBlanc, Cassandra  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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I anticipate we are going to see a lot more people forced to the streets in the upcoming years, and this prison is not the way to approach dealing this rising crisis.

This is a disgusting use of this funding when it needs to be going toward **more sustainable** and **effective** solutions, and I **do not agree** with using the funding for this facility.

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Sincerely,  
Jeremy Gamble



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Emma Boles <emmaboles2005@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park

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Sincerely,

Emma Boles

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**From:** Georgia Brown <georgia.mpbrown@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 2:46 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Sincerely,

Georgia Priestley- Brown



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Lydia Stewart <lydiaannstewart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** clerk@fredericton.ca; Mallet, Henri; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
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I have lived in Fredericton for eight beautiful years now and absolutely adore it here. It has a beautiful atmosphere like nowhere else in New Brunswick. The talk of a prison coming to the city makes me



want to turn around and get out of here immediately. If our province does have the funds and resources to acquire this land and staff this prison, it certainly could acquire the resources to acquire some mental health professionals and address the root of the cause of the high number of individuals living on the street and people with addictions. A prison could lead to much higher stress of everyone in the city, not just those that will be working there and possibly leading to even worse, unexpected other problems for the community.

A prison is not what we need, we need some patience and compassion for these hard times we are all going through post pandemic. We've been shown time and time again imprisoning people is not an effective action for social change. We really need to be focusing on rehabilitation for people that need it! The ethos of our city is much better than this. I really, genuinely hope this plan does not unfold.

We need to help our community not punish it.

Sincerely,

Lydia Stewart  
Fredericton resident  
2785-B Woodstock Road  
Fredericton, NB

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Mike Sinclair <kmsinclair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:57 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; LeBlanc, Cassandra; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Michael Sinclair

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**From:** Kate Bradford <katelynrbradford@gmail.com>  
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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Michaella Donovan <michaelladonovan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:30 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Meghan Fox <meghan.elizabeth.fox@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Hicks, Steven <steven.hicks@fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Sincerely,

Meghan Fox



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Megan M <megan.mazerolle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:26 PM  
**To:** LeBlanc, Cassandra; clerk@fredericton.ca; Mayor's Office; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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Sincerely,

Megan Mazerolle



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**From:** Emma Keefe <emmck1010@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:27 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

Sincerely,

Emma Keefe

Citizen of the Fredericton Region Since Birth

Sent from my iPhone

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Karli Dixon <k-dixon@live.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:34 PM  
**To:** Mayor's Office; clerk@fredericton.ca; LeBlanc, Cassandra; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- **Vanier Industrial Park**

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Letter to Oppose the Prison in Fredericton

December 7th 2022

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I am a 23 year old STU graduate, who is fortunate enough to be able to afford housing, but money is tight and I worry constantly about being able to keep my place. I briefly had to live in my car for about 4 weeks with my cat, and for that reason I empathize deeply with my unhoused neighbors in Fredericton. Sometimes when you don't have a good support system, things can go downhill really fast. We need to be this support system for the unhoused of Fredericton, NOT with a prison.

Please fight for us! This is unjust! There is so much more in Fredericton that must be addressed, building a prison should be the last thing on anyone's mind. Rather work to make Fredericton a happier and more supportive community.

Sincerely,

Karli Dixon



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Michael Taggart <taggartmichaeltaggart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:07 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; Peters, Mark; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
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It is also important to remember Fredericton is a city that includes a significant First Nations population. Indigenous members of our community are more likely to experience mental health challenges. Indigenous people are also severely overrepresented in all areas of the criminal justice system. Even in our own province there have been multiple instances in recent years of law enforcement officers murdering Indigenous

members of our community without appropriate repercussions or even accountability. If we hope to work towards ending the genocide upon which our nation was founded, we need to invest in culturally appropriate and engaging mental health services, not increase criminal justice spending. Further investments in criminal justice show that you are dedicated to ensuring the continued genocide of our Indigenous peoples.

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-Michael Taggart (He/Him)

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**From:** sheng li <shenglcn@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Re: opposing building a correction facility in GI **Vanier**

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I was notified that there is a meeting held for this on Dec 14th. My family would like to participate. Please let me know if there is any paper work we need to do or procedures we have to follow. Thanks! Sheng

On Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:22:51 a.m. AST, sheng li <shenglcn@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a home owner in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. I am writing to you to voice my concern about the city's plan to build a correction facility in the general industrial zone, which is just cross the road from our neighborhood. I understand the need for such a facility in our city. What dose not make sense to me is why it has to be built so close to a residential neighborhood and if so, why our neighborhood. It goes without saying that such a facility will strongly affect our property value and may also bring some potential risks to our peaceful and quiet neighborhood. Given its strong impact to our life, I request the process to be transparent. Efforts should be made to consult residents in the surrounding area and notify us about any public hearings (a letter in the mailbox will do).

Please consider our concerns and let me know what we can do within our capacity to stop this project.

Thanks so much!

Sheng Li  
Resident in the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Joseph Cordero <joseph.t.cordero@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:43 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Pike, Jocelyn <Jocelyn.Pike@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Sincerely,

Joseph Cordero

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**From:** Claire Brigham <claire@unidata.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:28 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** PAC - Proposed Jail in Lincoln Heights **Vanier**

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Good Morning;

With regards to the upcoming Planning Advisory Committee regarding the propose Provincial Jail.

I live in Lincoln Heights and have for 26 years. I LOVE my community and all my neighbors. I am **ABSOLUTELY** **OPPOSED** to have a Provincial Jail in my neighborhood.

Surely there is plenty of OTHER places that this jail can be built. We have a lot of school aged children in our neighborhood that will possibly be put at risk, not to mention the elderly community.

I do not want to put my house up for sale – but if this passes, I believe that I will have no choice. I have paid my taxes for 26 years and I think I have a right to be safe in my home and community.

Thank You

**Claire Brigham**  
**Office Administrator**



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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Paul McAllister <monsterhousepublishing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:13 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca; Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to the sale of land for potential prison

**Vanier**

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**From:** Liam roy <liamroyyy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Ericson, Gregory <Greg.Ericson@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
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Liam roy

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Linda Lee <1952lindalee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:12 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Fwd: Correctional Facility ~~Vanier~~

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**Subject:** Correctional Facility

With reference to the plans to build a correctional facility on Blizzard Street I as a resident on Lincoln Heights sub division strongly oppose these plans. I am a senior and would be very worried if these plans were passed we chose to live in Lincoln Heights-as its always been a well kept friendly neighbor hood with residents of all ages who look out for each other the government has thousands of acres of land well away from residential areas why would you even think to build this near family communities and what about the value of our homes no sane person would want to buy any home near a prison its absolutely madness we will never be able to sell our homes and we pay high property taxes to live here .

Yours a very concerned resident L Lee

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## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Gorica Barudzija <goricab22@hotmail.com>  
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Sincerely,

Gorica Barudzija



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Sincerely,

Gillian Salmon

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Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my **strong opposition to the re-zoning and sale of land in Fredericton to the Province of New Brunswick for the purpose of constructing a correctional facility and urge you to reject the re-zoning application made by the Province of New Brunswick.**

The provincial government refuses to share its reasoning or its "business case", according to criminologist Justin Piche from the University of Ottawa (interviewed by CBC for their November 2, 2022 story by journalist Karin's Donkin) for the construction of such a prison. They are withholding records that explains their decision. Another example of this government's refusal to show their citizens how major decisions that will influence our lives are made. **Using "anecdotes" is not an effective way to make decisions about any issue.** And if quantitative (numbers) data is not to their liking then perhaps they should support qualitative research instead, but evidence based decisions are needed here not decisions based on "anecdotes". Michael Boudreaux, a criminologist at St. Thomas University suggests in the November 2, 2022 CBC story that "if there is no serious problem with crime or with over capacity, then is this really a wise use of public money". Their weakly stated purpose of using the prison to "declare war" on drugs makes no sense, as trafficking sentences would be served in the Federal correctional system. All signs indicate that **this facility will be targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities: people with mental illness and addictions who live in poverty. As a mental health provider who has been working in this region for over 20 years, this is not the way to treat people who suffer with mental illness or addiction. As Piche stated "building another site of human caging, when we know it is the most costly, ineffective, unjust and inhumane response to criminal acts is just a mistake".**

An August 2019 Guardian article by Jarred Bartle, a public policy consultant also states that **prisons don't work.** He suggests that if people pose a risk to the community, they should be heavily monitored and controlled but identifies that this can be done "outside the standard prison environment". He identifies that **community corrections is already a part of other criminal justice systems and has been found to effectively control and treat offending behaviour. Community**



**corrections is already active in Canada through community based residential facilities.** These facilities provide an effective alternative to conventional forms of incarceration. Offenders regularly report back to a case manager who is tasked with funnelling the offender through educational programs community work and treatment programs designed to correct antisocial thinking and behavior. Bartle indicates that community corrections is no soft touch and the "risk of imprisonment looms large over programs if an offender breaks the rules". He also refers to non-custodial treatment orders. These are similar to community corrections but are more therapeutic in nature. **On the Correctional Services Canada website under community corrections, there are a number of non-custodial treatment orders available for offenders such as Supervised/satellite apartments, hostels, private home placements, and community residential facilities.** These options may be appropriate for offenders whose offending relates to alcohol or illicit drug use or is connected to an underlying mental health condition. Drug Treatment Courts (DTCs) have operated in other regions of Canada and the world since 1999. Based on the **Government of Canada Justice website DTCs "Recognizes the complex social, economic, cultural, and health factors that contribute to problematic substance use and seeks to prevent reoffending in more comprehensive ways"**. Bartle indicates that DTCs "have been found to reduce recidivism more effectively than conventional custodial sentences". He also notes that for DTCs to be effective they require the ability to "make drug treatment orders, calling for the intensive treatment and monitoring of offenders with substance issues." Similarly, he mentions that "specialty jurisdictions exist for offenders with mental health issues. For example the assessment and referral court list often deals with accused persons who have a mental illness or cognitive impairment, lining them out with treatment agencies to deal with the underlying causes of offending." As you are likely well aware though, not all forms of offence are secondary to an underlying mental health concern or mental illness. **Bartle suggests in his article that "for other forms of offending, a financial penalty may be more effective than a prison sentence."** Another option is restorative justice. This is a victim centred alternative to criminal justice that focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims in the community at large. While this is not suitable for all forms of offending, Bartle notes that "restorative justice measures have been shown to provide healing outcomes for both victims and offenders." Finally, **prison tends to create more dangerous individuals. There is no good reason or justification why an individual arrested for drug possession, homelessness and public drunkenness should be placed in a prison. In our region this move would have the high probability of turning people into repeat, potentially violent, offenders. There are more socially and cost effective options that focus on prevention not punishment.** In his article, Bartle refers to "justice reinvestment" . This is used around the world and according to the US Department of Justice website it is "a data driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending and reinvest savings in strategies that can decrease crime and reduce recidivism." The approach is evidence-based and focuses on prevention versus focusing only on a cure. **Building a prison in the City of Fredericton may seem like a great idea to implement a swift solution to the problems we face but it is "the" least effective strategy to make our community safer.**

To allow a prison would directly support and facilitate the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were biologically, educationally or socioeconomically predisposed. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. **Approving the re-zoning application and sale of this land within a few hundred metres of a family focused subdivision would be a serious mistake that would reflect badly on PAC members for the foreseeable future. We are all aware that PAC has, on multiple occasions, denied or entertained the denial of resources to houseless people and people experiencing addictions.**

We are in the middle of an affordability crisis for housing, food, and fuel and the construction of a prison satisfies none of these needs. **A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of time and resources (see above on the wealth of other community correctional options).** Such resources and efforts would be better spent on addressing the actual, substantive crises affecting Frederictonians and New Brunswickers. This money could be better spent on affordable housing and allowing supported living situations for these populations. It could be invested in DTCs and into justice reinvestment approaches to crime prevention. **Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the most vulnerable citizens of Fredericton and jeopardize the safety of the citizens living within close proximity to the prison were there ever to be an escape, riots or other unrest within the prison.**



Again, I am in firm opposition to the re-zoning and sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a correctional facility. I urge you to reject the re-zoning application made by the Province of New Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Lorelei Walsh Park, Ph.D, L. Psych

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**From:** Li Wang <li.wang1@unb.ca>  
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Dear city councilors,

Please find attached here a letter with regard to your recent decision of moving forward with the sale of land for jail near our community in the Vanier Industrial Park.

Thank you for your attention and have a great day!

Ms. Li Wang  
Chinese Instructor  
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University of New Brunswick  
Box 4400 Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3  
Email: lwang@unb.ca  
Phone: 506-457-2666  
Office Location: Carleton Hall 326

December 5, 2022

Dear Councilors,

We are Lincoln Heights residents. We are writing to express our deep concerns and disappointment regarding the City of Fredericton's sale of land on Blizzard Street to build the new jail in our neighborhood.

- Lincoln Heights is a fast growing/expanding residential community with mostly young families with young children. The construction of the jail within 700 meters of the residential area has certainly become a significant safety concern for the families who have kids playing in the neighborhood, walking home after school when getting off the school buses. We fear the new jail is so close to our neighborhood, it imposes potential safety and security issues to our neighborhood--what could happen if an inmate escaped from a jail so close by.
- With the construction of the jail in such a proximity to the residential area, the property value of the area will undoubtedly be depreciated. This will have a negative impact on the growth and development of the community.
- With the increasingly tight budget in our province, experts have concluded that New Brunswick does not need a new prison (November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, NB Media Co-Op). Associate Professor and Director of the Health Studies Program at Mount Allison University Ardath Whynacht told NB Media Co-op that what most residents in New Brunswick would benefit from is redirecting that \$32 million into solving the housing crisis.
- There has not been any convincing evidence that correctional facilities that have successfully turned prisoners into citizens who are positively contributing to society after leaving the facilities. Instead, the fund could be better used to enhance mental health programs and rehab programs. We concur with Councilor Sheppard as Daily Gleaner stated, "she doesn't see there is a need for another jail, noting that she would have preferred to see the money be put into preventative measures such as mental health assistance." We would like to see more evidence-based research to support the need for a jail to be built close to our neighborhood.

We therefore write this letter to express our concerns about your decision-making process, which is non-transparent and lacks hard evidence. If the province is just considering a particular site for a new jail, we, the residents in this area, should be the first ones to be informed or consulted.

Sincerely Yours,

Li Wang  
Gansheng Xu  
Yuanyuan Guo  
Yuntao Yang  
Aihui Zhang

Xia Li  
Ye Ning  
Jing Li  
Xuan Yuan  
Aiping Zhang

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李廷良

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To whom it may concern ,my name is Andrew Lee I live on goodine st in the Lincoln heights subdivision,the reason I'm reaching out to you today is as I hope many others are is to express my very real concerns regarding the proposed jail just down the road from us here ,this is a very family oriented neighbourhood lots of elderly out walking ,kids of all ages outside in the streets playing etc ,introducing a jail with not very nice people in it in my opinion is absolute lunacy I cannot comprehend the logic behind it ,jails should be in the middle of nowhere not near residential subdivisions ,Canada is a vast country it's not like there isn't space elsewhere for it out of everyone's way ,also a very real concern is how detrimental it will be to our property values,it can only have a negative effect,personally if I were looking to buy a house I wouldn't buy one anywhere near to a jail !!,I plan on attending any meetings I'm allowed to ,to further voice my concerns, best regards,Andrew Lee Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Dominique Deveau <dominique.p.deveau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 9:43 AM  
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Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

I urge you to **oppose** the sale of this land to the provincial government and to instead be a voice of reason. The Fredericton city budget in 2022 was **\$135.1 million**. Another million isn't worth it if it means enabling this immoral use of taxpayer money.

Sincerely,

Dominique Deveau



December 7, 2022

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**RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park  
Letter of Opposition**

Dear members of the Planning Advisory Committee and City Councillors,

I'm a Fredericton based social worker and have been working in mental health and addictions since 1998. I help clients access legal aid and meet conditions set by the court so they don't go to jail for "breach", and I provide mental health support when they are released from incarceration. I've accompanied clients to court many times to advocate and support them.

Every time that I have been in the Fredericton courtroom, it is glaringly clear that the people called to stand in front of the judge are disenfranchised, surviving through poverty and often are mentally ill. Most often the crimes didn't involve any victimization<sup>1</sup> and were motivated by survival. Jails are not being used to put away the "bad guys", the dangerous people or the predators. Jails are being used to put away people who don't have the means to get by, mentally or physically. Legal Aid lawyers are overworked and don't have time to hear people's stories to fully defend them. Moreover, it is common practice to advise clients to plead guilty for a lesser punishment, even if they are not guilty and/or their case could be defended, because it is easier on the court system<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Often people were charged with breach of probation orders, such as missing a court date, being absent when the police checked on their curfew order, not completing community service. Other non victimization crimes include possession of narcotics, or possession of narcotics with intent to sell (the value of the narcotics being less than enough to get them through their own addictions). I have also witnessed charges of petty theft.

<sup>2</sup> "The most serious concern with the plea-bargaining process relates to the possibility that an accused who is in fact innocent will be induced to plead guilty. The duty of defence counsel in a criminal proceeding is to protect the client as far as possible from being convicted except by a court of competent jurisdiction and upon legal evidence sufficient to support a conviction for the offence with which the client is charged. But in spite of this duty, the possibility exists that an accused will be pressured by his counsel to plead guilty to a crime, even though he may be factually or legally not guilty than it is to litigate every case. The harsher sanctions associated with a conviction after trial may provide a prosecutor with significant power to bring an accused to plead guilty. As a result, there is a real concern that people will plead guilty to crimes they did not commit, or for which they have a defence, in order to avoid the risk of a substantially harsher punishment after trial." Some accused are vulnerable and often rely heavily on the advice of their lawyer. Defence counsel is obligated to take instructions from his client, but this obligation is not always observed. In some cases, defence counsel may make all the decision and compel a client to act in a manner that is inconsistent with the intentions of the latter. There may also be economic demands on the defence counsel to be financially efficient in order to survive professionally.

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/csj-sjc/ilp-pji/pb-rpc/pb1-rpc1.html>



If you have any doubt that any of this is true, I urge you to spend a morning in the courthouse and witness it for yourselves. I routinely cry at home after watching the cruelty in the courts and feeling so powerless.

I understand the city wants a reduction of theft, harmful drug use and violence. But jails will not make these problems go away. A new jail will not make our cities safer. They have been proven to be ineffective in decreasing crimes associated with drugs<sup>3</sup>. Moreover they will cause harm to people on both sides of the prison bars.

People leave jails worse.

- Jails do not help people find insight into their wrongdoings. They don't help them manage their moral injury (the feelings of guilt and shame) that is necessary when people take responsibility for what they've done and work on themselves to change.
- Jails do not support people to move through sadness, anger and hurt for being wrongfully jailed.
- Jails do not provide Elders and Indigenous centered healing for intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other experiences of colonial violence.
- Jails do not help people develop skills to emotionally regulate, communicate effectively and get through stressful times in life without making things worse.
- Jails do not foster skills, confidence and hope for meaningful vocational endeavours.
- Jails do not develop a sense of connection and belonging which is necessary for healing trauma and recovering from addiction.

Instead, jails treat people like they are worthless, good-for-nothing, bad people. As criminologist Justin Piché said, correctional facilities are not rehabilitative; they're "dehabilitative".

The proposed jail for the Vanier Industrial Park is slated to have 9 segregation units. You know what that means, right? Solitary confinement. You don't have to be an expert to know that solitary confinement damages mental health. We have seen the struggles our population had with pandemic lockdowns. Can you imagine the experience of solitary confinement in a cage? Imagine how you would feel after you get out. It does not take an expert to understand that when people leave jail, after that kind of experience, they don't do well.

Dr. Martha Paynter urges people to resist the myth that a jail is a site that confines. We need to see that jails are not a separate containment; people go in and out everyday. Provincial jails are not a place where problems get locked away forever. It can only get harder and more expensive to treat the problems after we try to lock them away.

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<sup>3</sup> There is wide body of evidence of the failure of mass incarceration to decrease illicit drug use. "The official use of violent repression to achieve desired standards of behavior vis-a-vis drug use are more like war measures than normal social control. An analysis of whether the war on drugs has achieved its objectives concludes that it has failed to control drug abuse as a social problem, has failed to deter drug use, and has created serious new problems." (Alexander, B. K. (1990). *Peaceful Measures: Canada's Way Out of the "War on Drugs"* (pp. 15-32). Toronto: University of Toronto Press).

Guards go in and out of the jail daily too, working a job and living a lifestyle with significant occupational hazards and stress<sup>4</sup>. The population in jails suffer with worse health compared to the general Canadian population including higher rates of communicable disease<sup>5</sup>. As Dr. Paynter summed up: "Jails make our cities sick"<sup>6</sup>.

The province rationalized the need for a new prison because we currently have overcrowding and a drug problem. Firstly, we can reflect on the initiatives during the first wave of the pandemic when in a matter of weeks, with a concerted effort between the police and judiciary, the prison population was reduced by 20%.<sup>7</sup> Reducing the prison population did not result in more dangerous cities with spikes of crime.

Criminologist Justin Piché, like other experts, proposes better solutions than jail to increase safety in cities. If the goal is to reduce crime and make communities safer we need to think about what is leading people from getting in contact with the law and what can we do to prevent them from being in prison in the first place. He suggests early intervention for youth in schools who are getting detentions, suspensions, expulsions and stop the current "pipeline" from school to prisons; increase harm reduction initiatives, drug treatment and mental health supports; and tackle homelessness to stop the revolving door that swings from the streets to prison to the streets<sup>8</sup>.

We are seeing offline and online conversations in Fredericton about how new jails are the proposed solution for overcrowded schools with burnt out teachers, overcrowded hospitals with burnt out nurses, an underdeveloped mental health system, and a housing affordability crisis. This can be a very dystopian future for us. But it doesn't have to be.

We know that \$32 million for 109 beds = \$293 577 per bed. We also know that for every dollar you spend upstream on prevention you save \$7 on police, courts, and victim services after victimization has occurred<sup>9</sup>. Can you imagine what it could be like if we told the province we would rather have community services that help reduce the prison population? Can you imagine our sense of safety and wellbeing if we built communities instead of revolving doors to jails?

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<sup>4</sup> "Any organization or social structure which consists of one group of people kept inside who do not want to be there and the other group who are there to make sure they stay in will be an organization under stress." BRODSKY, C.M., "WORK STRESS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS," JOURNAL OF PRISON AND JAIL HEALTH 2, 2 (1982), PP. 74-102.

<sup>5</sup> A search was performed in research databases and the websites of relevant Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations for quantitative studies of health conducted between 1993 and 2014. Studies were included that provided quantitative data on health status for youth or adults who had been detained or incarcerated in a jail or prison in Canada. The health status of this population is poor compared with the general Canadian population, as indicated by data on social determinants of health, mortality in custody, mental health, substance use, communicable diseases, and sexual and reproductive health. (Kouyoumdjian F, Schuler A, Matheson FI, Hwang SW. Health status of prisoners in Canada: Narrative review. Can Fam Physician. 2016 Mar;62(3):215-22. PMID: 27427562; PMCID: PMC4984599).

<sup>6</sup> Dr. Martha Paynter spoke at Tertulias Fredericton on November 30th, 2022

<sup>7</sup> Justin Piché (<https://nbmediacoop.org/2022/11/07/new-brunswick-does-not-need-a-new-prison-experts-say-video/>)

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.



If the City of Fredericton agrees to sell public land for the purpose of a new jail, city council will be complicit in the harm a jail will cause for Fredericton. This is not merely a business transaction. You would be collaborating on a solution to our social problems by caging the most disenfranchised citizens of New Brunswick, who subsequently become more unwell when they return to the city. You would be creating a site where infections, viruses and illnesses fester and spread within and outside the prison walls. There is no safety in any of that.

Thank you,

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**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
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**From:** Liam Keith Jacques <keithliam109@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:30 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeBlanc, Cassandra <Cassandra.LeBlanc@Fredericton.ca>; Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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Wednesday, December 7

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my **opposition** to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

The provincial government refuses to share a case for the construction of such a prison. Their stated purpose of using the prison to wage a drug war makes no sense, as trafficking sentences would be served in the Federal system. All signs indicate that the prison will be targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities: people with mental illness who live in poverty.

To allow a prison would directly support the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were not born with enough luck and privilege. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Approving the sale of this prison would add to the record of PAC's decisions. PAC has on multiple occasions denied or entertained the denial of resources to houseless people and people experiencing addictions.

We're in the middle of an affordability crisis for housing, food, and fuel and the construction of a prison satisfies none of these needs. A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of time and resources better spent on addressing the actual, substantive crises affecting Frederictonians and New Brunswickers. Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

Sincerely,

Liam Keith-Jacques

# Vanier Highway Comments Set #2



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Phil Misener <p\_misener@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 6:55 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposed to the sale of land for potential correctional Facility *Vanier*

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing with concerns over the plan to permit the construction of a correctional facility across the highway from Lincoln Heights.

The surrounding area where the correctional facility is scheduled to be built consists of an existing family subdivision, childcare centres, in home daycares and a park. The business and industrial park area consists of a recreational facility for paintball and archery. There is also a walking trail next to the proposed property.

The proximity to the areas mentioned above as well as the local highway system could negatively impact public safety if a person were to escape from this proposed correctional facility.

I am in support of business and industrial growth in this area, however this proposal does not align with the policies listed in the City's Municipal plan.

Regards,

Phil

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Laurence Fievet <alana1208@hotmail.be>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 6:07 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** PAC  
**Attachments:** Lettre d'opposition au projet pénitencier 9122022.pdf

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Bonjour,

Merci de prendre connaissance de la lettre en pièce jointe au nom de Laurence Fievet et Dimitri Veillesse.

Merci

Laurence Fievet et Dimitri Veillesse

Good afternoon,

Please see the letter attached on behalf of  
Laurence Fievet and Dimitri Veillesse

Thank you

Laurence Fievet and Dimitri Veillesse

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Vendredi 9 décembre, 2022

Bonjour,

Nous aimerions vous faire part de notre inquiétude concernant le projet de construction d'un établissement pénitencier proche du quartier résidentiel dans lequel nous habitons (Lincoln Heights). En effet, un établissement pénitencier devrait se situer très éloigné des quartiers résidentiels car il va inévitablement amener de potentiels problèmes comme

- l'augmentation du trafic routier à cause des visites des familles ou des avocats, de l'entrée et sortie des détenus, le va et vient des forces de l'ordre pour le transfert, les entrées et les sorties mais également suite au fait qu'il n'y a pas beaucoup de bus qui desservent notre quartier
- L'insécurité permanente des résidents des quartiers résidentiels avoisinants dans leurs maisons et également dans les rues, les promenades dans les bois, les enfants qui jouent dehors ou dans le parc de Lincoln Heights
- Risque accru de la petite criminalité aux alentours de la prison
- Forte dévalorisation du prix des maisons avoisinantes
- En cas de tentative de fuite d'un prisonnier, blocage des zones avoisinantes et de la route principale donnant accès aux diverses autoroutes

Par cette lettre, nous désirons marquer notre désaccord face à ce projet et aimerions que celui-ci soit abandonné.

Merci de prendre en considération notre avis.

Laurence Fievet et Dimitri Veillesse  
17 Wilfred Avenue  
Fredericton E3B 9R9

Friday, December 9, 2022

Good afternoon,

We would like to express our concern about the proposed construction of a penitentiary facility close to the residential area in which we live (Lincoln Heights).

Indeed, a penitentiary should be located very far from residential areas because it will inevitably bring potential problems such as

- the increase in road traffic due to visits from families or lawyers, the entry and exit of detainees, the comings and goings of the police for transfer, entry and exit but also due to the fact that there are not many buses serving our neighborhood
- The permanent insecurity of residents of nearby residential neighborhoods in their homes and also in the streets, walks in the woods, children playing outside or in Lincoln Heights Park
- Increased risk of petty crime around prison
- Sharp devaluation of the price of neighbouring houses
- In the event of an attempt to escape from a prisoner, blocking of the surrounding areas and the main road giving access to the various highways

With this letter, we wish to express our disagreement with this project and would like it to be abandoned.



Thank you for considering our opinion.

Laurence Fievet et Dimitri Veillesse  
17 Wilfred Avenue  
Fredericton E3B 9R9

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

**From:** Stacey Langlois <staceygirllanglois@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:11 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; Breen, Ruth <Ruth.Breen@Fredericton.ca>; clerk@fredericton.ca; Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility -- Vanier Industrial Park

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December 10 2022

City of Fredericton

Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my **opposition** to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

The provincial government refuses to share a case for the construction of such a prison. Their stated purpose of using the prison to wage a drug war makes no sense, as trafficking sentences would be served in the Federal system. All signs indicate that the prison will be targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities: people with mental illness who live in poverty.

To allow a prison would directly support the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were not born with enough luck and privilege. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Approving the sale of this prison would add to the record of PAC's decisions. PAC has on multiple occasions denied or entertained the denial of resources to houseless people and people experiencing addictions.

We're in the middle of an affordability crisis for housing, food, and fuel and the construction of a prison satisfies none of these needs. A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of time and resources better spent on addressing the actual, substantive crises affecting Frederictonians and New Brunswickers. Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

Sincerely,

Stacey

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Volodymyr Ievets <ievetsv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 10, 2022 6:40 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Vanier, Correctional facility

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Dear Members of the Planning Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your hard work to make Fredericton a great place to live.

As a member of Lincoln Height community, I wanted to voice my strong opposition to the proposed correctional facility building.

This project will without a doubt decrease value of houses in the neighborhood. If the correctional facility would have been built prior to the date I bought this property, I wouldn't even consider Lincoln Heights as a place to live. I know my neighbours share this thought. If the project is approved I will move out of the neighbourhood or the city. As I have a major concern that I will be able to sell my house at an adequate price after the facility is completed.

Moving forward, safety and mental health are the other areas of my concern. I am sure that mentioned in the report "double fencing", "central control gates", "Sally ports" and other features will give this facility a high level of security. However, in the last 5 years, there were inmates in NB that escaped from correctional facilities with the same safety features. Knowing this fact, I don't want to live in fear that there is an escaped inmate close to or even in the neighborhood. Neither I want my child even think about this and be afraid to take his bike for a ride in the neighbourhood. I would like to remind the committee that the average male running speed is 10km/hr. Considering that running may happen in a treed area an escaped inmate can be at the residential building in as fast as 10 minutes. I am sure that in this short time period correctional facility staff may not even register a missing inmate.

The population density in New Brunswick is 10.5 people per km<sup>2</sup>. This fact opens countless opportunities to build the correctional center much further from the residential area. Which will not put residents' safety, mental health, and capital at risk. Doing so for the purpose of convenience of correctional facility operations and correctional facility staff is not wise because a much greater number of people going to be affected negatively than a number of people that can gain convenience from such a location.

I would like to reassure my respect and thankfulness for your hard work to make this city better as well as my strong opposition to building a correctional facility so close to the residential area.

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Kind regards

Volodymyr Ievets  
+1-506-262-7977  
5 Rebecca dr. Fredericton E3B 9N4



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Mital Patel <mitalp45@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 8:39 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposal, Property: Vanier Highway, Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone (GI)  
**Attachments:** Opposition to Proposal, Property Vanier Highway, Correctional Facility.pdf

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Good morning, I would like the enclosed letter to PAC to be included as part of the File: Z/23/2022 PR: 74/22, regarding Property: Vanier Highway, Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone (GI), and the meeting taking place on December 14th.

Thank you,  
Mital Patel

**RE: Opposition to Proposal, Property: Vanier Highway, Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone (GI). File: Z/23/2022 PR: 74/22:**

Dear Planning Advisory Committee (PAC),

I've been a resident of Lincoln Heights for the past 12 years. Our neighborhood is a community of families, and while we have endured many of the issues of already being next to an Industrial section of the City, including the City Dump area just adjacent to Lincoln Heights, we are strongly requesting that this proposal for a Correctional Facility be deferred.

There needs to be a broader conversation with the local community who reside here, before any re-zoning discussions occur with and for the province's request to build this Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone.

While we understand the city's motive to sell the land for property tax revenue, what does that mean to the people who live near it? Are we not entitled to more than just getting Fredericton's 'left-over' problems?

New Brunswick is a large Province with many parcels of remote land – why is this the section where a correctional facility needs to go?

Why in the City limits, and so close to a residential neighborhood, within 1 to 2 km?

Does New Brunswick need another Correctional Facility?

Aside from the obvious concerns around decreasing Property values for homeowners here, there are other issues with the general nature of being in such close vicinity to the Correctional Facility. This will strongly affect the neighborhood in future developments and zoning that would benefit the community.

If there is a need for a correctional facility in the province, then the province should be working with more than just the city, and our neighborhood to facilitate that location. Have they considered other areas in the city – Hanwell, New Maryland, Charters Settlement, Douglas, Burton, etc.

I ask again, why Lincoln Heights?

I strongly oppose the following proposal:

- Zone amendment to permit a Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone (GI).
- Tentative plan of subdivision to create one new GI lot requiring a lot frontage variance.

We would appreciate your support in our request to have this proposal removed from going any further.

**Best Regards,**

**Mital & Hiten Patel**

**Property Taxpayers**

**506-262-4379**

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Jennifer Hamel - Hamel Realty Group <jennifer@hamelrealty.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 9:54 PM  
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**Subject:** PAC *Jennifer*

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Hi there,

My husband, Rob Hamel, and I are planning to attend the upcoming PAC meeting on December 14 as we are opposed to the proposed location of a jail in Lincoln Heights. I was told we'd need to register by email. Rob is a Realtor and has done extensive research on the impact jails have on home sales in New Brunswick and would like to share his findings at the meeting.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer Hamel



## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** FW: Opposing the proposed prison in Fredericton

**From:** Tia Dafnos <tdafnos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 9:05 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT <planning@fredericton.ca>; LeJeune, Jason <Jason.LeJeune@Fredericton.ca>  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office <mayor@fredericton.ca>; CITY CLERK'S OFFICE <cityclerk@fredericton.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposing the proposed prison in Fredericton

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December 12, 2022

City of Fredericton  
Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)  
[planning@fredericton.ca](mailto:planning@fredericton.ca)

**RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park**

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my **opposition** to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

The provincial government refuses to share an evidence-based case for the construction of such a prison. Their stated purpose of using the prison to wage a drug war makes no sense, as trafficking sentences would be served in the Federal system. All signs indicate that the prison will be targeting the most vulnerable members of our communities: people with mental illness who live in poverty.


To allow a prison would directly support the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were not born with enough luck and privilege. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Decades of evidence shows that prisons do not reduce harms but rather exacerbate them. Approving the sale of this prison would add to the record of PAC's decisions. PAC has on multiple occasions denied or entertained the denial of resources to houseless people and people experiencing addictions.

We're in the middle of an affordability crisis for housing, food, and fuel and the construction of a prison satisfies none of these needs. A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of time and resources better spent on addressing the actual, substantive crises affecting Frederictonians and New Brunswickers. Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

Sincerely,  
Tia Dafnos

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** acholia theriault <acholia.theriault@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 12:39 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Fw: Correctional facility 

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Good morning,

I am writing to express my concerns of land being purchased for a correctional facility in the Industrial park that is next to the Lincoln Height subdivision. This subdivision is a family oriented close-knit diverse community that includes many professionals, families and extended families.

Lincoln Heights subdivision is very well maintained neighbor. It has several day cares, green spaces, including a park that includes swings, a play centre, wading pool, basketball court, and an area for cricket. In the winter there is a skating rink that the kids and adults use every day! We are an active community with kids riding their bikes, people walking their dogs and a **trust that will not be there if this facility is built here.**

The other concern we have is that this will affect the value of our homes! Our subdivision has approximately 80% owner occupied homes and 20% rental. We all strive to keep the neighborhood looking good and it is an area that real estate is in high demand.

If a correctional facility needs to be built in western NB, (I'm aware there are three other correctional facilities across the province) I'm sure there is another space this can be built.

I strongly object to the building or purchasing of land for a correctional facility.

Thanks,  
Acholia

Acholia Theriault  
acholia.theriault@yahoo.com  
Cell: 506-440 -0714

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Olivia Hamilton <L.i.v@hotmail.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 10:39 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; LeJeune, Jason; clerk@fredericton.ca  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Opposing the sale of land for Provincial Facility, Vanier Industrial Park

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December 13, 2022  
City of Fredericton Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)  
planning@fredericton.ca

**RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park**  
**Note: please forward this to the members of the Planning Advisory Committee**

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a prison.

I want to express my concern with this project in particular, as I believe the city council can play a powerful role in redirecting our vision for the future. I've admired the direct impact that local government can have on the lives of people in our community, and I think that this decision exemplifies this.

Any infrastructure bill with such a high price tag should have an iron-clad defense and substantive data to justify this commitment. This is especially the case for a project like a prison, where other crime-reducing and incarceration-reducing initiatives are equally as deserving of funding (for example, mental health or housing services). I would implore the council to consider the long-term implications of supporting this project. By allowing this to move forward, the city of Fredericton is not only supporting a reactionary prison-focused vision for public safety in the short-term, but sending a message that it believes this archaic strategy is the way forward in the long-term.

Leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work point to alternatives and more humane solutions to address crime. I hope that the council can embrace this lens when coming to their decision, by and keeping both the needs of Frederictonians today and tomorrow at the heart of your decision making.

Thank you so much for your time,  
Olivia



## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Tahara Ochoa Briggs <briggstahara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 6:01 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; clerk@fredericton.ca; Mallet, Henri  
**Cc:** Mayor's Office  
**Subject:** Sale and Development of Land for Provincial Facility – Vanier Industrial Park

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**Note: please forward this to the members of the Planning Advisory Committee**

Dear Fredericton City Councillors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

My name is Tahara Ochoa Briggs and I am a Frederictonian residing in the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati peoples. I am writing to you today to voice my **opposition** to the land sale in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a jail.

I am shocked how the members of our city council and provincial elected officials are allowing for the irresponsible construction of an institution that has proven over and over again to not help the community but rather target the most vulnerable and oppressed of our communities. While the government has refused to share the real reasons behind the construction of the jail, they continue to spread misinformation of rising crime rates and continue to rage their "war on drugs" propaganda. This misinformation fails to realize that **jails and prisons do not work**.

To allow a prison would directly support the criminalization of vulnerable populations who were not born with enough luck and privilege. The use of prisons to solve social problems has been deemed ineffective and barbaric by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Right now in our prison and jails in Canada, Indigenous peoples, Indigenous women and Black people are overly represented. This comes from the racial prejudice that is ingrained in our police institutions. To build a new jail would be another tool to reinforce the genocide happening to Indigenous people all across Canada.

We're in the middle of an affordability crisis for housing, food, and fuel and the construction of a prison satisfies none of these needs. A prison in Fredericton would be a waste of time and resources better spent on addressing the actual, substantive crises affecting Frederictonians and New Brunswickers. Moreover, it would cause grave harm to the citizens of Fredericton.

This situation that the Fredericton community has found ourselves in does not only need to be negative. There is the opportunity for a positive conversation to emerge from this where we are able to brainstorm and dream of a community that does not need to rely on prisons and jails. A community that prioritizes food, safety, care, education, fun, love. I have linked two articles below, the first of which reflects this sentiment of the opportunity for transformative justice and although it is based on a lived experience in the United States, the themes remain constant. The second article outlines the horrors of what Indigenous people are facing in Canada under the current justice system.

Finally, I will end with a quote that has inspired me. "Of course, a system that never addresses the why behind a harm never actually contains the harm itself. Cage confines people, not the conditions that facilitated their harms or the mentalities that perpetuate violence"- Mariame Kaba

A Jailbreak of the Imagination: Seeing Prisons for What They Are and Demanding Transformation-  
<https://truthout.org/articles/a-jailbreak-of-the-imagination-seeing-prisons-for-what-they-are-and-demanding-transformation/>

Canada's Prison System Has Changed Little For Indigenous Peoples: Report-  
<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/canadas-prison-system-has-changed-little-for-indigenous-peoples-report/>

Tahara OB

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Reegan McDougall <Reegan.McDougall@skillsoft.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** Reegan McDougall  
**Subject:** PAC Comments: Opposition of Jail in Lincoln Heights

Vanier

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My name is Reegan McDougall and I am a resident of Lincoln Heights on Logan Street since 2007. We were attracted to the neighborhood for a few reasons, with the ultimate one being a community feel on a dead end street that is family oriented. Since we have moved in, we have had 2 children grow up, now 10 and 8 and most recently allow my eldest to explore the neighborhood on his bike with friends as we know it is a family and safe place for them. Now the city wants to put a jail so close to our neighborhood. How do I feel about this, I am angry. I choose to bring my kids up in this neighborhood, on a quiet dead end street that we feel safe in. Do I tell my 10 year old next summer, he can't drive the sidewalks in our neighborhood because there is a jail close to us? If you think well it will create jobs, and it will be safe – you can't protect us from the visitors that will roam the streets or the people who try or god forbid do escape from the jail. Jails hold prisoners of all types, and the last thing that I am looking forward to is to hear that a sexual predator of children is held up in this place by my house. This is WRONG.

Why would the city want a jail so close to a large subdivision, to drive down house property value and to ultimately have residents move out? A jail should be located behind a barrier or water, or trees and not so close to a subdivision, and a growing subdivision.

Finally, we can't help the homeless to find beds in the winter, we can't put a better transit schedule in Lincoln heights, but we can build a jail???

Reegan McDougall  
Resident of Lincoln Heights



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Eric Douglass <eric.douglass.826@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** PAC *Varied*

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Hello,

I am going to keep my letter about the new correctional facility rezoning short and simple.

My wife and I moved into Lincoln Heights in August 2020, and we are now expecting our first child this March. My grandfather lived in Lincoln, raised my father and the rest of his family here, and was a contributing factor in our home buying process. When we bought our home, we were well aware of our proximity to the Fredericton Region Solid Waste and the Fredericton Airport YFC. Although these are compromises on our forever home and ideal neighborhood, they still offer opportunities to teach a young family about recycling and composting, and travel and aviation.

However, a correctional facility in our backyard is a compromise the people of Lincoln should not be forced into. It puts our families at risk, reduces the use of our park and puts parents on edge. Our community carries the burden of the airport and landfill for the City of Fredericton — how about someone else take a turn for once?

I have family members that were nearby when Alan Legere, “Monster of the Miramichi”, escaped, leading to total neighborhood chaos. Have we not learned from their stories and experiences, and the mistakes of our province’s past? Although we hope to not have a similar situation as Legere, there’s an undeniable upward trend in violent crime in North America.

Consider this: The correctional facility, airport and landfill would all be closer to our home than our child’s school, our family doctor and hospital, a grocery store and a sports and leisure facility (including the Grant-Harvey and Abony Centre).

The Lincoln community is filled with friendly neighbors. It’s time the city stops taking advantage of us.

Eric Douglass  
Resident & Homeowner  
Ward 7

**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Laura Douglass <laurasbestlife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 11:22 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** PAC *Nanier*

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Hello,

I am a resident and homeowner in Lincoln Heights and I would like to provide my comments in opposition of the proposed rezoning of the general industrial land to be available for a correctional facility, which is a less than 2 minute drive from our home. The edge of the subdivision is even closer to the proposed site, a 1 minute drive away.

My husband and I purchased what we believed to be our forever home in Lincoln Heights in 2020. One of our main reasons for choosing this neighbourhood was how family-friendly it was, with kids playing in a private park, many families out walking on the sidewalks and a diverse range of housing options for various income levels.

We are now expecting our first child and have been excited to raise them in this neighbourhood, however I have major concerns about a proposed correctional facility being this close to a major subdivision. While I understand that it would be in the industrial park, there are many families within Lincoln Heights already concerned about having a correctional facility with that level of proximity to children and daycares. Based on the swift public outcry and backlash we have already seen, it is clear that residents have an issue with living this close to incarcerated peoples. With this in mind, young families and those who wish to start families will strike Lincoln Heights from their "desired neighbourhoods" when house hunting, drastically altering the demographics of the neighbourhood, and in turn reducing home market values.

I understand that the security risk is likely seen as minimal, however there is still an increased risk. And If someone being held at the correctional facility were to escape, it is clear that they would come to our neighbourhood to steal (or hijack) a vehicle, hide in a shed, etc as most of the locations in the industrial park would have cameras and security as opposed to a quiet residential street. This puts all residents of this neighbourhood at an increased risk of theft and more frighteningly, violence. A literature review has also demonstrated links between prison violence and urban violence, when correctional facilities are found within cities. There are also very clear links in the research that incarceration generally leads to increased crime rates, rather than preventing it.

In light of this application for rezoning, we have begun to discuss our options if it is approved, including potentially moving out of Lincoln Heights.

My final concern is to do with the cultural makeup of our neighbourhood. With housing available for a variety of income levels as well as proximity to the university, trails and being on the bus route, I have noticed that our neighbourhood benefits from lots of cultural diversity, a facet I greatly admire. With that being said, due to language barriers and other factors, keeping up with proposed developments may not be a priority for newcomers, international students and immigrant families. I certainly hope that a portion of the site selection wasn't based on the idea that the nearby residents may not be as aware of how to access channels to voice their dissent.

I understand that all correctional facilities have some level of proximity to residential homes, however looking at the package presented, most of those homes are on stand-alone streets and not part of a larger, family-oriented subdivision.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Laura Douglass  
Resident & Homeowner, Ward 7



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Renu Dhayagude <renudh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:59 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Re: PAC Comments: Opposition of Jail in Lincoln Heights

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Respected Planning Advisory members:

I am a resident of Lincoln Heights near the location of the proposed new jail. I would like to express my concerns regarding this matter.

I have lived here since 2004. I love this neighbourhood due to the fact that it is extremely safe and very community and family-oriented. This is the best place to bring up young children.

I have concerns that locating a jail so close to our area will lead to an increase in visitors or people roaming the neighbourhood and consequently social disorder issues, safety issues for our kids, increase theft, vandalism etc. This will also have the effect of driving down property values in the area.

It will make this area feel unsafe for residents and children of residents. People will always be worried and suspicious of any stranger waking down their street. A major advantage of living here is the feeling of safety that we have and the fact that we know everyone living around us.

I know that my concerns are shared by a lot of my fellow residents.

Thank you  
Renu and Shekhar Dhayagude

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Natasha McCracken <natasha.mccracken@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 7:17 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Proposal of correctional facility

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the proposed location of the new correctional facility.

I am a resident of the neighbourhood known as Lincoln heights. I wanted to write an email as I am unable to attend the meeting tonight.

I absolutely disagree on the correctional facility location. Not only is it way too close to our neighbourhood, it now offers a serious safety concern. Inmates do escape and this is allowing them to have close access to our house, property, and children. We should not have to feel scared or worried about ourselves and kids in our own home.

I also want to point out that this will drastically lower our property value.

I hope you can find it in your heart to vote against this location. And find a new location for this facility.

Thank you,  
Natasha McCracken

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Victoria Patterson <tori.patterson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:53 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Zoning Application Opposition  
**Attachments:** Arguments Against the Construction of a New Correctional Facility in Fredericton.pdf

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Good evening,

Please find attached a document explaining arguments against the approval of a zone amendment to permit the construction of a Correctional Facility in the General Industrial Zone.

Thank you,

Victoria Patterson



## Arguments Against the Construction of a New Correctional Facility in Fredericton

The decision to build a new correctional facility as a means of addressing the increasing crime rate in New Brunswick is one that is unnecessary, short-sighted, and will only create more harm and risk to the entire population long-term. The proposed facility would confine up to 109 individuals for relatively minor offenses carrying sentences up to 2 years. New Brunswick has yet to produce any evidence for the need of this additional capacity, or that it would actually reduce the rate of crime it claims to be attempting to address. Much of the focus from those promoting this construction appears to be on the significant issue of substance use and related crime which has indeed been on the rise in New Brunswick in recent years. There is substantial research-based and anecdotal evidence available that clearly shows incarceration is not only the most expensive and least effective response to increasing rates of drug-related crime, but also that investing in alternative community-based resources is significantly more affordable and creates more positive long-term outcomes.

Proponents of the jail construction have claimed that community members are feeling increasingly unsafe due to the rise in criminal activity locally, despite the lack of crime reports and data to support this. Regardless, it is quite narrow-minded to assume that the practice of incarcerating individuals to punish them after committing a non-violent offense will do anything to rehabilitate the offender or to make the already victimized greater community feel safer for any longer than the duration of the sentence. The most effective response to rising occurrences of crime if the goal is truly to make our community safer, is preventing that crime in the first place, not punishing offenders after the event only to release them in less than 2 years without making any attempt to rehabilitate the offender or reconcile the offense. We would then be releasing people back into the community who have been traumatized by the criminal justice system, are now likely to be without stable housing or employment, with strained or no personal relationships and support systems, and reduced opportunities to reintegrate into the community due to the stigmatization from criminal involvement and now having a criminal record.

Our province is severely lacking in resources for these individuals to overcome their substance-use disorder, mental illness, and/or other traumas which may have either precipitated their criminal behaviour in the first place, or been exacerbated as a result of being held in provincial custody. How can we expect that this will reduce that person's likelihood to reoffend? Ostracizing people from their community will never make them better, safer community members. There is no logic in that, and no data to support that the addition of new correctional facilities in our community will make it any safer or reduce crime. This approach is incredibly outdated, inhumane, and has been proven to be ineffective in addressing the root causes of crime in any given area. If we build this jail, we will only end up having to spend more public funds on reactive programs and services in the future to address the damaging results of this approach.

I can attest from personal experience as to what happens to people after being released from provincial custody for non-violent crimes, as someone who has worked directly with many of these individuals within Fredericton's social service organizations for the last several years. People often spend their first days upon release desperately seeking suitable accommodations, as they will frequently lose their housing while in custody and may have become ostracized from their support systems because of their convictions. If they are lucky they can find someone to stay with temporarily, but more commonly they will seek out spaces in shelters and residential rehabilitation programs or, failing that, will default to living on the streets until other options become available. Spending time in provincial custody makes it significantly harder to find housing upon release, which is something a staggering number of New Brunswickers even without criminal history are already struggling with. Many will have no choice but to seek admission to one of Fredericton's homeless shelters, all of which have been either at or over capacity for most of the past year. Failure to acquire a bed at a shelter means released inmates will be joining the population of more than 100 individuals who are currently sleeping outside in makeshift shelters or tent encampments within the Fredericton area, as shelter staff scramble to find permanent housing for the additional 100+ individuals living in shelters this winter. Adding to the growing homeless population

in our city without adding any additional supports or services to address the underlying issues of mental illness and substance abuse will only serve to increase rates of crime, especially as it pertains to drug-related and property crime, which this construction claims to be attempting to reduce.

It should go without saying that a transient lifestyle, especially street living, is not at all conducive to recovery or personal rehabilitation. These individuals get pushed to the margins of our community and get stuck in survival mode, where they can no longer worry about securing employment, housing, or placement in treatment programs because they are preoccupied with the task of basic survival and finding other necessities such as food, water, hygiene supplies, warm clothing, and a place to rest safely at night. This has been even further compounded by Fredericton's current practice of frequently "moving along" rough sleeping individuals in homeless encampments, leaving them to relocate despite the ongoing lack of housing and emergency shelter space, and giving them minimal time to make arrangements or gather their only personal belongings which often end up thrown away, leaving them with nothing. How do you expect that individual to turn around and find employment and housing and a desire to contribute to the collective community after experiencing that kind of degradation? Furthermore, it can be incredibly difficult for someone to navigate government services like Social Development to acquire income assistance when they don't have professional support in these situations, which means they also often go without health coverage for necessary medications to keep them physically and mentally healthy. Even if they are lucky enough to secure basic social income, this is nowhere near an amount that can adequately cover the cost of living in any city in our province today, leaving clients of the program with limited options for supplementing their income without risking the loss of their social benefits, putting them at a risk of engaging in dangerous income-generating activities like burglary, sex work, or drug-trade involvement.

After years of working within these social service institutions I can tell you with confidence that this is not a rare sequence of events in our city, and it should not have



to be explained that experiences like these only add to an individual's likelihood to reoffend and all but eliminate their chance of reintegrating successfully. Some of the most common ways to cope after one has found themselves in this circumstance is by using illicit substances to numb the physical and emotional pain they are experiencing, caused by either trauma, chronic health conditions, mental illness, lacking access to the prescriptions needed to manage their condition, or to compensate for lack of food and sleep. This not only fuels a demand for drug supply within our community, but also creates a high likelihood of relapse and recidivism for anyone who was arrested for drug-related crimes, and with the added stigmatization from previous involvement in the justice system they become more likely to face increasingly harsh treatment and consequences for subsequent offenses. Risk of overdose death is also incredibly high for newly released former inmates, with the greatest risk experienced by those serving sentences of 3-12 months, similar to the average sentences expected to be served at Fredericton's new facility. We have already witnessed a devastating spike in overdose deaths in recent years, and the construction of this new facility without the addition of comprehensive and widely accessible addiction management and recovery programs is likely to add to these largely preventable deaths.

Municipal leaders have claimed that going ahead with the sale and construction will be a benefit to the community due to the creation of jobs in the construction stage of the project and in the field of corrections upon its completion. Imagine how much greater a community we could create if we were creating jobs where the many in our community who specialize in addictions, mental health, restorative justice, harm reduction, and trauma-informed care had more opportunity to work with our most vulnerable community members to resolve their risks of offending before a crime even occurs. Is this not the image of community we would prefer to cultivate, rather than employing people to keep other community members isolated, oppressed, and dehumanized as a reaction to low-level crime? There are proven, effective alternatives to incarceration that New Brunswick appears unwilling to consider despite the evidence that our current system is failing. Research has shown that community-based treatment programs as alternatives to prison sentences are fiscally conservative options for those

with substance-use issues. Some studies have determined that every dollar spent on these treatment programs can save approximately \$4 in avoided costs of incarceration and health care. They also produce cost-saving to the public through increased employment and reduce the excessive strain on our emergency-services system which is already struggling to keep up with demand.

Evidently, addressing the addiction problem in New Brunswick with a “tough-on-crime” criminal-justice approach will only make the substance-abuse crisis worse long-term. Incarcerating people for non-violent substance-related crimes is proven to be the most expensive and ineffective way to address crime rates, and will only serve to make our community depleted of resources and less safe over time. Without evidence to: a) support the need for additional space within our existing system, b) demonstrate the planned implementation of rehabilitative programs within these facilities, and c) the addition of community resources to support ex-offenders and at-risk community members prior to arrest or upon release in order to support their reintegration into the community and reduce risk of recidivism, there is no realistic argument that this costly construction of a criminal holding facility will do anything but increase individual harm, perpetuate the ongoing addictions crisis, and make our communities increasingly unsafe.

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Jennifer Hamel - Hamel Realty Group <jennifer@hamelrealty.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:50 PM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed provincial jail in Lincoln Heights  
**Attachments:** Impact of a Jail on Lincoln Heights Real Estate.pdf

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December 13, 2022

To Whom this Concerns,

My name is Jennifer Hamel. I have been a resident of Lincoln Heights since 2009 and work with my husband, Rob Hamel, in real estate. I am very concerned with the proposed location of a provincial jail being 700 meters from my house. Rob and I chose our forever home at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac backing the woods, giving our children the freedom to play in the cul-de-sac with neighbourhood children and ride their bikes and scooters up and down the street. We have always planned to stay here and raise our children.

Having a jail built this close to our home would destroy my sense of security in this neighbourhood. I worked in law enforcement for seven years and know the types of offenders housed in these facilities. While escapes are rare, they do happen. The idea that at any time, an escaped inmate could access my family and property is chilling. The proposed location will also negatively impact future development of our subdivision, with 125+ detached homes planned for construction.

As a REALTOR®, Rob has researched the impact of jails on nearby homes throughout New Brunswick. I would encourage you to review his very detailed report which I have attached. He found that there are no jails in the entire province with this type of neighbourhood (700+ homes with an average assessed value of \$317,000) within walking distance. His key takeaways are that jails need to be an appropriate distance (2+ kms) and have natural barriers (waterways, roads/highways, woods) from residential neighbourhoods. Placing a provincial jail across the street from our subdivision does not meet these criteria. He has found that jails who don't follow this model have their property values the most negatively impacted, such as the neighbourhood next to the Saint John Regional Correctional Facility.

From a professional standpoint, having a jail this close in proximity to homes will stigmatise the neighbourhood and make it difficult for us to sell properties here, because who wants to live and raise their family next to a jail? We see these stigmas with other neighbourhoods, like properties located within a flood zone. Even though the area next to the Princess Margaret Bridge has only flooded three times in the past 40 years, people don't want to buy in that location. In fact, in the past 10 years working in real estate, we've never sold a home in these "flood" locations. Once we share that it has flooded in the past, clients want to look elsewhere.

The fact that someone has come up with this as the "best possible location" is shocking. Rob has only been aware of this proposed location for about a month and has been able to find three better suited locations for the city to consider that are not near any residential neighbourhoods and all of which have natural barriers for added security.

Finally, I'm angry that the province thinks this is the best way to spend 32 million dollars. We are still waiting for the province to reveal their justification for the need of a new facility. Many residents of New Brunswick, along with criminologists, Justin Piché and Michael Boudreau, agree that this money would be better spent on social



services such as substance abuse programs, mental health resources, and affordable housing. It seems placing people in jail is a reactionary response to underlying issues such as mental health problems, substance abuse problems, and homelessness. Why wouldn't we as a community want to help people from the need to go to jail in the first place? My sister, Heidi Leighton, did her Master's thesis on eradicating homelessness in Canada and has worked directly with the homeless population for thirteen years, many of whom were incarcerated repeatedly. Her experience and knowledge on this topic are vast. These are her words. They illustrate the root of the problem and how we can move forward as a city and a province in a constructive and positive way:

The most common disabilities I saw were mental health and addiction issues. I met many people who wanted to get better, but had been stuck for years, even decades, in a seemingly endless cycle of trauma, poverty/homelessness, addiction/relapse, ER visits/hospitalizations, incarceration/reoffending, treatment, and over again. It's very difficult for people to get back on their feet when they're in a state of chronic stress and feeling unsafe due to poverty and chronic homelessness (moving from shelter to incarceration to treatment and back again). What these people need is stability - enough time to get back on their feet as their recovery is still fragile even after successfully completing a residential treatment program. Recovery of any kind is a full-time job and will require financial support from the government if individuals are to be successful long-term.

Punishment in the form of incarceration costs the province substantially and does not stop individuals from re-offending. Instead, people become institutionalized within these systems, losing their self-esteem as they're exposed to even more trauma during their incarceration. This makes it even more difficult for them to respect authority or to interact with others in a healthy way upon release.

What these individuals need most is a supportive environment to get back on their feet. So many individuals do not have the social or financial supports that we take for granted. Various stages of supportive living would be a far more beneficial use of our province's money if we are to invest in a strong and healthy future for New Brunswickers. Supportive living also creates safety for everyone - providing the safety, stability and independence these individuals so desperately need, as well as a safer community for all, while alleviating pressure on emergency resources such as police, paramedics, and hospitals. Just as importantly, it allows these individuals a chance to live with dignity and mutual respect in a community of their own.

No one can move forward when their life is in constant upheaval. In my experience, what I saw underneath the crime, addiction and mental health, was a lot of unaddressed trauma and many individuals living in a chronic state of stress and fear. If we are to successfully rehabilitate anyone, we must first be willing to invest in a safe and stable home environment for them. From there, anything is possible.

Let's use that money in more beneficial ways that address the cause of crime in our communities and work towards building a safer and healthier New Brunswick. By the city of Fredericton agreeing to the construction of a correctional facility, they are adding to the problem, focused mainly on the financial incentive of placing a provincial jail in our city. If they insist on moving forward with this project, for goodness sake, don't place it within walking distance to a family-friendly neighbourhood with 700+ homes.

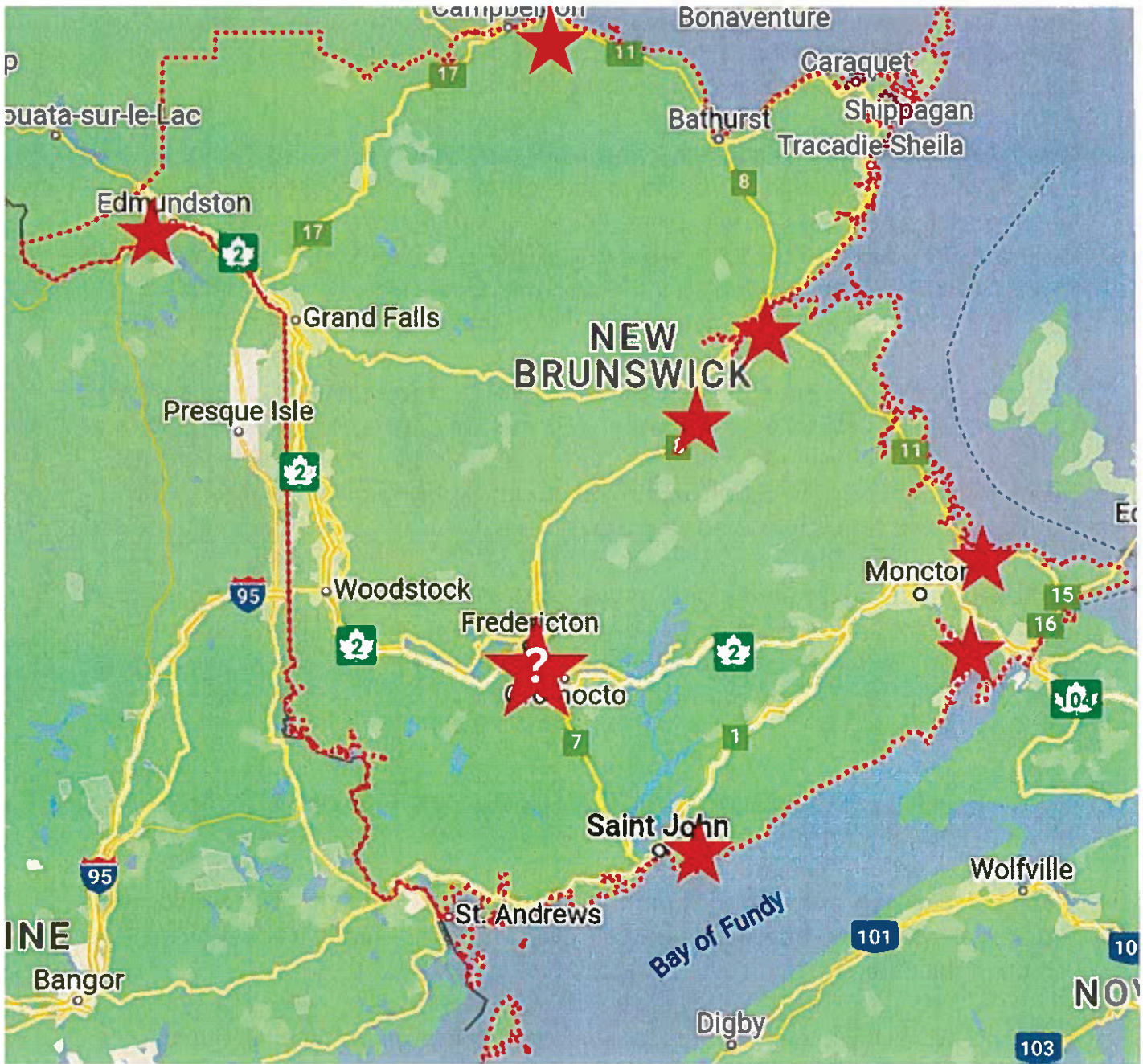
Jennifer Hamel, Co-owner Hamel Realty Inc.

# Location, Location, Location

The three most important words in Real Estate

Report compiled by:

Rob Hamel - REALTOR® with Exit Realty Advantage





My wife and I moved to the Lincoln Heights neighbourhood in October of 2009 after a fire in our building at Forest Hill Towers. The entire building had to be relocated during the building remodel and a townhouse in Lincoln Heights was the only suitable apartment we could find. We quickly learned what a blessing that fire was for us. Shortly after moving to Lincoln Heights, we were amazed at all the children outside playing and riding their bikes so freely and neighbours walking their dogs and chatting. As we walked the neighbourhood in the evenings that November and December, looking at the holiday lights, we realized how beautiful the neighbourhood truly is and the pride people take in their properties. It was on one of those evening walks looking at the lights that we decided this was the neighbourhood we wanted to start and raise our family in.

Fast forward to 2013, we had been living in our first home on Leisure Ave for a couple of years, our daughter was born, and I obtained my Real Estate License. Since receiving my Real Estate License, I have sold more homes in the Lincoln Heights neighbourhood than any other REALTOR® in Fredericton, so it is safe to say that I know the neighbourhood very well and the people who live in it. Lincoln Heights is a diverse middle/upper-middle-class family-oriented neighbourhood where parents put their children first. Our schools are of the highest ranked in the province (English and French) and that is what also attracts families to the area. We have Doctors, Lawyers, Company Owners, Nurses, Engineers, Police, Fire Fighters, Tech developers, University professors, Educators, Military members, and the list goes on who make up the fabric of our community. Many families are also immigrants who recently moved to the area.

We have a relatively low crime rate, as we are a vigilant neighbourhood and look out for one another, so hearing the news of a potential provincial jail being constructed within a short walking distance of our family-oriented neighborhood has us all up in arms. We are concerned for our family's safety, as well as the largest investment in our lives... our homes.

Thankfully, since I am a licensed REALTOR® I have access to every real estate transaction in the province of New Brunswick and since becoming aware of the committee's proposed location, I have spent countless hours researching this topic. I have painstakingly gone through property assessment values, list-to-sold homes, and cancelled/expired home listings in all jail locations throughout the province and compiled the data.

In my research, I have learned from looking at the five provincial correctional centers and the two federal penitentiaries that a correction center should have quick access to the highway for the transportation of inmates, quick access to a fire station and police services in case of emergencies, and be located away from the



community center.

I also found that of the seven corrections facilities, only the Saint John Regional Correctional Center is located next to a residential neighbourhood. All of the other facilities are located a minimum of 1.6km away from a residential neighbourhood, mostly along a main highway/route, or road just off of a highway/route, and generally have between 25-50 homes within a 2km distance from the facility, not 700+ homes like Lincoln Heights. The average assessed value of homes around other corrections facilities is \$128,000, whereas the average assessed value of a Lincoln Heights homes is \$317,000.

As well, I have identified two prominent characteristics that play a major factor in residential real estate near correction centers in New Brunswick. The first is *distance*, the further a residential neighbourhood is from a correctional center, the less impact the center has on the neighbourhood's home value. In fact, I've found neighbourhoods further than 2km away do not have any impact on their home's value and sales. The second characteristic is *natural barriers* between a correction center and a residential neighbourhood. A natural barrier could be a waterway, a significant amount of land and/or wooded area, valleys/hills, highways, roads, or a combination of these barriers.

Based on my research of residential real estate sales and the compilation of data, I have used my findings to provide three other potential locations in Fredericton where a correctional center would be more suitable and in unison with the other correctional centers in New Brunswick. After reviewing my research, I hope that you will also agree that if a correctional center is needed in the capital region, it should not be located within 2kms of a residential neighbourhood and should also have natural barriers in place for added reassurance to the public. These factors help public perception and reduce stigmatization of the area, and people will be more likely to want to live and buy homes in the area.

# Dalhousie Regional Correctional Center

**Property Information**

PAN 06801608  
 Location MILLER BLVD  
 Taxing Authority 945 - Heron Bay / Baie des Herons  
 Description LAND AND PROVINCIAL JAIL  
 Assessment Year 2023  
 Assessment 17,104,900  
 Tax Levy ^

**Assessments**

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\* Tax Levy will be available in March.

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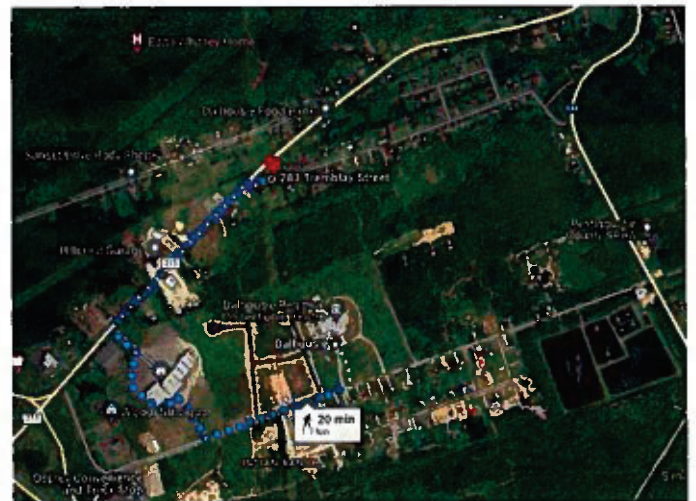
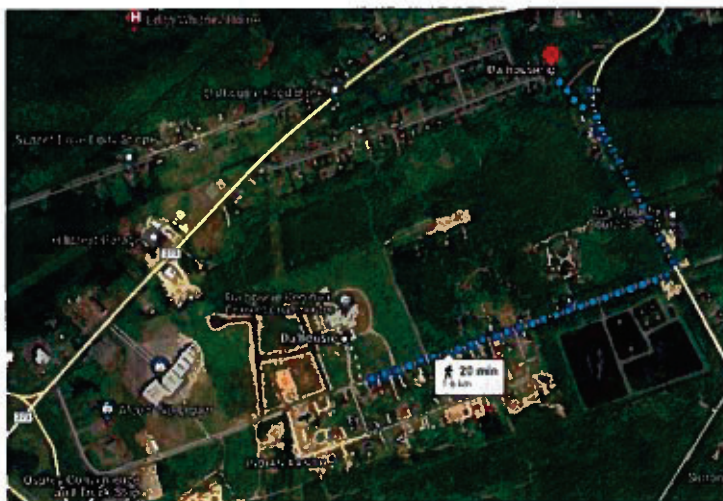
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The Dalhousie Regional Correctional Center has a residential neighbourhood of roughly **75+/- homes** 1.6km to the north of the facility and has a natural barrier of woods with a few trails and roads cutting through. The nearby homes have an average property assessment value of **\$131,000**. To the south, directly across the entrance is First Nations Land and housing (\*No data for First Nations Land)

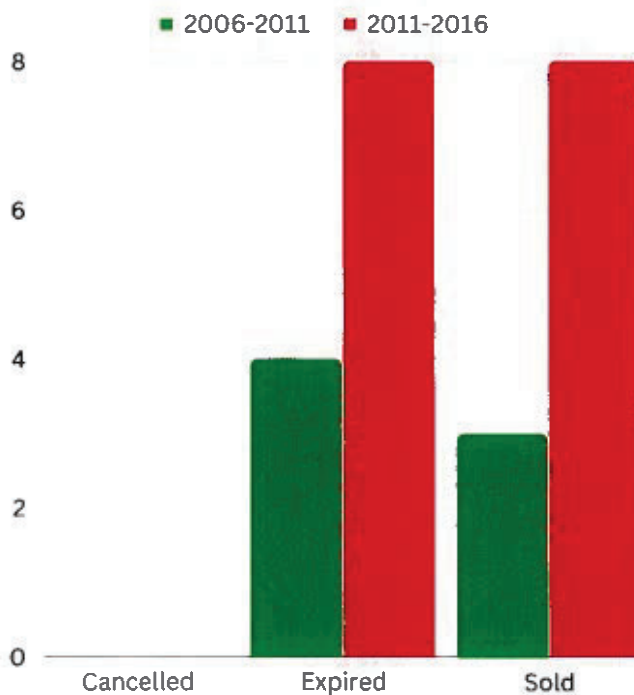
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- Two inmates escaped June 2011





# Dalhousie Regional Correctional Center

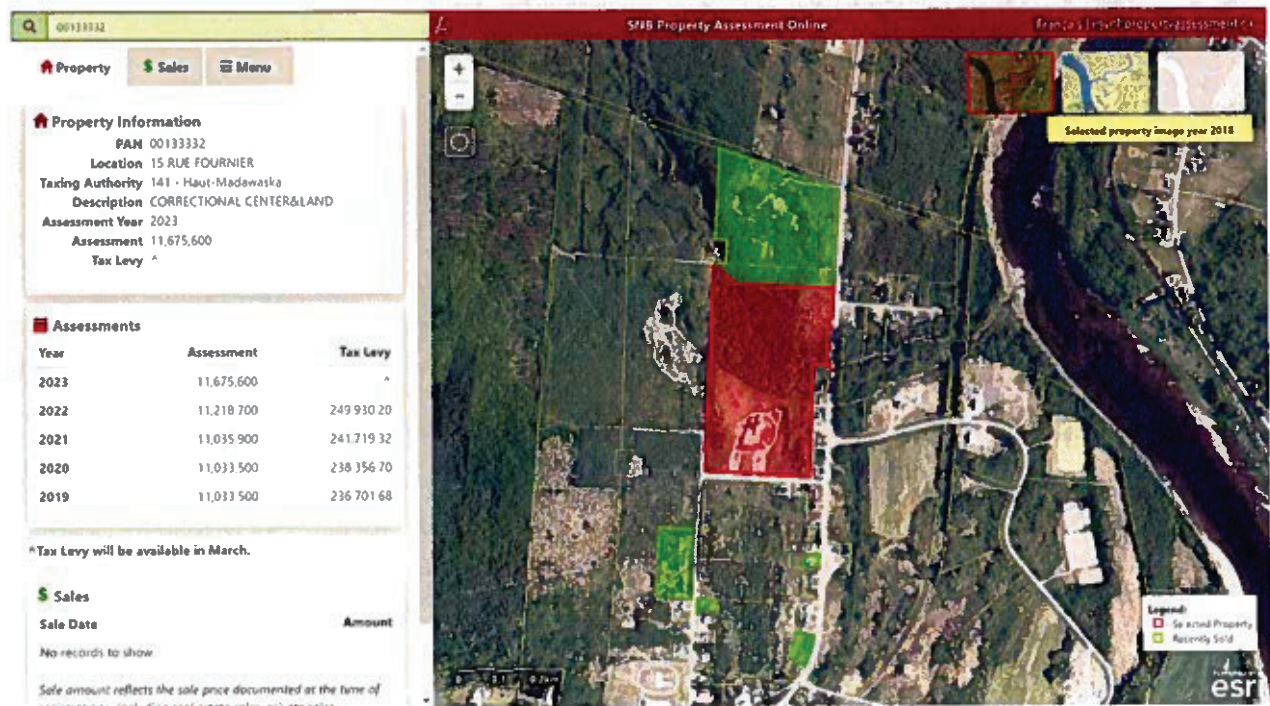
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MLS Data shows that in the first 5yrs after the jail was opened, expired listings in the highlighted neighbourhood doubled, and although sales doubled, it is significantly important to note that **4 of the 8 sold homes were bank repos** and another 2 of the reported solds were the same house, which was bought in 2012 for \$350,000 and sold again in 2014 for \$276,000, a **LOSS of \$74,000**.

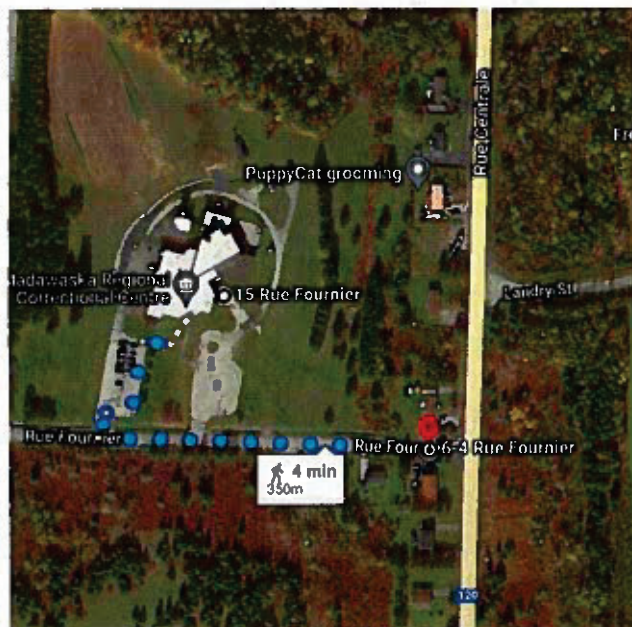


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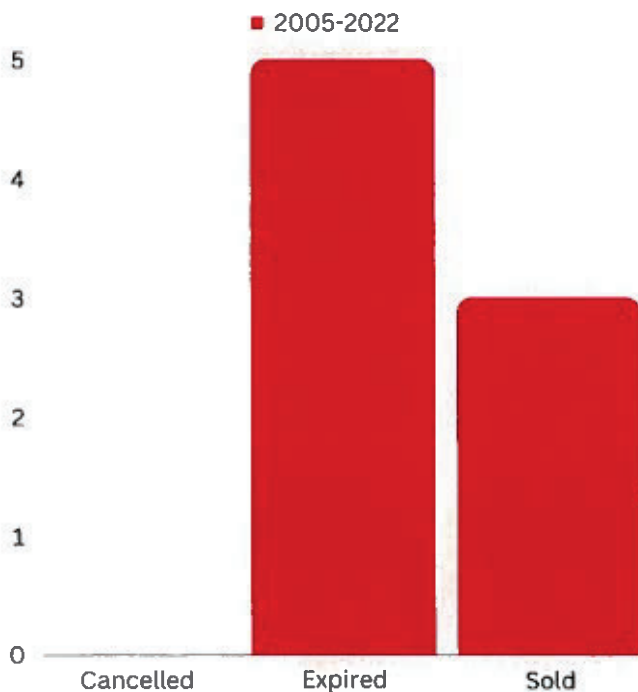
The Madawaska Regional Correctional Center has roughly **40+/- residential homes** within 1km in either direction with an average property assessment value of **\$128,000**.

- Inmate escaped in August 2018



# Madawaska Regional Correctional Center

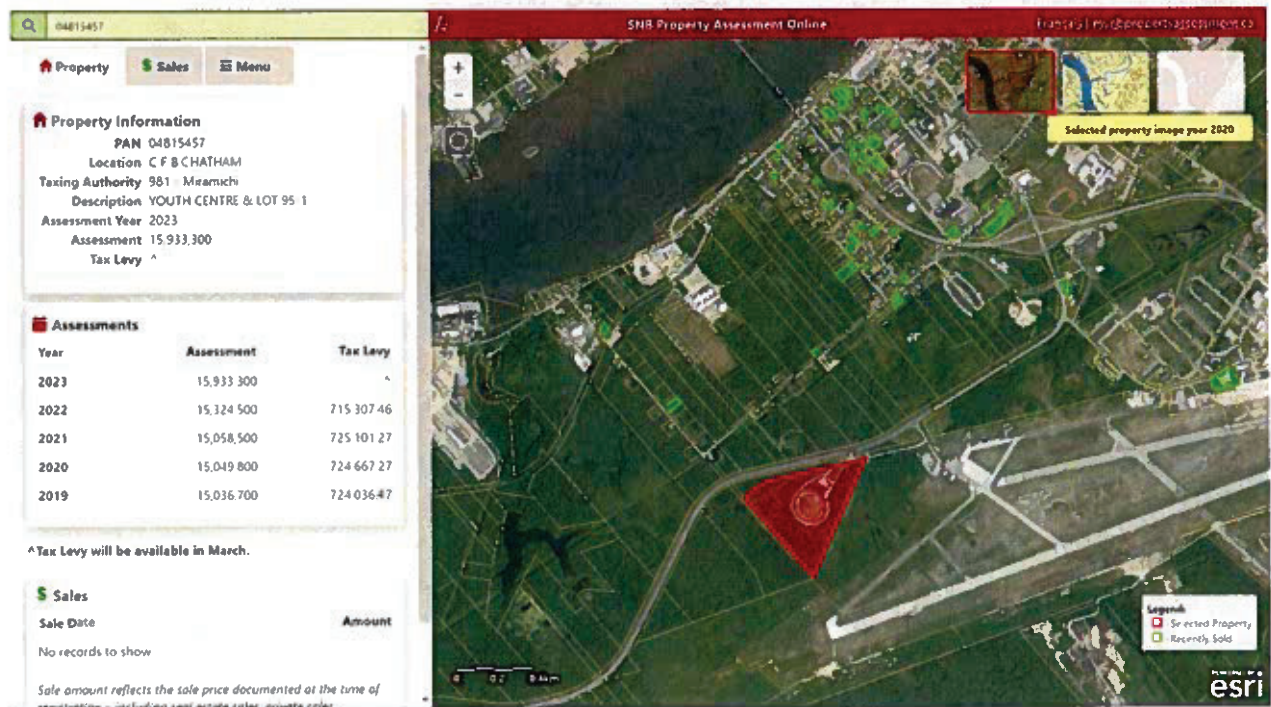
## MLS Data



- Correctional Center was built in 1985. Only 50% of the residential properties that are currently near the correctional center were built after 1985. Due to the age of the center, my database does not have information from the time period.
- The highlighted area shows all available MLS data.
  - Very few real estate transactions.
- In 17 years, of the 3 Sold properties, 1 was a bank repo.



# New Brunswick Youth Center



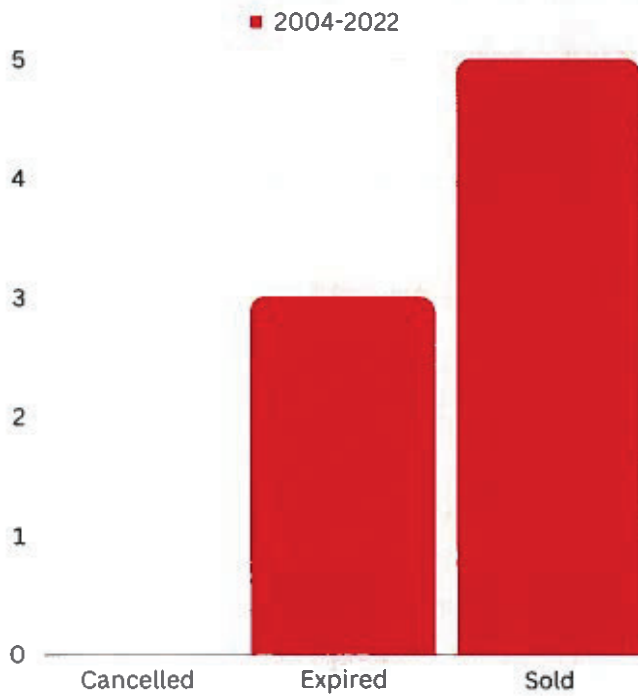
The New Brunswick Youth Center is located next to the airport, and has roughly **25+/- residential homes** to the north of the center with a natural barrier of woods, with a road cutting through. The homes have an average property assessment value of **\$130,000**.





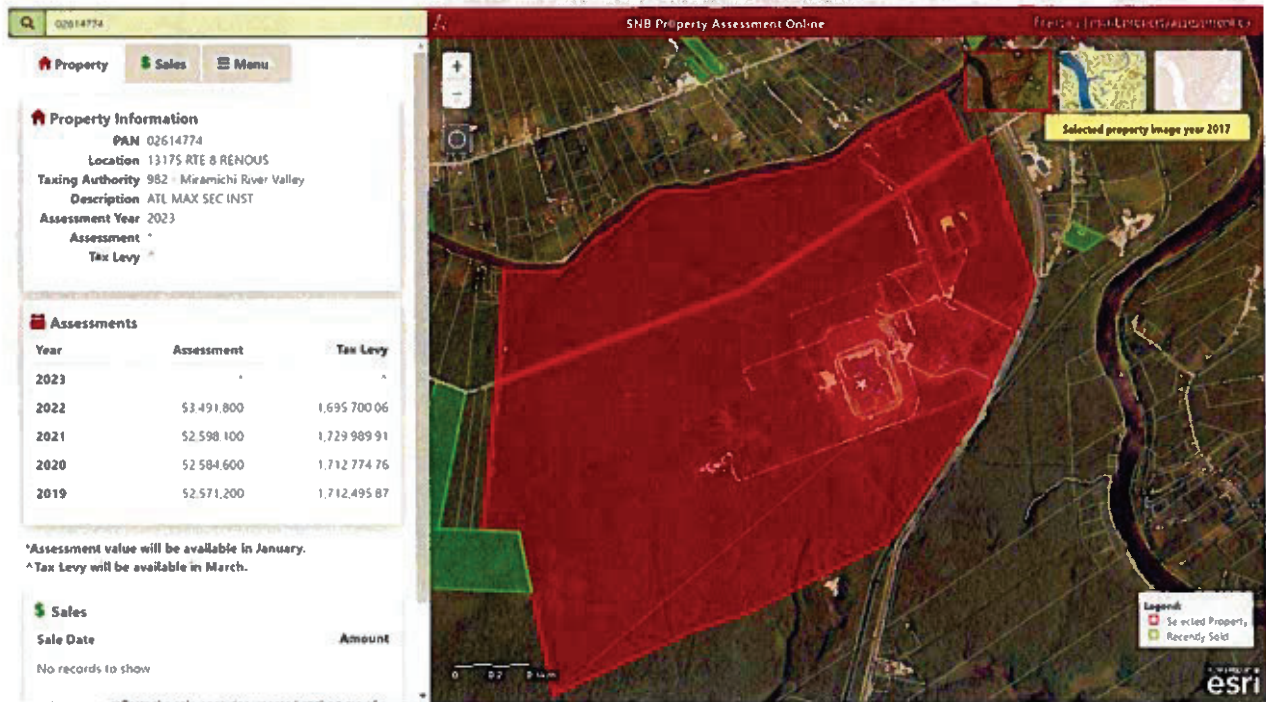
# New Brunswick Youth Center

## MLS Data



- I could not find the build year for the correctional center.
- The highlighted area shows all available MLS data.
  - Very few real estate transactions.
- In 18 years, of the 5 Sold properties, 1 was a bank repo.

# Atlantic Institution



The Atlantic Institution has no residential neighbourhoods near it and **24 residential homes** within 2km in either direction, with an average property assessment value of **\$117,000**.

- Inmate escaped in May 1989 (201 days)





# Atlantic Institution

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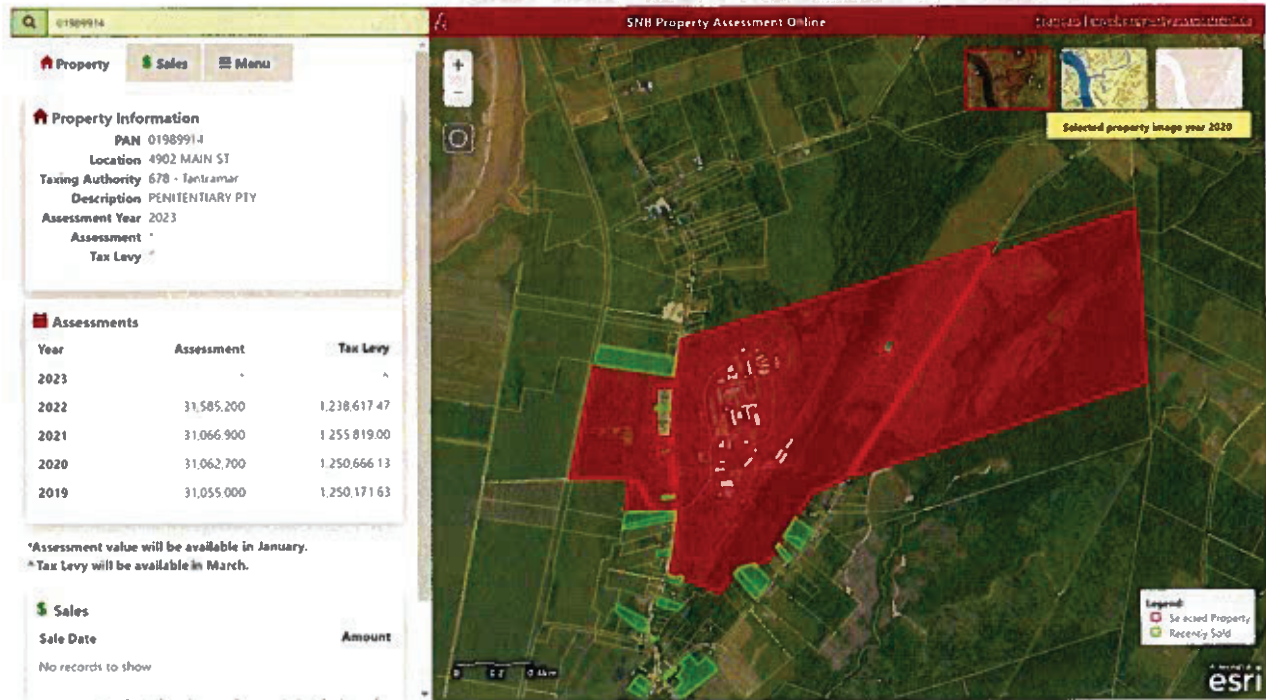
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- Correctional center was built in 1987. Due to the age of the center, my database does not have information from the time period.
- The highlighted area shows all available MLS data.
  - Very few real estate transactions.
- In 22 years, only 7 homes have sold in this area.



# Dorchester Penitentiary



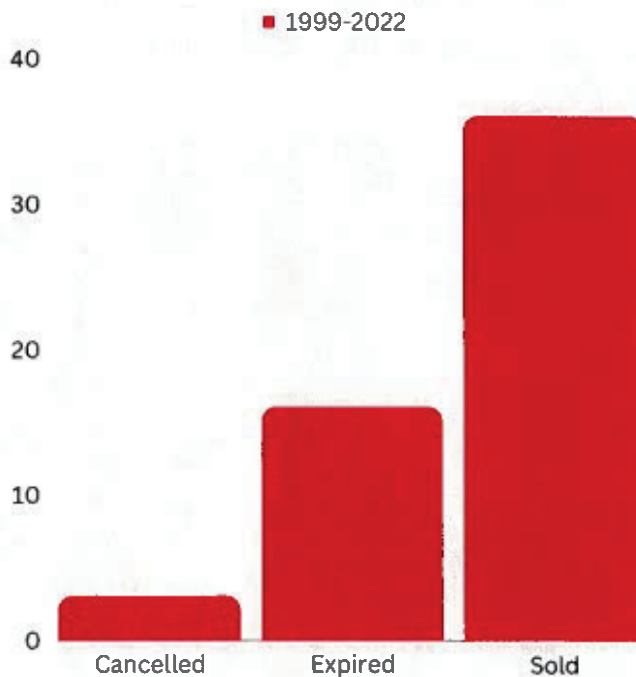
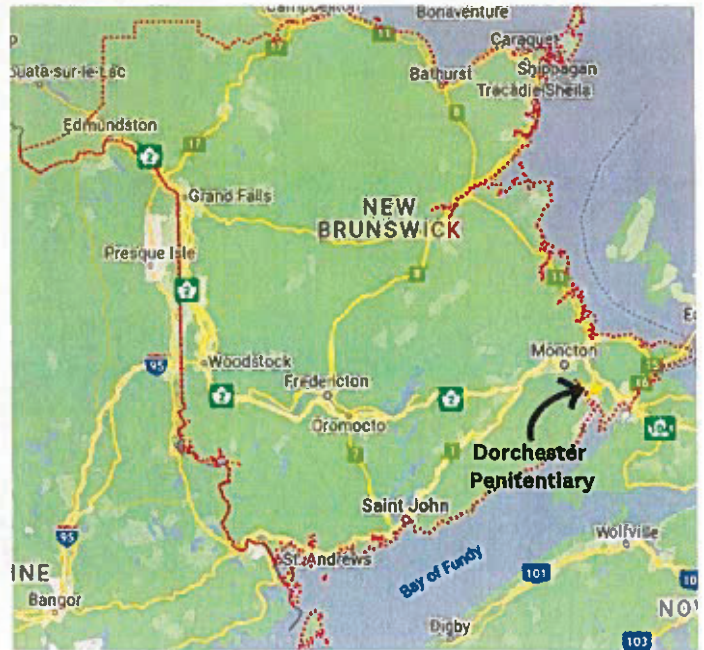
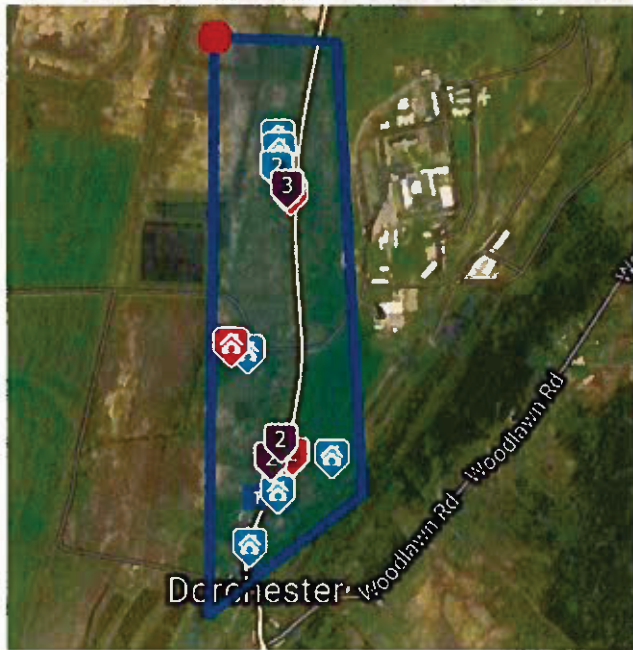
The Dorchester Penitentiary has **57 residential homes** within 1.5km in either direction of the jail with an average property assessment value of **\$90,000**.

- Inmate escaped in August 2019
- Inmate escaped in February 2018
- Inmate escaped in September 2017
- Inmate escaped in February 2016
- 2 inmates escaped in May 2012



# Dorchester Penitentiary

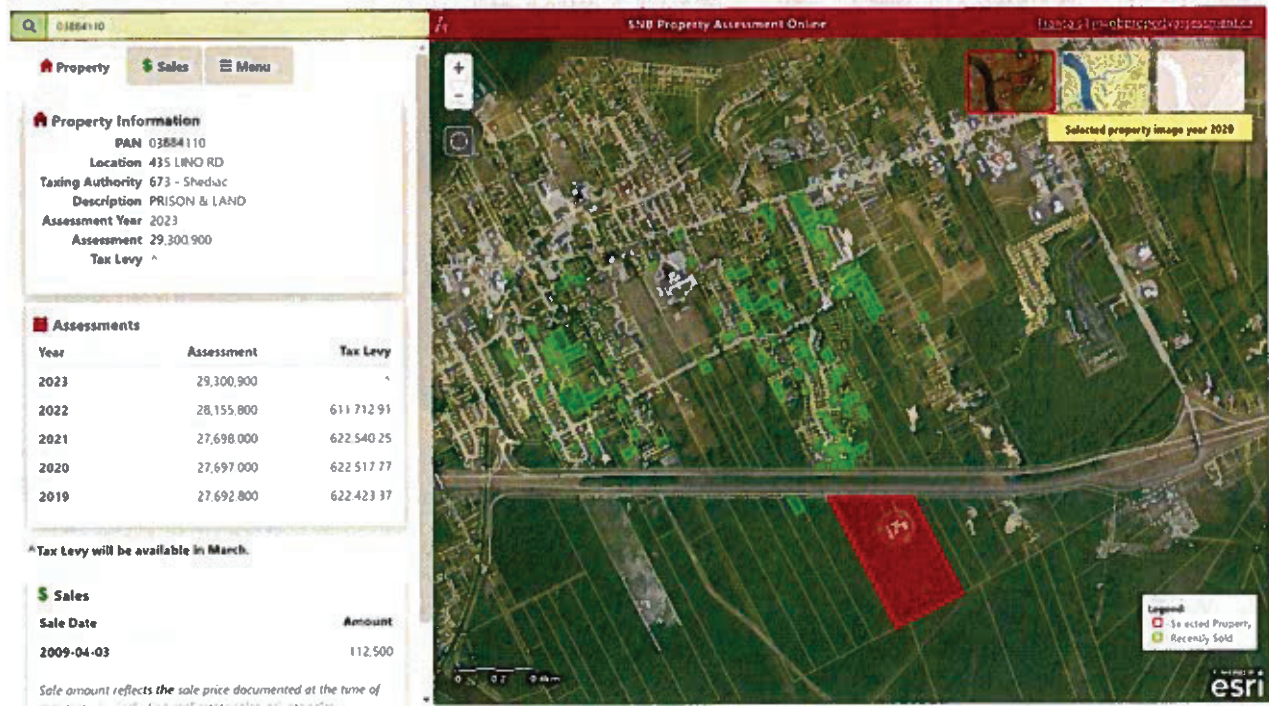
## MLS Data



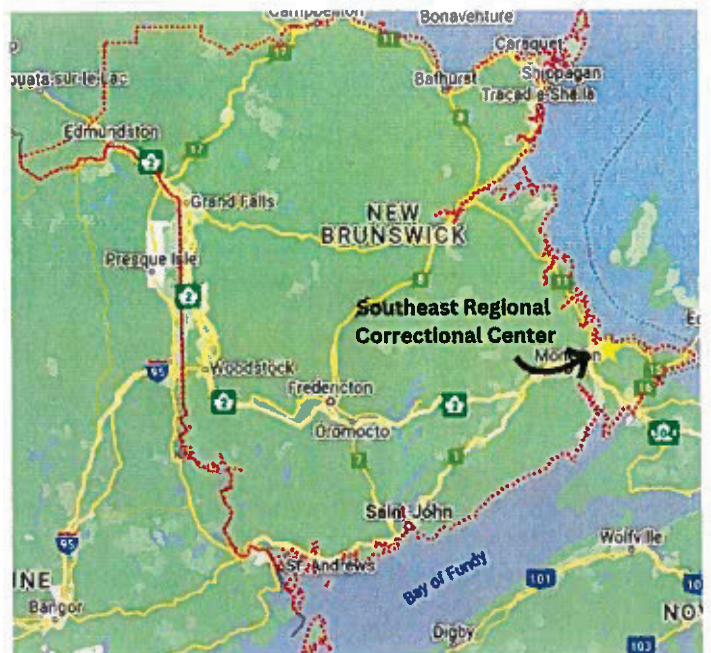
- Correctional center was built in 1980. Due to the age of the center, my database does not have information from the time period.
- The highlighted area shows all available MLS data.
  - Very few real estate transactions.
- In 23 years, there have been 36 home sales in the area.



# Southeast Regional Correctional Center



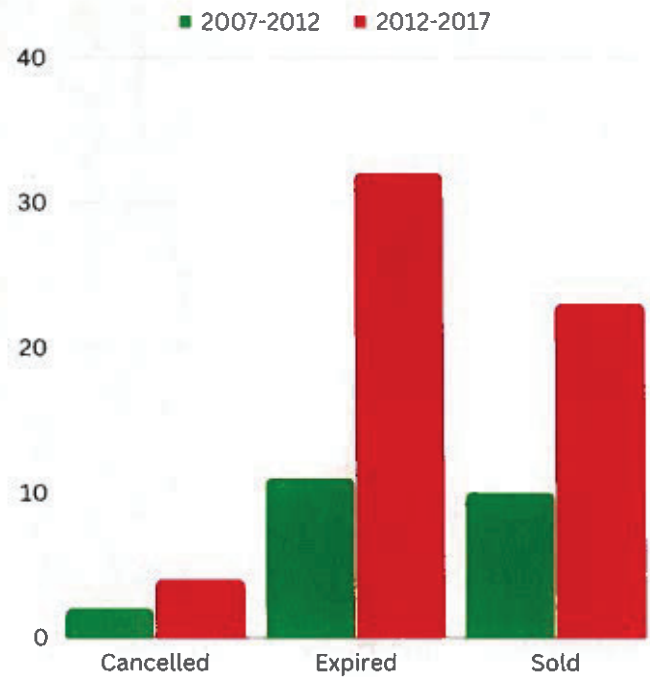
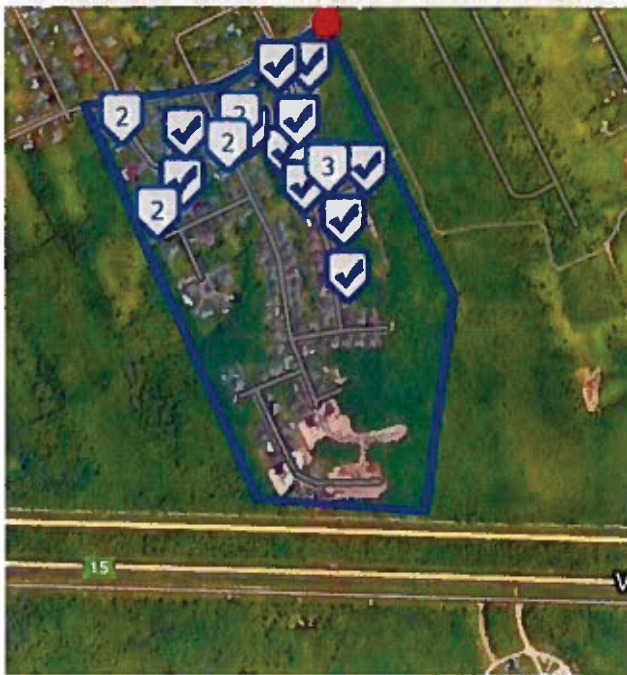
The Southeast Regional Correctional Center has no immediate residential neighborhoods near it. To the north of the center with a natural barrier of woods, a road, and two double lane highways cutting through, is a large growing neighborhood of roughly **166+ residential homes** with an average property assessment value of **\$369,000**, with serviced *municipal lots* selling for **\$48,000**. To the west 2.5km from the jail, is a residential neighborhood of **45 homes** with an average property assessment value of **\$265,000**.



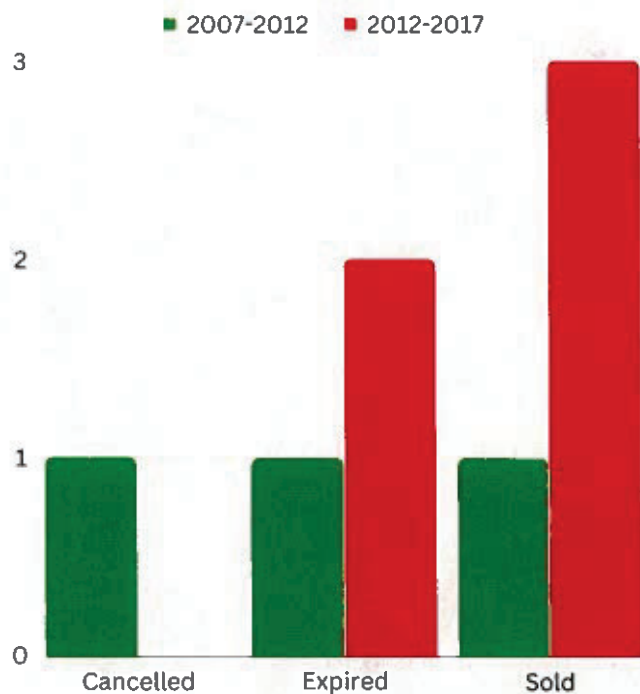


# Southeast Regional Correctional Center

## MLS Data



With several natural barriers in place, buyers were comfortable buying to the north of the correctional center after it opened in 2012. The neighborhood to the west of the center is distanced far enough away that there was no impact to the values of the homes.



**SMB Property Assessment Online**

**Property Information**

PAN 04984264  
**Location** 930 OLD BLACK RIVER RD  
**Taxing Authority** 450 - Saint John  
**Description** CORRECTION CENTRE & LAND  
**Assessment Year** 2023  
**Assessment** 12,443.300  
**Tax Levy** ^

**Assessments**

Year	Assessment	Tax Levy
2023	12,443.300	^
2022	11,678.000	299,540.70
2021	11,217.800	300,356.60
2020	11,193.800	293,714.00
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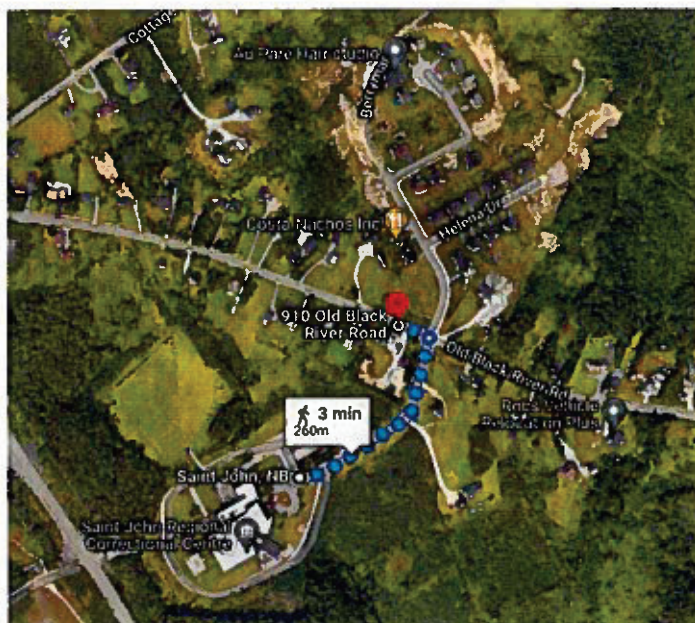
\*Tax Levy will be available in March.

**Sales**

Sale Date	Amount
No records to show	

Sale amount reflects the sale price documented at the time of registration as recorded on real estate sales receipt notes

- Inmate escaped October 2021 (4 days)
- Inmate escaped February 2017
- Inmate escaped August 2013





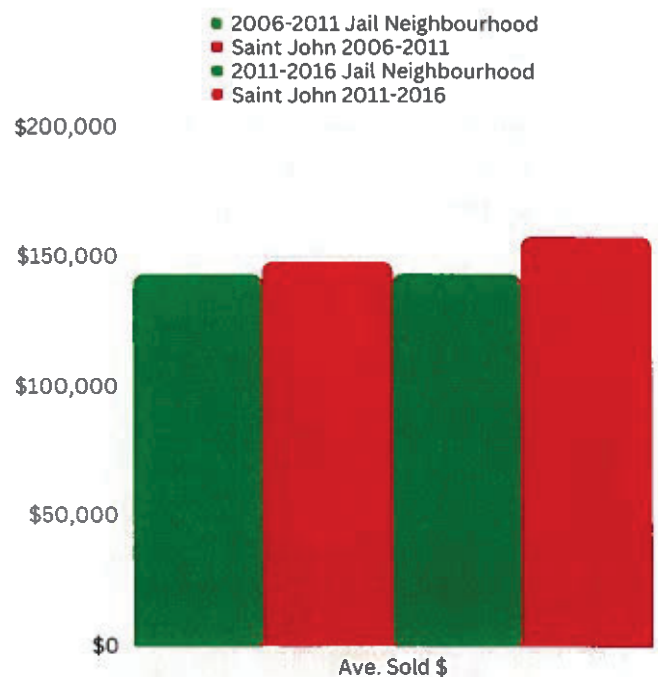
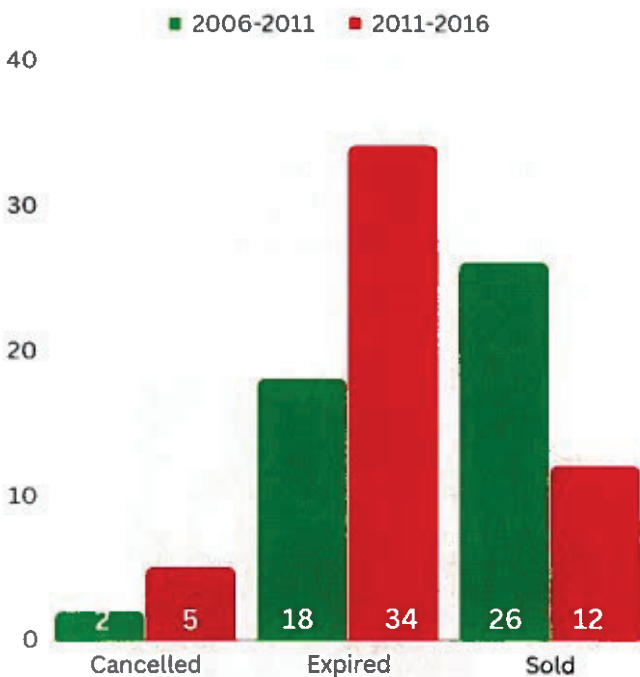
# Saint John Regional Correctional Center

## MLS Data



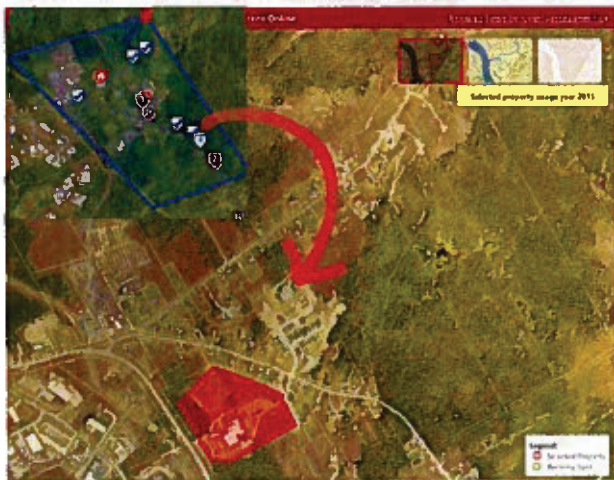
The graph below to the left shows MLS data from the 5yrs before and after the correction center opened. The results show that with ***no natural barriers and within walking distance to a residential neighbourhood***, that the **cancelled listings over doubled**, the **expired listings almost doubled**, and the **sold properties dropped by over 50%**.

The graph to the right shows how the highlighted neighbourhood's sales before and after the correction center was built, compared to the rest of Saint John's sales. Prior to the facility being built, the neighbourhood's average selling price was **\$143,063** and **Saint John's was \$147,823**. After the correction center opened, the highlighted neighbourhood's average selling price was **\$143,266** and **Saint John's was \$157,669**. While the rest of **Saint John** saw an **increase of almost \$10,000**, the highlighted neighborhood only increased **\$203** for the same time period.





# Saint John Regional Correctional Center Vs. Southeast Regional Correction Center



**Saint John Regional Correctional Center**

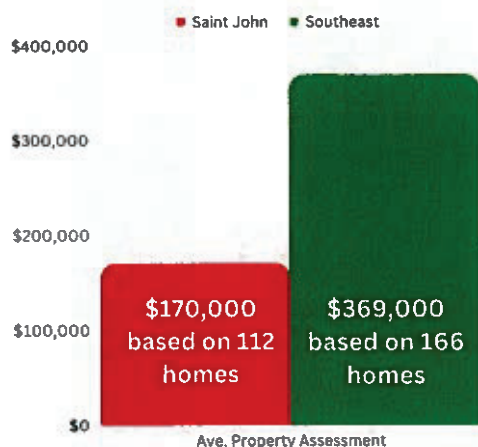


**Southeast Regional Correctional Center**

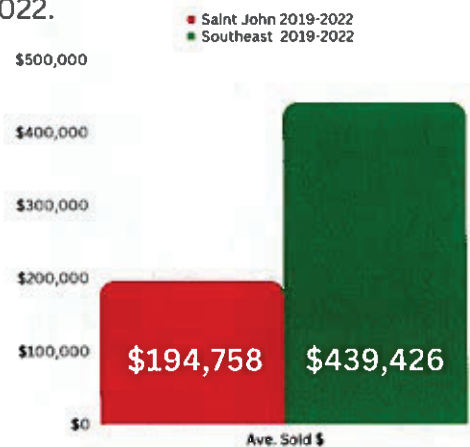
When comparing the residential real estate sales of Fredericton to all of the locations that currently have either a provincial correction center, or a federal penitentiary, the Saint John Regional Correctional Center and the Southeast Regional Correctional Center are the two closest comparable markets, and are great examples as to why **distance** and **natural barriers** should always be considered when proposing a location for a future correction center or penitentiary. When the appropriate distance and natural barriers exist, buyers are more comfortable purchasing/building. As well, when buyers are more comfortable, the value of homes that can be built is greater. Both highlighted neighbourhoods are similar in size and have the same amount of new construction. However, the neighborhood in Saint John (within walking distance and no natural barriers) consists of mostly semi-detached homes worth 50% less than the homes that have been built near the Southeast Center, which has distance and several natural barriers in place separating the neighborhood from the correctional center.

## MLS Data

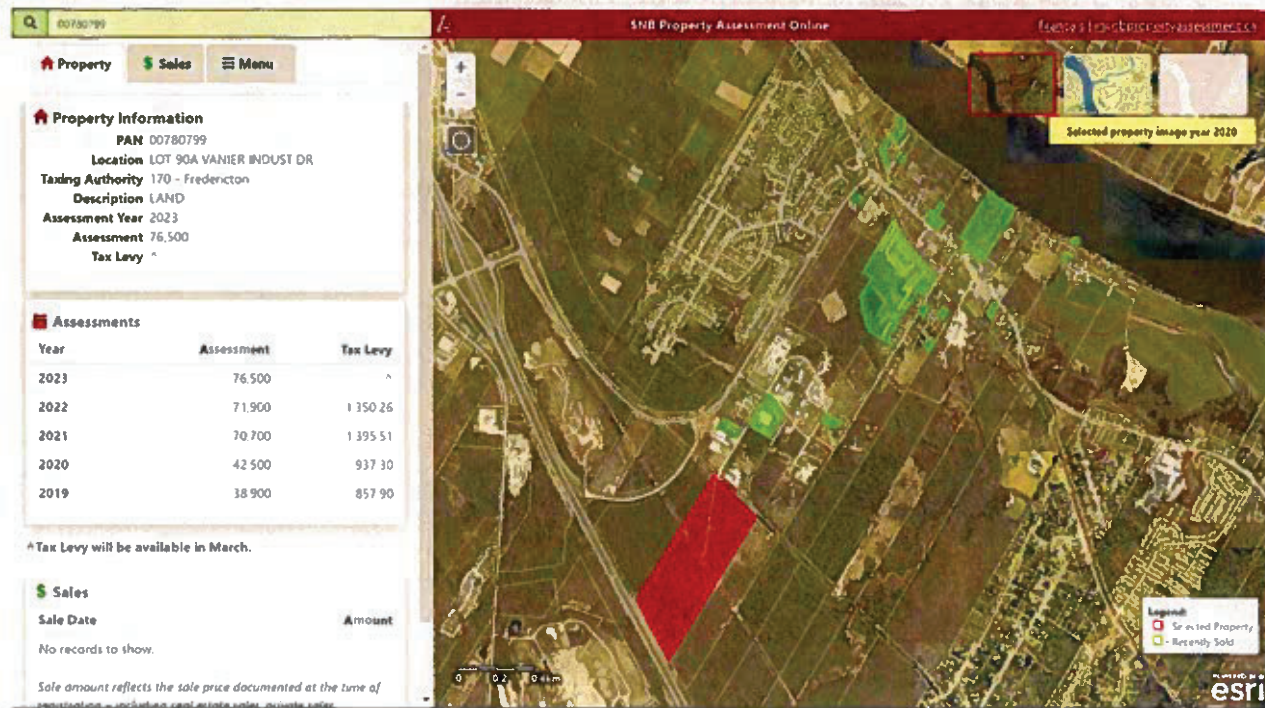
The chart below shows the highlighted neighbourhoods in both locations' average property assessment value (2022).



The chart below shows the highlighted neighborhoods in both locations' average selling prices from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2022.



# Fredericton Regional Correctional Center



The Fredericton Regional Correctional Center will be a correctional facility designed to house **(no one knows yet what type)** inmates. It is potentially being located in a business park in between two very prominent neighbourhoods (Lincoln Heights to the west and Lincoln Park Gardens to the east).

The business park in recent years has seen several new businesses, including one newly constructed construction supplier, Kerr Smart Energy, which would be located 100m from the potential jail location. Across from Kerr Smart Energy and also 100m from the potential jail location is Capital City Paintball and Archery facility, which is a widely used recreational facility, of which many of its patrons are children.

The Lincoln Heights neighborhood currently has **600+ residential homes** and condos with a rough average property assessment value of **\$317,000** along with several apartment buildings and townhouses. In recent years, phase 1 has developed, with future development to the wooded area closest to the potential jail location, adding roughly 125+ detached homes, plus more apartment buildings, condos, and townhouses. With the average cost of construction of a single detached home in 2022 between \$450,000-500,000, the undeveloped areas will have a higher property assessment value.

The Lincoln Park Gardens Neighborhood has roughly **350+/- residential homes** with a rough average property assessment value range of **\$325,000-350,000**. This neighbourhood has also been expanding at a rapid rate towards the back of the neighbourhood, which would be closest to the potential jail location.



# Lincoln Heights Subdivision Plan



The Lincoln Heights expansion phase 1 is already underway and every available lot has been sold. With the completion of the expansion, the neighbourhood will add an additional 125+ residential homes, plus condos, apartment buildings and townhouses, and an additional park. With the average cost to build a detached residential home in 2022 between \$450,000-500,000 the neighborhood extension will bring in over \$600,000/yr in property taxes for the city, plus the taxes on the apartment buildings, condos, and townhouses.

The proposed location will also be located 500m to the backyards of future homes, and 700m to the future park.

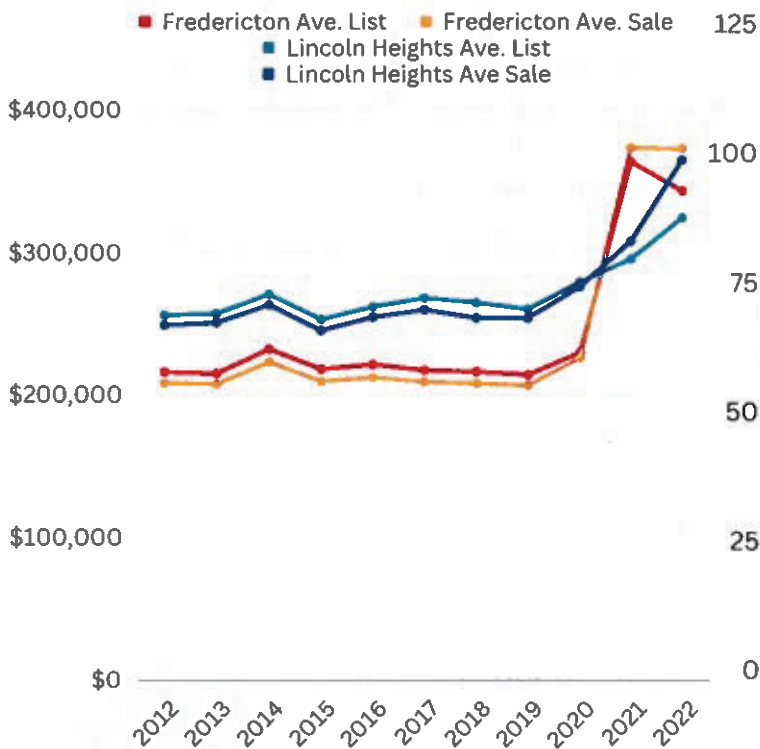




# 10yr Residential Real Estate Sales History

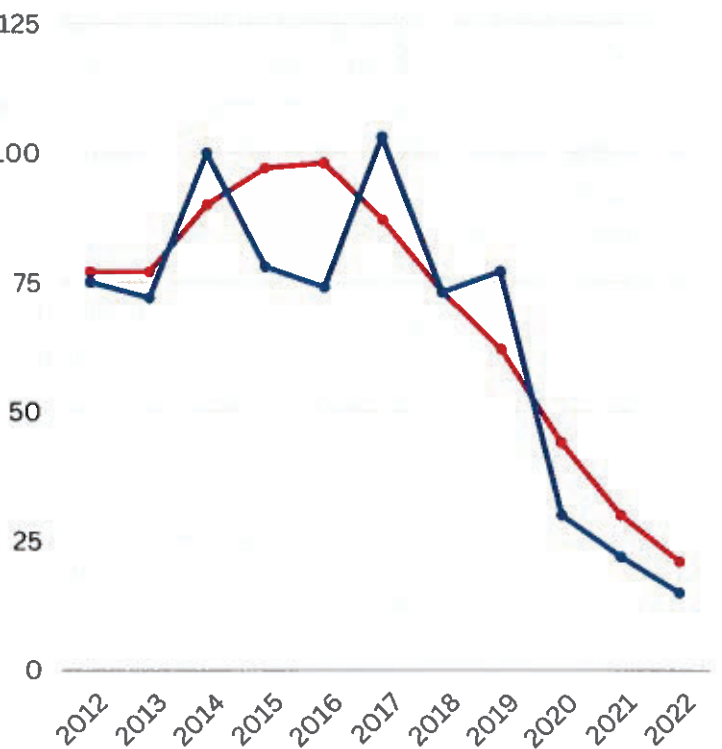
## Fredericton vs. Lincoln Heights

Average List Price vs. Average Sale Price



Average Days on Market

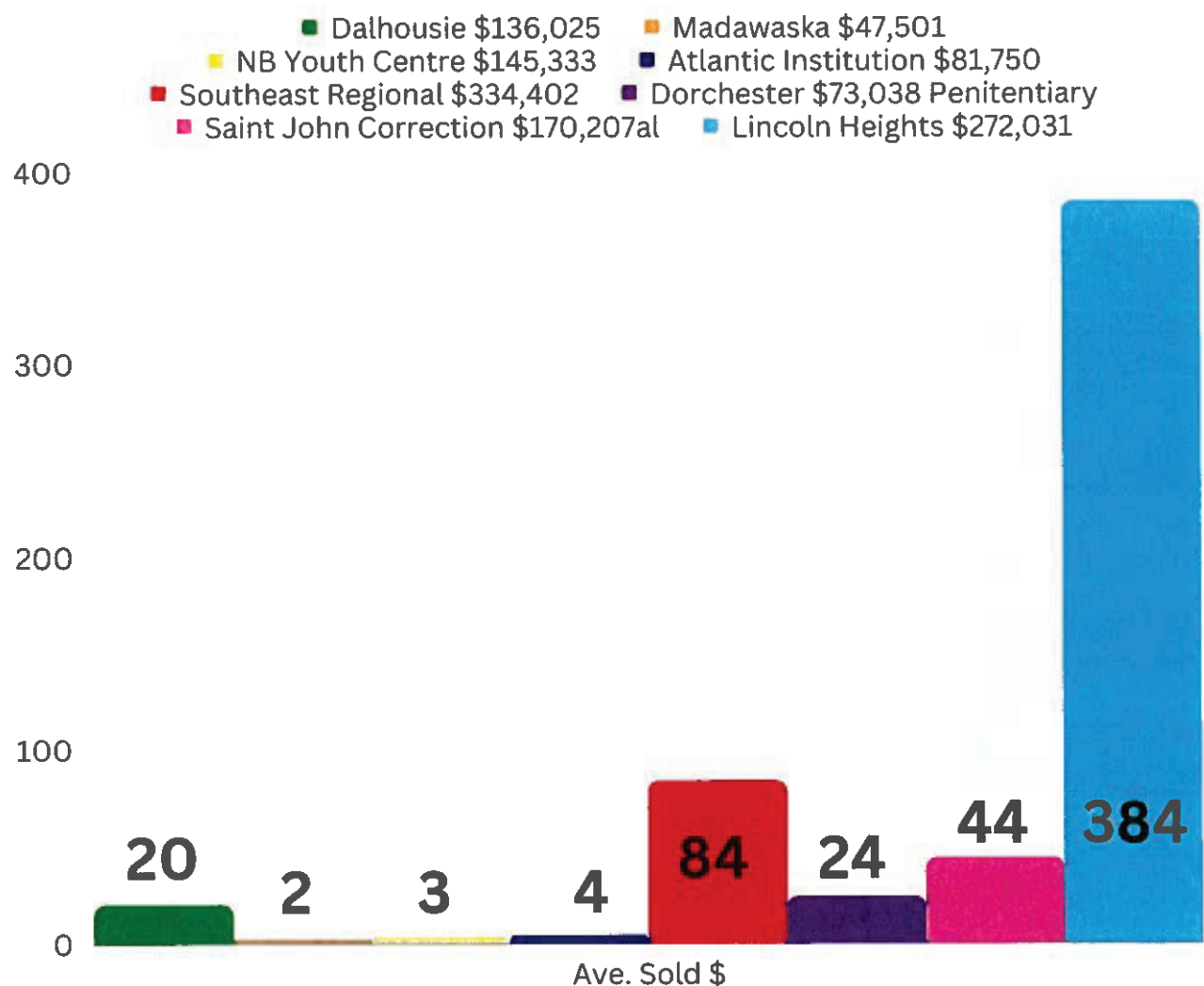
Fredericton Lincoln Heights



Sales data from the Real Estate Board of the Fredericton Area Inc. shows that the neighborhood of Lincoln Heights (blue square in the graphic to the left) has historically always had a higher listing price and selling price compared to the Fredericton average. The only dip in the averages came in 2021 and 2022, which are due to high condo sales on Goodine St. The condo sales represented 15% and 20% for each year's sales in Lincoln Heights. With those condos removed from the data, the neighborhood's average list and sale prices would have been above the Fredericton Average. As well, the chart shows that 7 of the last 10yrs, Lincoln Heights properties sold in fewer days compared to the Fredericton Average.

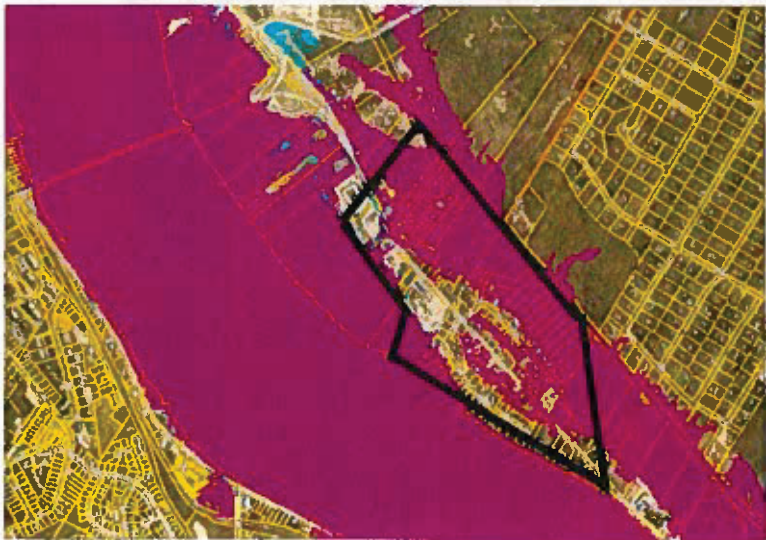
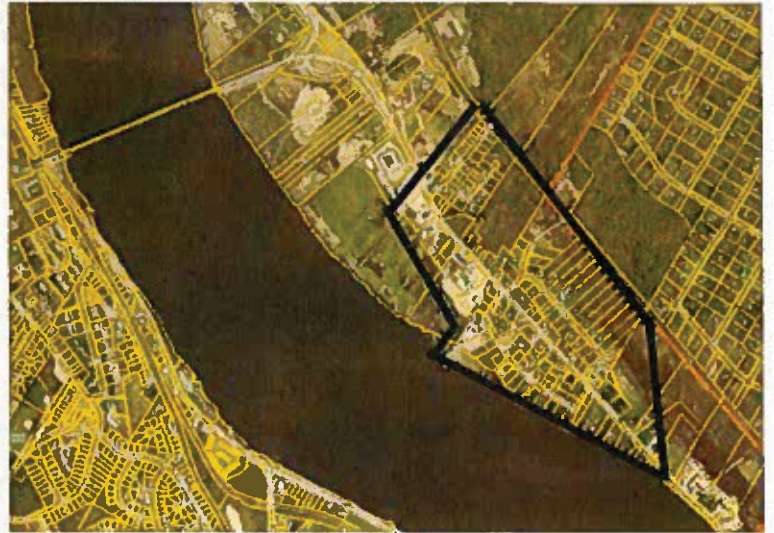
## 10+yr Residential Real Estate Sales History of All Locations vs. Lincoln Heights

The chart below shows the average selling price and the number of sales from January 1, 2012-December 31, 2022 for each neighbourhood around a correctional facility and Federal Penitentiary in New Brunswick, compared to sales in the Lincoln Heights neighbourhood. As the graph indicates, in the same time period, there have been 300 more homes sold in Lincoln Heights than the next closest neighborhood near a jail elsewhere. As the Saint John data shows, locating a correctional facility within walking distance and with no natural barriers is likely to negatively impact public perception of our area, resulting in reduced sales, lowered home prices, and lower taxes for the city. The neighbourhood would ultimately become less attractive to current home owners and potential home buyers.



# Stigmatization

Neighborhoods get stigmatized all the time for many different reasons. Once a stigma has been placed on an area, it is really hard to remove it. Take, for example, these neighborhoods, just south of the Princess Margaret bridge. **Why do the highlighted neighborhoods sell for far less money and take much longer to sell than homes of similar size in other Fredericton neighborhoods?**



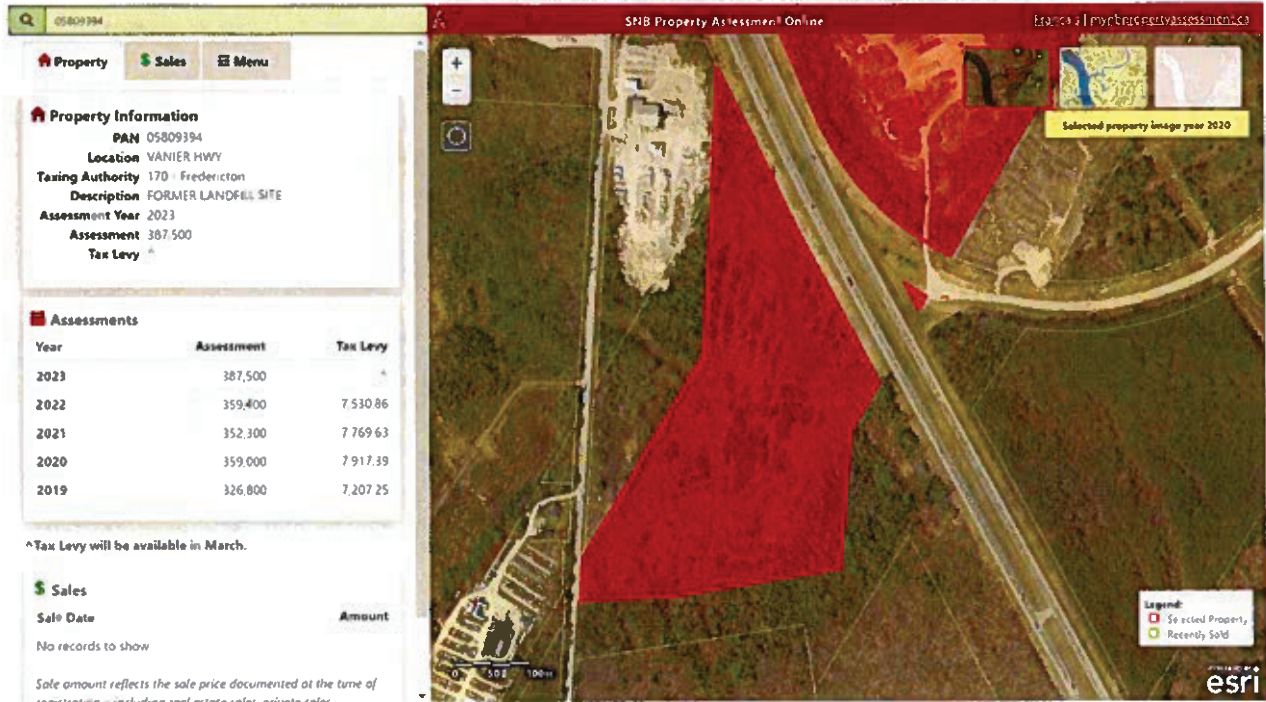
You probably answered *because it is in a flood area* and you would be correct. BUT the area has only flooded three times in the last 40yrs (2019, 2018, 2008), yet this negative association sticks and home owners suffer the the effects and ultimately the cost.

The last thing the 700+ homes of Lincoln Heights want is a negative stigma being placed on our neighborhood and suffering financially when it is completely avoidable. Inmates escape very rarely in New Brunswick, but it does happen. Even if an inmate escapes three times in a 40 year period, as seen with the flood example, it does impact people's perception of the neighbourhood. Many people would not be comfortable buying and raising a family in a neighbourhood where at any time, an inmate could escape and have quick access to their families and homes.

The following are other locations I have found which meet all the same criteria as the proposed location, but also follow the distance and natural barrier model.



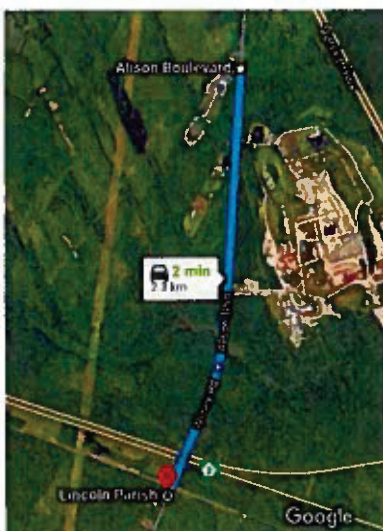
# Other Potential Locations



Wilsey Rd offers almost all of the same benefits as the proposed location at the end of Dorcas St.

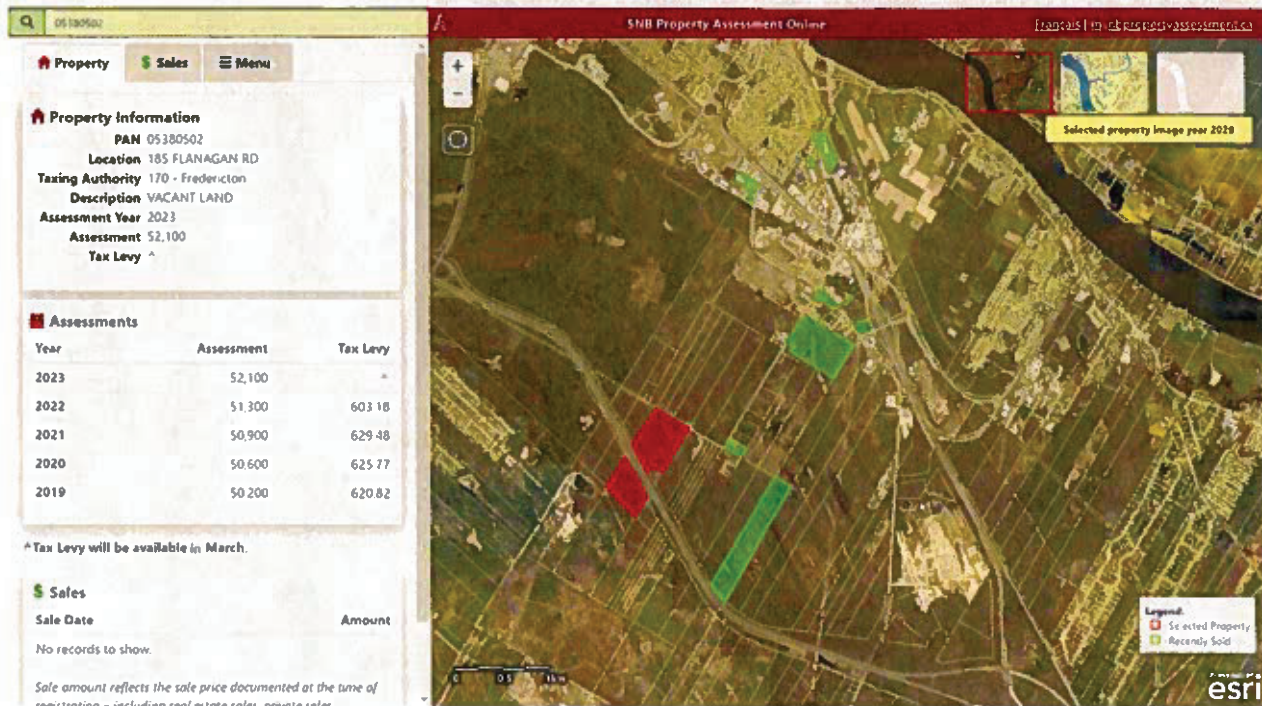
- The land is owned by the City of Fredericton, therefore the city benefits from the sale.
- The property is located inside the city zoning, therefore the city would receive the taxes from the location.
- City police will patrol the area
- Kimble Fire Department is closer 5.1km vs 6.8km (plus backup stations are closer).
- **0 residential properties** near the location.
- **Closest residential house is 2km away therefore, this location meets both the distance and natural barriers (large land/woods) characteristics needed for a correctional center location.**

Southeast Correction Center to scale on lot





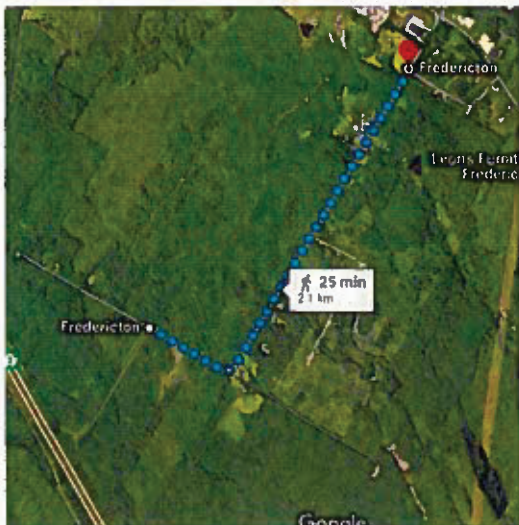
# Other Potential Locations



185 Flanagan Rd offers almost all of the same benefits as the proposed location at the end of Dorcas St.

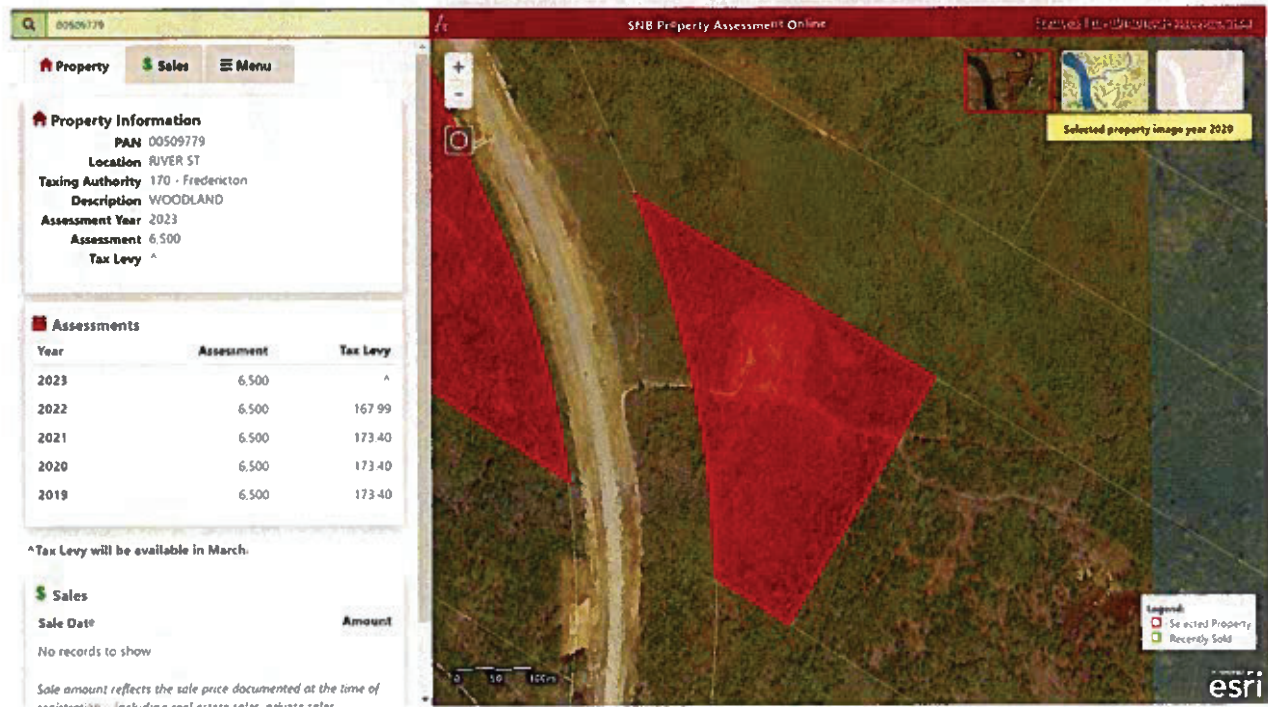
- The land is owned by the City of Fredericton, therefore the city benefits from the sale.
- The property is located inside the city zoning, therefore the city would receive the taxes from the location.
- City police will patrol the area.
- Kimble Fire Department is closer at 5.4km vs 6.8km (plus backup stations are closer).
- Only **10 residential properties** near the location with an average property assessment value of **\$136,000**.
- **Closest residential neighborhood is 2km away; therefore, this location meets both the distance and natural barriers (large land/woods) characteristics needed for a correctional center location.**

Southeast Correction Center to scale on lot





# Other Potential Locations



Route 8, past the Marysville bypass, offers almost all of the same benefits as the proposed location at the end of Dorcas St.

- The land is privately owned; however, the owner has worked with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to sell land for previous road projects and is left with a small piece which is separated from the main portion of their land off River St.
- The property is located inside the city zoning, therefore the city would receive the taxes from the location.
- City police will patrol the area.
- Two Nations Fire Department is 6.4km away.
- **0 residential properties** near the location.
- **Closest residential house is 3.2km away, therefore, this location meets both the distance and natural barriers (large land/woods) characteristics needed for a correctional center location.**

Southeast Correction Center to scale on lot





## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Frank McKenna <fmckenna@unb.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:52 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Cc:** Frank McKenna; Darrah, Kevin  
**Subject:** New Jail

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Please be advised that we are total against the proposal to build a new jail in the vicinity of our home in Lincoln Heights.

This will serve as our official opposition to such application.

Irina Popova McKenna

Frank H McKenna

20 Rebecca Drive

Fredericton N.B

Frank McKenna

470-1792 cell

## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** Floriane Deparis <efd1080@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Comment about building a prison

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In this message, it is to submit a comment in opposing the project of building a prison and to notify my participation in the PAC meeting in person today.

The truth is this: There is plenty of evidence (given upon request) of pitfalls when it comes to the way law enforcement officers exercise their duty in this city.

What that *really* mean is, I'm not only opposed to increasing jail space but I'm opposed to increasing the quantity of law enforcement officers because we actually need the ones who already are in place to improve the **quality** of their work.

I can imagine that whoever thinks this project is a good idea believes in being ready for a raise in criminal activity but whoever opposes such as myself, believe in being ready to lower criminal activity. Improving the quality of the work being done by law enforcement officials, is part of the solution.

In action, it feels important that resources be poured in projects including building a team to audit the work of law enforcement officers so that they receive the appropriate feedback to improve the quality of their service.

The same goes for our criminal justice department. It would certainly benefit from an audit of course because it is known to be corrupted, which actually impede on making the province any safer. Again, there is well documented evidence of that, justifying a more than appropriate use of the resources available to make the city and province a safe place for all.

Thank you for your consideration

Floriane Deparis

Sent from my iPhone



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## Murray, Elizabeth

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**From:** G Pearson <gpearson129@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:07 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** Change of land use - Vanier Drive Industrial Park - for correctional centre

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I have been a resident of Lincoln Heights for 34 years. I am voicing my objection to changing the use of land in the Vanier Drive industrial park to include a correctional institution.

I fear that the value that we have invested in our homes will decrease greatly. I also fear that the safety we feel in our neighborhood trails and park will be lessened.

I am a former employee of the NB Central Reformatory in Kingsclear (ages 16 and up and not to be confused with the Youth Training Centre). These inmates were all serving sentences of 3 mos to 2 years less a day. There were escapes and cars stolen as a result. I fear that escapes are more likely in the current situation where they will be housing unsentenced and some way more dangerous inmates and, there will be a constant movement of inmates. Our neighborhood and that also on the Glazier Road are just way too close and provide hundreds of vehicles to pick from for an escapee. This location also provides many options for escape - , Vanier Hwy., Vanier Industrial Drive to Lincoln Road, across the overpass and right out the Wilsey Road. At least in Kingsclear, they were hemmed in by woods in the back, the river in the front and one road.

The City of Fredericton is like a spouse who only cares about their own needs. We have lived with poor bus service, a poorly kept park and a planned upgraded cricket field with inadequate parking without community consultation and now this. The City loves that our houses have increased in value and provided them with more taxes but fails to take the residents into consideration.

If this goes through and our homes lessen in value - is the income the City receives going to be so much more from the correctional centre - or - is it going to lessen from the devaluation of the neighbouring subdivisions? I can't help but wonder it will hurt the development of new housing on the new road under construction into Lincoln Heights. That's the closest street to the proposed correctional centre - possible loss of more tax revenue.

There have to be better locations.

Gloria Pearson



**Murray, Elizabeth**

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**From:** Karen Pearlston <kpearl@unb.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
**Subject:** no new jail

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December 14, 2022

City of Fredericton  
Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)  
[planning@fredericton.ca](mailto:planning@fredericton.ca)

**RE: Sale and development of land for Provincial jail – Vanier Industrial Park**

**Note: please forward this to the members of the Planning Advisory Committee**

Dear Fredericton City Councilors and Planning Advisory Committee members,

I'm writing in opposition to the sale of land in Fredericton to the province for the purpose of constructing a jail.

The provincial government refuses to share its case for the construction of a jail. Their stated purpose of using the jail for drug offenders is, frankly, nonsense. First, serious narcotics offenses are prosecuted by federal crown attorneys and sentences are served in the federal jail system. Second, the provincial government has refused to take action to alleviate the causes of poverty, for example, refusing to support affordable housing or to legislate an adequate minimum wage. Instead, the province is choosing to go down the harmful and dangerous road of increasing incarceration. This approach will target poor people, who are the most vulnerable members of our community. Such approaches have led to the devastation of cities and communities in the US and in large cities in Canada.

The use of jails to solve social problems has been demonstrated to be ineffective and cruel by leading experts in criminology, sociology, health care and social work. Fredericton city council should not cooperate with this regressive provincial policy. Frederictonians need housing, living wage jobs, and health care, not a new jail. That is the best and the only way to truly strengthen our communities.

Refusing to sell land to the province that they can build a new jail is the right thing to do, for both moral and practical reasons.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Pearlston

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