

I am writing to ask that Priory Park be included in your discussion regarding use of public spaces for encampment.

Not only is it used by the public in general, it is also in between River House Condominiums (160 MacDonell st) which is populated by many seniors who have grandchildren, and several families with children - and, the future site of a Conestoga College Campus. The latter will be filled with students, faculty and staff who surely will want this area kept clean and free of any tents, garbage etc.

This park is also home to an important part of the community and Guelph's history - the Blacksmith Fountain.

I myself have seen open drug use and discarded drug paraphernalia, specifically glass crack pipes and used syringes in the park.

If the discussion includes suggestions, may I encourage the city to help find Royal City Mission an alternate location away from the square and downtown in general. I would also suggest reinstating the funding so it can operate daily and during hours when shelters are not open.

Regards,
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