

To whom it should concern,

As an employee of a downtown small business, and a frequent visitor of downtown on my personal days, I visit downtown everyday. Everyday I am more and more concerned for my safety. Everyday I get verbally harassed by the junkies. Everyday I inhale second hand smoke of their drugs. Everyday I have to step over their sleeping bodies and or trash. Everyday I am embarrassed to call Guelph my home.

The junkies have now TAKEN OVER! There was at least 4 tents in the square and one big tent by the BMO parking lot. I find it quite frustrating that I - a tax paying citizen- get a parking ticket if I am parked for more than 2 hours. But junkies can park their trash and personal belongs and SET UP A TENT FOR DAYS in our downtown square without repercussions??? This needs to be stopped.

I miss the old downtown. The one where kids, families, and friends meeting for coffee took over our downtown. Now- its those same kids witnessing drug use for the first time, the same families having to fend off junkies begging for money, those same friends supporting a different coffee shop where their safety isn't in danger.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Please do something. Before all that is left is junkies. The people are fed up!
Morgan Boothby