

We live on Arthur Street South and are regularly downtown.

Tuesday afternoon after a visit to the post office we saw a transaction of some kind outside the opening of the tent located in St George square just outside of the post office.

I do not know if it was a drug transaction but if it wasn't I can't imagine what else it was given the exchange of cash for a small packet delivered by a palming off method that not only looked practiced but suspicious.

My husband and I wanted to look at what was happening at the new library location. We encountered a screaming, yelling woman walking towards us so we quickly retreated back towards the Square.

We were so unnerved and uncomfortable we decided not to have lunch as planned and just go home.

In the upcoming council meeting re encampments please vote to NOT allow tents in public spaces.

We are not over privileged NIMBY people and understand the many complications involved in homelessness but we have paid taxes - income, property, sales - our whole working lives and just wish to be able to carry out simple errands and maybe enjoy a coffee in the square without encountering the things I have described above.

And the culture of fear among the business owners is very disconcerting and unnerving.

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