

Hello,

I am submitting the below letter as written correspondence for the May 27th city council meeting relating to item 6.1- addressing gaps in day time sheltering options.

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Guelph City Council

City Hall

1 Carden Street

Guelph, ON [REDACTED]

Dear Members of Guelph City Council,

My name is Judy Noonan and I am a resident of Ward 1 of downtown Guelph.

I live near downtown and use the many valuable services like Hope House and Guelph Community in Health Center, the library and medical offices down there and my bank.

I believe downtown should be a welcoming place for everyone, including people who are unhoused or going through tough times.

Thank you for supporting a daytime shelter. it means a lot to see Council taking steps to ensure people have a safe and supportive place to go during the day. I believe everyone deserves to have support and a safe place to go if in need. For me living in poverty is unpredictable, especially in different weather when you are unhoused and your not feeling well

It's important to me that daytime shelters and other services are located close together.

“When services are nearby, it's easier for people to get help, feel supported, and stay safe. It also helps workers and agencies work together better. It's also easier to access by transit or walking/rolling.

As you move forward with this important process, I ask that you do not limit where daytime shelters can be located.

We are all better off in this city when we build a caring, inclusive community where all people are treated with dignity and have the support they need where they need it.

Sincerely,

Judy Noonan