

## Section 2 Council Correspondence 2019.10.03

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I write to you as a member of the Metro Vancouver Home Trap Coalition. We are people with disabilities or mobility challenges who live in buildings that have only one elevator. Almost all of us have spent weeks or months trapped in our homes when our one elevator breaks down. It is an all-too-common occurrence due to lack of awareness in the planning and foresight of the construction of such buildings.

There has been an increase in media stories about people who can't access their jobs, schools, or any other activities of an everyday, normal life. Elevator maintenance companies find it increasingly difficult to service the elevators in a timely way leading to eventual breakdown and some of our most vulnerable citizens becoming essentially stranded in their homes. Many ageing people have been persuaded to move out of their single detached homes into a nearby building only to find out that it is a Home Trap with only one elevator. A major inconvenience at best yet a potentially fatal inconvenience at worst!

We are reaching out to organizations throughout Metro Vancouver communities to enlarge our Coalition. We are looking for a champion or champions on each Municipal Council who will bring forward the three main goals of the coalition:

1. End the approval of Home Traps in the municipality

Referred to:

Environment and Social Planning Committee (2019.10.10)

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Planning and Building

2. Conduct a survey of how many Home Traps exist in the municipality
3. Prepare an analysis of what it would take to retrofit the Home Traps in the municipality

If you would like to be a part of our movement please contact me at [REDACTED] or visit our Facebook page '*Home Trap Coalition*'.

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