

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Councillors,

We are a business owner and property owner in the downtown and are writing with respect to the proposed bylaw prohibiting encampments in the downtown.

We are supporting of such a bylaw as downtown is not an appropriate place to allow encampments. Downtown has enough problems already and many people and customers are afraid or apprehensive coming downtown.

We are sympathetic to the plight of many residents in the downtown core who have to resort to living like this and commend the many people and organizations that give selflessly to help those with additions and mental health challenges. However, the City has many land parcels that would be more suitable than the downtown for any type of encampment. We would also encourage Council to actively seek the purchase / management of residential buildings (such as 90 Carden that the City could have purchased) to house this vulnerable population.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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