

Hi,

Re: Public Use Bylaw and encampments, I support regulation and restrictions on encampments, specifically due to the fire hazards, aesthetic pollution, crime and health hazards posed to these people as well as to those who visit these areas such as the downtown through waste, discarded needles and other.

Bylaw must deal with this issue effectively in order to respect taxpaying citizens. I recently heard of a situation where City of Guelph fined a local downtown business for erecting an A-sign "causing liability to the city" during the same time when these encampments have been prevalent in the downtown core. Yet these encampments were untouched and the result was a fire just weeks later. This is absurd.

I support a bylaw that hopefully regulates encampments and steers them to other areas and most importantly supports such as proper shelters.

The City of Guelph needs to advocate for funding from the Federal Government to address the problems caused in part by the influx of refugees and immigration policy, given that even Canadians themselves are not able to find affordable housing.

Thanks,
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