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Hello,

I am writing to you tonight about West Kelowna's proposed site for a hygiene center that will also offer harm reduction. The location is right across the street from Our Lady of Lourdes elementary school and the new West Kelowna high school being built.

Watching the council meeting it was said that needles will be given out as well as drug testing. This site will allow people to test their drugs, walk outside, use them (in the site of children) and then be around the schools.

Why am I asking for you to help speak up? Why should you be invested in this?

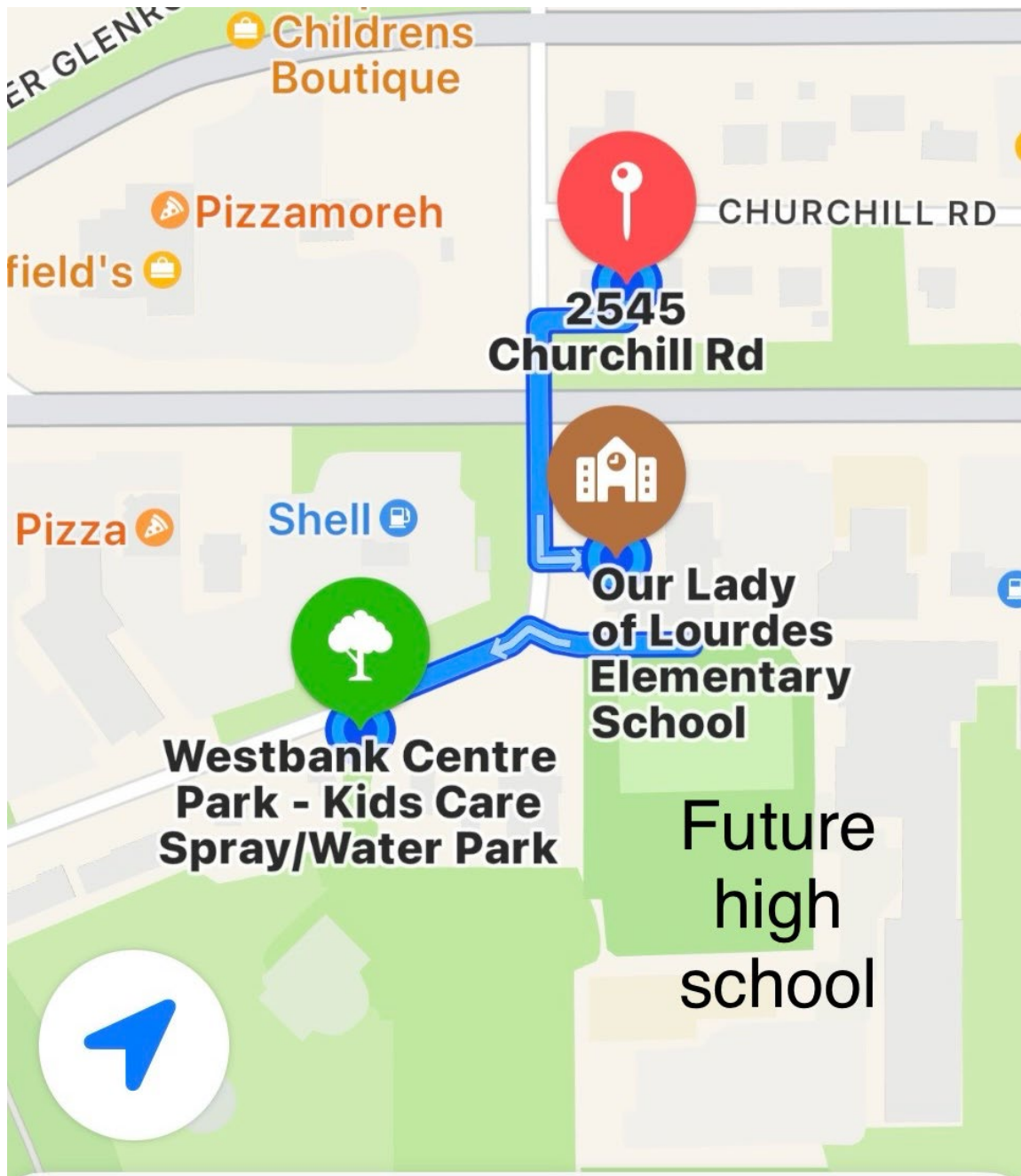
The new high school that is being built is right next to this proposed location. 100s of impressionable children will attend this new high school. The current school (Our Lady of Lourdes) already has to deal with drug paraphernalia and needles around the school. If this harm reduction site goes into the proposed location it will only get worse.

There was a temporary support there before. During that time children witnessed fights, indecent exposure, drug use, drug paraphernalia and feces by the school and park. The current location of a similar service in West Kelowna is leaving because of the issues they are having behind the center and because daycares are opening up near by.... yet the fact that an existing elementary school, daycare, before and after school care, inclusive playground, spray park and future high school don't seem to be a concern.

I beg you to please use your voice on this location. As adults it is our responsibility to protect children. This is not the location.

No child should feel scared and unsafe to attend school.

This is no means against the support of facilities to help people in need. This is for support of a better location not right by children where often the difference in adult to child ratio is huge.



Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please speak up as the next council meeting is Tuesday June 25th.

Ashley Rodenbush

(A very concerned parent)