

As a valued member of our business community, your continued investment and involvement are integral to the vibrancy and success of our downtown area. I'm writing to you today to seek your support for a proposed Public Space By-law – 2024-359 that will be brought before City Council, which directly impacts our shared interest in maintaining a safe, welcoming, and prosperous downtown environment.

In recent years, our downtown area has experienced a growing number of encampments. While we recognize the complex social and economic factors that contribute to this issue, the presence of these encampments has raised significant concerns among business owners, residents, and visitors alike. These concerns include public safety, hygiene, and the overall image of our city's core, which are vital to the success of our local businesses and the well-being of our community.

Public Space By-law — 2024-359 seeks to authorize the safe and humane removal of encampments from the downtown area. Our goal is not to ignore the needs of those experiencing homelessness, but rather to address this issue in a way that is both compassionate and conducive to the health and prosperity of our entire community. This by-law will be accompanied by efforts to increase support services for those displaced, including access to shelters, mental health resources, and other critical services.

We believe that by creating a more orderly and safe downtown environment, we can attract more visitors, increase foot traffic to local businesses, and foster a more positive perception of our city. However, we cannot achieve this without the support of the business community. We kindly request your endorsement of this by-law and invite you to express your support to the members of City Council. Your voice as a business leader is crucial in ensuring that this measure is passed, and that we can collectively work towards a downtown area that benefits all members of our community.

We are asking for signatures in support of Public Space By-law 2024-359 to share with council the solidarity of business owners, persuing the betterment of our downtown. Additionally, we are encouraging our business community to delegate at the **council meeting on Wednesday August 28th @ 4pm**. For those interested in signing up to delegate, you can do so online at www.guelph.ca/delegate. The deadline to.sign.up.is <a href="https://eriday.august.23rd.@.10am.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Together, we can make our downtown a safer, cleaner, and more inviting place for everyone.

Warmly,

The Downtown Guelph Business Association

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