

Good morning,

My name is Teviah Abman and I am a constituent concerned with the proposed 9.2 item regarding encampments in downtown Guelph.

<https://pub-guelph.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=93da6e7b-932a-4e6e-a7ec-b24e77606178&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>).

This is a temporary solution to the increasing homelessness crisis and will only lead to the further criminalization of at risk people away from essential services such as food banks and harm reduction sites.

Instead, we need immediate permanent supportive housing located in downtown.

Amid rising inflation coupled with other socioeconomic factors, the housing crisis is only getting worse across the country. Guelph has long been sheltered from having to “deal” with less “desirable” folks who are struggling.

Visible housing insecurity and homelessness has been on the rise since Covid and it is our responsibility to acknowledge this crisis and not turn a blind eye.

I urge you to take this email seriously.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Teviah Abman