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RATS, DISEASES, HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING (SUBSIDIZED):

Good morning chair Jim Erb, Mayor Berry Vrbanovic and all others.
My name is Birgit Lingenberg and I have a few important things to touch base on.

RATS:

They run rampant at the corner of Victoria and Weber and several other areas in downtown Kitchener.

DISEASES:

Several diseases that rats carry are transferable to humans and animals and are often fatal.

Some diseases are:

Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome

Leptospirosis, which dogs and cats should be vaccinated against

Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis (LCM)

HOMELESSNESS:

Our world has far too many homeless people. Most homeless and poor people die an average of 10 to 15 years younger than affluent people. How can this continue? Homelessness, starvation, lack of proper medical care, lack of decent paying jobs, long food bank and community meal line ups, and sleeping/living on the street. What an existence!!

Once a person becomes homeless, they very often are not able to rise up into a decent lifestyle. Decent including shelter, food, job, medical care and feeling like a decent human being, are necessary to a decent life.

HOUSING (SUBSIDIZED):

There is never enough subsidized housing! Cities and towns can never get enough tax money. It makes sense for them to prefer to build expensive condos and large, expensive houses, as well as huge market rent high rises.

Several types of housing should be seriously considered to help our poor, disabled, and homeless, and seniors, and finally our low income earners: Let us live rather than exist!

People living with several generations of their family in huge houses

Modular housing

Trailer parks

Shipping container housing

Three story low rises in residential neighbourhoods

Huge encampments with tall highrises and tall, skinny homes could be built in a large area (think Regent Park)

Tiny homes

It's best to build subsidized housing near public transportation, food banks, soup kitchens, all medical facilities, dentists, etc. We need so much more subsidized housing than affluent people realize. The ever increasing of everything we need to live and all

other people entering our province/country is squashing our way of life. Perhaps we need to go back to living like 100+ years ago?

Perhaps we need to stop people from entering our country until we can fix up our own backyard?

Please watch the original video for the "Man in the Mirror" song by my mentor, Michael Jackson to see what poverty is!

In conclusion I beg everybody in the world to help each other with all necessities!

Thank you.