

711 King's Highway  
Fort Frances, ON  
P9A 2X2,  
June 1, 2106

To the Mayor and Council,  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Ave.  
Fort Frances, ON  
P9A 3P9



To Whom It May Concern:

In early April we contacted the By Law Enforcement Office with a concern regarding the state of the yard at 709 King's Highway which is immediately to the East of our property. We were told, initially, that the yard was certainly messy and would be monitored. As of this date, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, no action has been taken either by the property owner or the tenant to remove what can only be called junk in the yard or the old truck, which is also full of debris, sitting there. The person who has been the tenant is absent for most of the year working elsewhere. This yard has been in the same condition for well over a year. This supposed tenant returns once every few months, but stays for only a short time and makes no attempt to do any yard maintenance; otherwise the property remains vacant. This person has recently been here for approximately a week, but again no cleaning has been undertaken. Someone does appear occasionally to cut the grass.

We realize that the town operates under a set of bylaws and must be guided by them. However, the condition of this yard is affecting the property value of our home on which we have been paying taxes for almost thirty-seven years. If, at some time, we should wish to sell our property, this unsightly "mess" would be detrimental to our chance of selling quickly and it would affect the price we might obtain. If the current bylaws indicate that the tenant or owner is meeting the minimum standards, it is past time that changes are made to the bylaws to protect citizens who try to keep their properties in a reasonable manner.

We have included recent pictures to demonstrate the seriousness of what is impacting us, and we look forward to hearing a response from the town regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

Ahlan Johanson

Judith Johanson



