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Trailer park, community residents want meeting with provincial officials over rezoning of Idlewheels court

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Residents of the Idlewheels Trailer Park, Harley Street and surrounding community are requesting a community meeting with provincial officials regarding the rezoning of the Idlewheels Trailer Park.

Letters were sent Wednesday to Attorney General Gerard Greenan, Community Affairs Minister Carolyn Bertram, Social Services and Seniors Minister Doug Currie, and Ian MacDonald, executive assistant to Premier Robert Ghiz requesting that this meeting be held as soon as possible.

Lana Baglole, a spokesperson for trailer park residents, said the letter is asking that the meeting be held in the evening at either Parkdale Elementary School or Birchwood Junior High School so that as many people from the community can attend and speak regarding this issue.

"It is imperative that the people in this community and the provincial government understand that we as a neighbourhood have not given up in the fight over the rezoning and development of this property," said Baglole.

"We want members of government to work with this community to keep our homes in the Idlewheels Trailer Park and to protect this neighbourhood.

"We will accept nothing less."

Baglole said the decision by the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission contradicts the fundamental principles of democracy at all levels of government.

"We want our politicians at all levels to work for the betterment of our community and we will accept nothing less."

The owners of the property plan to evict the trailer park residents and build apartment buildings.

City council had rejected a building permit but that was overturned by IRAC, and again on appeal.

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Glen from Toronto, Ontario writes: What about the property owners rights ?If the land owner wants to use his democratic right in this society and sell the land, then so be it. Obviously you knew this when you leased...Move on and stop wasting tax payers money on un=democratic issues ...YOU NEVER owned the land !!

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Diana from Maine writes: I agree with Glen--the owner of the poperty has the right to decide what will be done with this trailer park. If the shoe was on the other foot...

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Been There from PEI writes: I owned a trailer in a park many years ago. I was well aware, based on the contract that I signed, that I was leasing the lot. With appropriate notice I knew that I could be left trying to find another place to move my trailer. As crappy as that sounds, I KNEW the possibilities. Was I nervous? Yes, but it was the choice I made when I signed on. As unfortunate as it is for these people, the land owner has this right, he didn't sell it to you, he leased it to you. I understand too that these people are likely low income and could use some help to move on, I'm fine with that too, help them where we can. But don't sit there making the land owner out to be the bad guy and wanting to force him to do something with his property he no longer wishes to do. I wish you well, and who knows this could very well be the best thing that has ever happened to all of you!

Posted 04/04/2009 at 12:38 PM | [Alert an Editor](#) | [Link to comment](#)

Tom Milton from Charlottetown, PEI writes: I agree with the above posters too, the land owner owns the land and should be able to do what they want with it. I'm strongly against any sort of financial help towards these residents from any level of government as it would create an unwanted precedent anytime an apartment or other rental unit closes shop.

Posted 04/04/2009 at 2:26 PM | [Alert an Editor](#) | [Link to comment](#)

Mr Lahey from Sunnyvale TP, NS writes: Sounds like nothing other than better communication is needed . I'm still at Sunnyvale , but under a two week suspension for making derogatory remarks about three lads in the park that i really need to get rid of . They accuse me of drinking a little bit every now and then , even though i turn a blind eye to their little gardening habits . I've been on the wagon for four days now , so if there's anything i can do to assist anybody , please give me a shout . You sound like a decent bunch and i'd love the chance to sit with you , have a little drink and go from there . Sorry , gotta run , another bottle attack . You little \$#%/%\$ get away from here .

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margaret from PE writes: Only on good ole PEI...I can't believe that there are really people out there RENTING yet at the same time thinking that they OWN that space??? What's wrong with this picture? THE LANDLORD OWNS THE LAND...period!! Grow up, move out and move on! Wanting to have more meetings about it? For what? You are becoming a laughing stock to us all...talk about a bunch of rednecks!!

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sjj jen from chtown, p.e.i. writes: way to go ken looks like you won

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Robert from PE writes: BUT you are missing the point.

The land owner applied to build an apartment complex and that was against current zoning.

The city turned down the apartment permit.

IRAC, not voted in and they answer to no one, overturned the city's zoning plan.

This is an issue about the powers of IRAC, not about living in a trailer park that is closing.

Posted 05/04/2009 at 6:15 AM | [Alert an Editor](#) | [Link to comment](#)

Joy Ottana from cornall, P.E writes: Margartet from pe. your the redneck and you should move on.and you are the laughing stock.not them.grow up how old are you.

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YOU from PEI writes: If the owner has fulfilled his end of the lease, the land is his to do as he wishes. If his apartment plans have been dashed by the city thats fine, he still has the right to make these squatters (technically with no lease in place thats what they are) off his land!

Why is this even an issue? The next thing people will be complaining about hidden from sight cellular towers and kids playing in Victoria park during the winter!

We need a special set of laws for the Island...

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