

To the City of Guelph,

We are writing you to submit our full agreement on the draft proposed bylaw.

We realize the sensitivity and delicacy of enforcing such a bylaw, however it is imperative that both safety and use of public places are addressed. We recognize the needs of homelessness and hope that the government continues to provide adequate resources and financing. We must plan and find better locations for those in need, but not in the downtown area or our public spaces.

We would like to see our downtown revitalized with park benches, plants, flower baskets, etc., which would enhance our community. We would like to see visitors come to our great city and be attracted to dining and shopping downtown. To enjoy its rich architectural history. This is our front yard. How would those people feel, who are so supportive of letting the homeless stay downtown if they encamped on their front lawn? It's not about ignoring the very unfortunate, however it's providing the right space and a safe location and perhaps even a central location for necessary help.

I hope that the City can find a better place and care for all those who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. We also need to continue the awareness to the public on mental illness and addictions. We do not want to ignore the problem. Simply we want to find a better solution.

Regards,

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