

Dear Mayor and City Counsellors,

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. This bylaw threatens the survival of many underhoused community members living in the downtown core and throughout the city of Guelph.

I have lived and worked in downtown Guelph for the past four years, and my underhoused neighbours have never made me feel unsafe and they have never deterred me (or any of my friends, family or acquaintances) from patronizing downtown businesses.

I am calling on you to reject this proposed bylaw and instead work to understand the immediate and long term needs of the underhoused people living in our community. They deserve your respect and city council should be working to offer them long term support and dignified solutions.

Sincerely, Sophia Toft Moulton

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