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Last night I attended a public meeting on this matter at Press Lounge, Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Three people from the public spoke on the issue. The Chair allowed me to speak first for five minutes. Two other gentlemen spoke after me. One man questioned the Siderius Development official about what Queens U did with the PFW. The official did not know. After the man finished I stood up prepared to comment on what Queens U did with PFW. Because of strict protocol the Chair indicated that I could not comment. I offer the following comments for the Chair and the other four councillors on the committee.

In 2007 Queens U acquired the Prison For Women. Queens was planning to relocate their archive department to the old prison. At the time, Queens experienced a shortfall for funds to complete the renovations. To save money, they contacted Corrections Canada and unwisely turned off the heat to the PFW. The result was terrible. Without heat a great deal of mould gathered on the walls. It was so bad that you had to wear facemasks to enter the property. The mould was toxic, In 2017-18 when Queens decided to sell the property they arranged for a very basic clean up of the mould. The problem is now. Planning committee and city staff are giving some thought how ABNA can receive funds or tax breaks for work at the prison. Maybe consideration might be given to help clean up the mould. The problem is this. Unless ADNA turns on the heat,mould will surely return with a vengeance to the limestone walls in building 16. I suspect that ADNA may do nothing about this and later at another planning meeting say the building is too toxic and all the steel bars, cells and locking devises must be removed for reuse of the interior space.

I hope the City official will provide funds for clean up the interior of the prison but only when the heat is turned on. Every effort must be made to preserve the cellblocks, cells and locking mechanism as they are a part of history and should be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter. Yours truly George Caron