

**To Whom it May Concern**

***I agree that a Bylaw for Public space use is needed to help enforce the need to keep the public safe , property safe and clean, but also to help keep conflict at a more manageable level.***

***I understand that there are a growing number of homeless people in Guelph and the surrounding communities and they need a place to stay safe and warm as well.***

***I live in the Dufferin street area and over the past year have seen the number of encampments grow along with the increase in crime, violent outbreaks, drug use, discarded needles, garbage on the trails, garbage in the river, evidence of the river being used as a lavatory, dead animals along the riverbank, viscous dogs that are not under control and have not been common in the area and an overall disregard for private and public property. I no longer feel comfortable using the local trail in the evening hours, walking the trail by the river, shopping downtown Guelph streets, coming home later in the evening or early morning after a night shift and finding people roaming the street checking cars and hiding in bushes.***

***Guelph was once a safe, friendly, progressive city that in a very short time has become a place I am not certain I would encourage people to raise their children, start a business especially in the downtown core, or I am even proud to call home.***

***I understand the city may be looking for some long term solutions for these issues which is very much needed. I am in favour of using the old Guelph Correctional center grounds to create a safe shelter for all of the people who need the space. In return for this safe space the people using the shelter can contribute by working to earn their keep on the grounds. Many jobs can be done and it can help the people feel like they are contributing to society and give them a sense of self worth. I know I am just scratching the surface of this problem but we already have a space for these people and it doesn't have to be encroaching on public and private property.***

***I agree we need to do better but it needs a progressive approach that Guelph once seem to promote and set the standard for.***

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Further to my previous email regarding the Bylaw proposal.

As I mentioned before I agree with this bylaw proposal but I do not think the encampments should be anywhere near public parks, rivers, schools , downtown businesses and mostly neighborhood communities. We have very expensive property taxes in Guelph and it is very difficult to be sympathetic to the people disrespecting properties and public spaces.

Please reconsider the 10 m limit that is being suggested for this bylaw.

I believe there is a solution to this problem and I understand it may take time to resolve but in the meantime the hardworking, tax paying citizen should not be at the mercy of this committee.

Thank you

Carol Campagnaro