

## PARKVIEW MOTEL REZONING

I am Ron McKitrick and I live at ■ Marilyn Drive.

I am here to speak for the homeless. Not the carefully hand selected 32 who would live at the newly rezoned, renovated used motel but rather the 229 who would be left out in the cold.

If this rezoning and the resulting sale, renovation, and conversion were to take place, it would waste the resources that could more than put roofs over the heads of the neglected 229 if the example of a Kitchener initiative were followed.

Leaving some of these 229 sleeping on park benches, in tents, in doorways, and wherever they can find a bit of shelter would only compound the harm in dropping this project into a completely unsuitable neighborhood where it is vigorously opposed by the residents.

This site was not chosen because of its suitability but rather due to a chance meeting with someone with a used motel for sale. A bargain this week only for just \$3.8 million + renovation costs. Similar locations elsewhere have proven to be very bad planning as shown by other residents of the Parkview neighborhood.

Despite the efforts of the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force, 2018 data show a breakdown of the 261 homeless in Guelph. Rather than a shotgun approach depending on chance meetings with used motel salespersons, Council could show leadership by using available resources in order of priority:

- Get roofs over the heads of the unsheltered (and other) 39+15
- Address the remaining 207 as resources become available