

I am a property tax payer. I am retired and I have lived downtown now for 6 years. One of the reasons for moving downtown was so that I could walk every where I needed to, and to rely less on driving. I don't walk downtown much anymore because of the encampments. I don't feel safe, the surrounding businesses are losing money, and the unhoused are living in unsanitary, dangerous and unsafe tents. Mental health issues, addictions and homelessness are not solved by putting up a tent. Encampments cannot be in our downtown square, parks and public spaces.

I am in support of the Public Space Use Bylaw because parameters need to be set to ensure our downtown continues to grow and thrive, and to be a safe space for all.

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