

Dear Guelph City councilors,

I am writing to express my deep concern around the proposed Public Space Use Bylaw that aims to restrict, and prohibit encampments under the guise of public safety. If this proposed bylaw is not rejected, you are turning a blind eye to one of our most vulnerable populations in need of vital support and community. This new proposed bylaw threatens the means of survival for many underhoused community members living in the downtown core and throughout the City of Guelph.

I am calling on Guelph city councilors to reject this proposed bylaw and instead work to better understand the immediate and long term needs of the underhoused community members in Guelph and to offer immediate and long term support and dignified solutions.

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