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Evictions grab MLAs attention

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Cowichan-Ladysmith MLA Doug Routley wants more compensation for manufactured home owners.

"There are no options for these people," Routley said.

His comments come after an announcement Jan. 23 regarding the redevelopment of lands in his riding around the Ladysmith Marina, where the Ivy Green Mobile Home Park is situated.

Tenants have been given their mandatory 12-month eviction notices.

"Our government is failing to protect the public interest," Routley said.

Park owners who want to redevelop have to give tenants 12 months pad rental and 12 months notice.

But according to Routley, that is not enough.

"(Residents) are absolutely being robbed of their equity," Routley said.

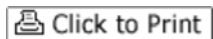
He said the NDP introduced a private members bill to the Legislature last year, which would restore penalties he said were removed from a bill by the Liberals.

Routley said the proposed private member's bill included a relocation plan for those whose homes were being redeveloped.

"The government voted that down," Routley said.

He said he will be bringing people from Ivy Green to the Legislature to ask questions on the issue, as well as ask for a meeting with the prime minister.

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