

Hello my name is Leo I am highly concerned by item 9.2 regarding encampments in the downtown (<https://pub-guelph.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?id=93da6e7b-932a-4e6e-a7ec-b24e77606178&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>).

This bylaw will do nothing but inflate your ignorance. Keeping unhoused people out of your view helps nothing but your ego. There is a cold winter approaching and people will die. This is a temporary solution to the increasing homelessness crisis that will only lead to more criminalization of vulnerable people away from essential services such as food banks and harm reduction sites. What we need is immediate permanent supportive housing located in the downtown. Use some of your funding from policing homelessness to actually help unhoused people. Other cities in Ontario are successfully implementing new shelter systems it is not hard to achieve.

Please respect human rights.

-Leo