

I am against the **Public Space Use Bylaw** because it aims to restrict, and prohibit encampments under the guise of public safety. 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.

Displacing underhoused community members, and creating overly restrictive rules on their very existence is outrageous and is a human rights violation. The Public Space Use Bylaw is an explicit attack on Guelphites living in poverty. It is also deeply concerning that the City of Guelph has opted to rush and restrict public engagement and consultation around a bylaw that will harm so many people. Real dignified housing solutions are needed, not bylaws that further marginalize and harm our community members living in encampments.

I am for making a place for them to live, but not attacking them in this way.

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