

Hello, I was encouraged to send this email I sent out on Friday for the upcoming meeting:
Few days after sending this, the encampment blew up into flames and the entire site burnt down. That's very dangerous and ruined part of the park.
It took a lot of resources to put it out plus few days of clean up after.
We need a bylaw in place to protect the safety of everyone. Thank you

I'm an owner and a resident of one of the Metalworks condos on 63 Arthur St south. We have been dealing with an encampment site across the river from us on Heritage Park for 6 months or so now. The site started with a tent then grew to a massive garbage site. There is garbage all around the now two tents and into the river. We have contacted bylaws on many occasions and nothing gets done. We have witnessed few fires inside and called the fire department on several occasions. The below is now really impacting what we get to see daily by facing the river, not to mention the waste that is now in the river.

I feel that as a tax paying resident of Downtown Guelph that I have zero rights in my quality of living. It's very disappointing and I'm disappointed in the city and the lack of response we have seen the last few months.

Downtown is looking very sad, businesses are being impacted, tourism is being impacted. And residents are divided and there is a sense of anger that is making our city not a great place to live.

Please get a bylaw in place and clean this mess out. Enough I enough and we are outraged at what I happening around the downtown core.

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