



**City of Hamilton**  
**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
**ADDENDUM**

**Date:** August 14, 2023

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Angela McRae, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 5987

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**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 Correspondence respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, from the following individuals:

- \*b. Mary Aduckiewicz, R Denninger Limited, and Troy Thompson, GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc.
- \*c. Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA
- \*d. David Collier
- \*e. Andrew Robinson, North End Neighbourhood Association (NENA)
- \*f. Jane Weary
- \*g. Kelly Brazil
- \*h. Kevin Brazil
- \*i. Jim Schoenhardt and Astrid Beaver
- \*j. Annabel Krupp
- \*k. Linda Muller

\*l. Evelyn LaMarsh

\*m. Julia Difrancesco

\*n. Krista Schild

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Delegation Requests, respecting Encampment Response, Homelessness and Addressing the Needs of Unsheltered Individuals, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

\*d. Ana Blair (In-Person)

\*e. James Kemp (Virtually)

\*f. Dale MacNevin (In-Person)

\*g. Jammy, Keeping Six (In-Person)

\*h. Cassie Kruchka, Stoney Creek Optimist Little League (In-Person)

\*i. Annabel Krupp (In-Person)

\*j. Gessie Stearns (In-Person)

\*k. Shabeeh Ahmad, HAMSMaRT (In-Person)

\*l. Ryan Lester (Virtually)

\*m. Kim Ritchie, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group (Virtually)

6.2 Delegation Requests, respecting Item 11.5 - Declaration of Gender-Based Violence and Intimate-Partner Violence as an epidemic in the City of Hamilton, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

\*d. Lisa Colbert, Waves (In-Person)

## 14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

**From:** Mary Aduckiewicz

**Sent:** August 10, 2023 11:11 AM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Qureshi, Uzma <[Uzma.Qureshi@hamilton.ca](mailto:Uzma.Qureshi@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the City Manager <[CityManager@hamilton.ca](mailto:CityManager@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Cc:** Patrick Denninger; Troy Thompson; Morgan Mackenzie; Mateos Kucuqi; Mary Gossifidou; INternational Village BIA; Herb Wodehouse

**Subject:** The Proposed Encampment Protocol

To the City Clerk,

Please see the below letter from Denninger's & GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc in regards to the proposed encampment protocol. As directed by members of the City Council, we would like to have our email added to the agenda as a written deposition for the General Issues Committee on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Thank you

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To members of Hamilton City Council -

We are writing to you on behalf of Denninger's and GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc (Thompson's). Our 2 companies are family owned and have collectively had a presence in the downtown business core for 120 years (70 years for Denninger's and 50 years for Thompson's). Between us we employ 50 staff @ these locations.

Over the course of the past 6 months, members of Denninger's Management Team & Troy Thompson have met with numerous City representatives regarding our ongoing concerns with the state of the downtown core. We thank them for all of the time they accorded us. It was recommended during our various meetings that we submit our ongoing concerns and recommendations directly to the City Council for consideration in advance of this very important discussion on encampments that will take place on Monday August 14th.

The ongoing homelessness crisis that we are currently experiencing is the worst we have ever seen and unfortunately has had an increasingly negative impact on our businesses. Our concerns originated in the downtown business core where we both have retail locations on King Street East. However, the issue has spread throughout the City and is impacting Denninger's other Hamilton locations on Upper James Street and Queenston Road in Stoney Creek where Denninger's employs an additional 90 staff between the 2 locations.

During conversations with other business owners and leaders, there has been a general fear of speaking out about this matter due to the potential repercussions to our businesses. We however feel compelled to raise these serious concerns as the current state and its trajectory is not sustainable for us. Simply put, our customers and staff do not feel safe anymore and this is not good for business or the community @ large for that matter.

We thank the Hamilton Police Services for the recent introduction of the "Core Patrol" in the Downtown Core. This has certainly helped the situation in the short term but @ best is a band aid to a more serious problem.

We have received feedback and complaints from our customers regarding the aggressive panhandling they experience in the parking lot and on the street while trying to shop with us. A number of customers have stated that they will not return to our downtown locations due to these types of interactions.

Our staff have experienced acts of violence and harassment by individuals who are intoxicated and / or experiencing mental health issues at an alarming rate and do not feel safe walking through our own parking lots after dark. On a daily basis, we pick up drug paraphernalia, human feces and personal belongings such as sleeping bags, clothes, etc. Our staff have had to call 911 on multiple occasions as there have been individuals unconscious on our properties due to drug use. It is becoming extremely challenging to engage and retain staff when encountering these types of incidents.

These types of occurrences are not occasional. We are experiencing these types of occurrences on a daily basis. The sheer anticipation of "what can happen next" causes great anxiety with our employees and many of them have advised that they are looking for other jobs outside of the downtown core as they need employment to live.

Additionally, we believe that it is extremely disheartening that the children's summer camp at JC Beemer Park on Victoria Avenue North in Ward 3 was cancelled due to the encampment in that park. These inner city children not only need but deserve these types of programmes. Wouldn't it be unfortunate if encampments become so accepted and the norm in our parks that the result is more childrens' programmes are cancelled?

We understand that our City Hall which is a public building is effectively on a "restricted access" as a result of several incidents with the unhoused individuals and we must not forget that Hamilton will be hosting the Grey Cup later this year and an international golf tournament in the spring of 2024. We will be on display to our country and the world respectively and as it stands right now, we do not believe that visitors will leave with a favourable impression of Hamilton.

Our purpose in writing to you is not only to raise our concerns regarding the impact of this crisis on the business community but to also to hopefully propose a solution. We hope that we can all agree that we should all be compassionate to those experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and / or addictions. However, we also believe that it is not compassionate to allow individuals to live on the streets or in our parks which creates safety risks for both the housed & unhoused throughout the City as evidenced by today's news release that on average, 1 unhoused individual dies on the streets every 10 days.

We believe the medium and long term solution is to create more affordable and transitional housing within the City. However we currently live in the short term and need a more

immediate solution. It is our recommendation that the City utilize one, specific property (either City owned or leased) outside of the downtown core and not in a city park to allow the unhoused individuals to live in a safe space. This would effectively become 1 large encampment area. It would allow City social service agencies to carry on their mission of helping these persons with the required supports (mental health, addiction, transitional housing options etc) and provide much needed sanitation and food facilities. The property should be secure for the unhoused's safety and regulated by the City, enforcing the same laws and policies that the city's population @ large and its businesses are subject to. One would think that a large location should be a lot easier to monitor and measure meaningful progress through social worker assistance (and also more cost effective) than many "sanctioned sites" throughout the city as suggested by city staffers. If a homeless person chooses not to participate in such a facility they must not be allowed to squat on public property anywhere in the city as an alternative.

Our recommendation would not only provide the unhoused individuals the access to the required support they need to get them off the streets but also reduce the burden that the numerous unregulated encampments scattered throughout the City have on our first responders.

We all want to see the unhoused individuals provided with the proper support and resources to get them off the streets and into housing. As businesses, we also need a plan for a sustainable future and ensure that our city is livable for all.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary S Aduckiewicz FCPA, FCA, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer  
R Denninger Limited

Troy Thompson  
President  
GW Thompson Jeweller & Pawnbroker Inc




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To: City Clerk and Members of General Issues Committee  
 Re: August 14<sup>th</sup> General Issues Committee meeting on encampment protocols  
 From: Susie Braithwaite, Executive Director – International Village BIA

As members of the General Issues Committee discuss the proposed encampment protocol at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, please include this letter as a written delegation.

Below you will see quotes from letters that members of the International Village BIA have sent to Councillor Kroetsch, Hamilton Police Services, and city staff over the last few months. We collected several more letters, but feel these few direct quotes speak best to the issues at hand. As you can see, our businesses are struggling to cope with the ongoing challenges that our BIA now faces on a daily basis. These issues of safety and cleanliness are a constant concern that is negatively affecting their customers and staff. It is important that council understands the severity of frustrations and challenges that these businesses are facing in the current climate. The BIA is doing our best to show support and advocate for our members, but our limited resources simply cannot combat the negative impacts this is having on our BIA. The proposed protocol will not allow for some locations of current encampments, but other areas such as Wellington Park and some parts of Ferguson Station where we have seen most of the encampments, will not be protected by the recommendations in this report. The BIA is not able to animate our event space and has been forced to halt all event planning for the time being in hopes these issues will be resolved.

It is important that the City of Hamilton prioritize the issue of protecting BIAs as much as the report speaks to protecting residential amenities such as dog parks and baseball diamonds. BIA members pay an additional levy to be located where safety and cleanliness should be the primary focus, and that should also be reflected in this proposed protocol report and is not. It is crucial to note that our businesses are still recovering from the fallout of pandemic lockdowns. Things have rapidly declined in our BIA over the last year which needs urgent attention, otherwise we are going to start to see several of our businesses leave or be forced to close-up shop. The revitalization of downtown Hamilton once rested upon the investment of these small businesses one by one, and we need to also consider and protect them in this crisis.

I urge you today to recognize the importance of ensuring that businesses in our BIA can thrive and operate in a safe and clean environment moving forward so that the ongoing decline of our area does not progress further. We are at a critical point now that requires urgent attention and solutions.

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“My lease is up soon and I'm leaning towards leaving the International Village BIA after almost 10 years spent here, and I know many other core businesses in the area have plans to do the same. It's just not possible to make a business thrive here anymore. New businesses that are opening are soon closing, and businesses (and their customers) that have been here since the beginning are being terrorized. The city of Hamilton has given up on us.”

“We've been in business here since 1991, and this is by far the scariest time we've had as a family-owned small business (this includes covid and the 1990s). While covid is “over,” we've never fully recovered from it, and the lack of people coming downtown is only making it all worse.”

“If these issues keep going, we plan to close our business in the beginning or mid-2024 and move back to Toronto for our sake and safety. My wife and I don't feel safe to run the business and live in downtown Hamilton.”

“Our associates reported to have seen an individual with a gun behind the store today.”

“Over the past 8 1/2 years I have seen a lot down here... but nothing like what I saw yesterday. While approaching Ferguson on King Street I saw a man of 75 years of age get randomly attacked while crossing the street.”

I ask that you please look further into at how the City of Hamilton can help protect the livelihoods of our business community in downtown while also managing this crisis. I understand this is a complicated issue however, the needs of our BIA members and business community also need to be seriously considered at this time.

Sincerely,

Susie Braithwaite  
Executive Director – International Village BIA

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: August 11, 2023 7:37 AM

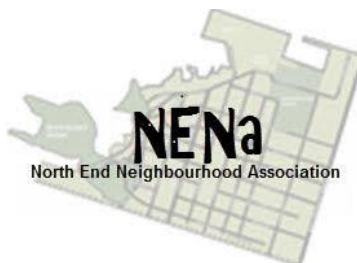
To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

Subject: Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g))

Strachan Street Encampments seem to be a fitting temporary solution to the crisis especially considering housing used to exist on the proposed location before the land was expropriated for an expressway that was never built.

David Collier





August 11, 2023

**Attn:** General Issues Committee and Members of Hamilton City Council

C/o [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Cc.:** Cameron Kroetsch, City Councillor (Ward 2) [Cameron.kroetsch@hamilton.ca](mailto:Cameron.kroetsch@hamilton.ca) [ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)

**Re:** General Issues Committee Meeting (Monday August 14, 2023)

**Item 8.2 Public Feedback and Recommendation for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide)**

**Tiny Shelter Proposal for the parking area located on Strachan Street East  
(Between James St. North and Hughson St. North)**

I am writing on behalf of the Northend Neighbourhood Association (NENA) regarding the current Tiny Shelters being proposed along Strachan Street East between Hughson Steet North and James Street North at the gateway to the North End neighbourhood.

The current proposal being presented and discussed has involved NO consultation with the neighbourhood's residents nor our Neighbourhood Association. Residents only recently learned of the proposed recommendation to construct 25 tiny shelters along the Strachan Street Pedestrian Path, through local media outlets on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Since learning of this proposal, many residents in the surrounding area have expressed concerns regarding safety, sanitary conditions, upkeep, and the general design for this shelter community. Losing a space where children play, learn to ride bikes and where families gather would be difficult without further information and open discussion.

In addition, there has also been concern expressed that the North End should not be the only location for Tiny Shelters under the proposed pilot project, as there are numerous other site options across the city that would meet the criteria of the proposed Encampment Protocol, while providing necessary resources to more people.

We understand that many factors have led to an increase in encampments including a lack of affordable housing, mental health, substance-abuse, etc.. Many in our community are facing these challenges and are in need of solutions that provide permanent homes for quality of life.

Before a final decision is made NENA requests that a public meeting occur to hear residents' concerns and have these issues addressed; as residents have received no information to date.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'R'.

Andrew Robinson  
NENA - President  
[nen.president@gmail.com](mailto:nen.president@gmail.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: jane weary

Sent: August 11, 2023 8:57 AM

To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

Subject: Tiny homes on Strachan st E meeting letter

As an owner of property on Strachan St East near Hughson, I am extremely concerned with the city Proposal on Encampment Protocol affecting my residence and community.

I have read the Protocol and see a number of areas of significant conflict.

To begin with, the Strachan strip is far too small to ever accommodate the 20 tiny homes contemplated.

Secondly, the City currently sponsors events which rely on that specific space for tax paying resident families and friends to gather to park and/or congregate to watch the Labour Day Parade, the Santa Claus Parade and the Street Crawl - all of which attract families and children who will NO longer participate if unhomed, marginalized and itinerant peoples are living there.

Thirdly, there are NO water/toilet/shower facilities anywhere near this area so that much cost will be incurred by the City to accommodate the intended homes in a healthy venue which ensures local residents health and welfare is not compromised.

Fourthly, within one block of this proposed location there is a community centre, a community garden, a daycare and an elementary school! Young vulnerable children use the new public paths and sidewalk daily to attend school and care facilities. These children will be exposed to situations they are too young to filter; their parents will avoid the area leading to less vibrancy and public use.

Fifthly, the north end has recently been revitalized with the specific purpose of welcoming young families and many of our new neighbours have come from other urban centres to enjoy healthy community living with a view to growing their families. An encampment requiring 'guarded' sanitary facilities is the exact opposite of this and the neighbourhood will quickly lose its current revitalisation as a consequence.

Sixly(?), the City has only recently seen the new Go station become more viable with greater service. It has been established at significant city and tax payer cost to attract more public use of the area much beautified over recent years in this central area close to the Bay Front and more recently the huge development project currently in place at the Harbour Front. Turning the Strachan Strip from a commercial/residential zone attracting people, commuters, business and homeowners into a municipal encampment of policed tiny homes defeats all the hard work and money invested to date.

In fact, it is glaringly obvious that the Strachan strip as a site for this intended use is ridiculous on countless fronts!!!

There are far better locations which do NOT threaten the peace and safety and sanitation of resident homeowners - for the 'temporary' accommodation of the unfortunate individuals concerned.

Far more appropriate would be the lands on Stewart and Barton streets where numerous properties and residents were expropriated and evicted only a few years ago for the aborted stadium plan! Given the existence of such infrastructures then, there must be sewage and water hookup available at a fraction of the cost that creating such for the Strachan strip would require. Moreover, the area is within walking distance of any and all downtown desires. It is large and - best of all - is nowhere near children's parks or schools or daycares or family homes and will not therefore negatively impact existing community needs and activities.

The current King West dog park is another preferred area as it does not impact any family neighbourhood nor any resident's peace, security and property values. It is close to a large retail mall with shops and Ontario services. It has a city run building in the centre with water supplies already available. It is a large green area, much more in keeping with people's living needs than the small concrete, cramped Strachan Strip.

Another potential area is the empty lot at the corner of Longwood and Main. This is close to a number of retail facilities. It is just as large as the Strachan strip. It was a gas station so must have water and sewage mains. There are NO community events or gatherings which take place in the vicinity. It does NOT impact family or immediate residential living. It is close to a High School, but not to daycare and elementary vulnerable children.

Of course we need an answer to the-needs of the unhomed. Throwing 20 tiny homes up ensuring all remain cramped in one sordid shantytown is NOT the answer.

Far better to have 10 or 15 in each of these LARGER sites mentioned (Stuart street, king west, Westdale - making for a total of 45 tiny homes at least) which would have the additional benefit of reducing crime and crowding and instead foster safety and diversity. All without risking upheaval and distress to a newly thriving residential area of our city.

In the event the Strachan site were to move ahead, myself and fellow residents would expect the City to compensate us for the significant drop in our home values such initiative would cause us. Further, our potential rental income would, of course, be drastically compromised and some monetary recompense from the City would be expected.

I understand there is to be a public discussion of this issue on August 14. Kindly advise as to how I can participate through virtual technology (zoom/teams) in advance of the meeting

Thank you. I look forward to your considered response.

Jane Weary

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kelly Brazil**

Date: Thu, Aug 10, 2023 at 2:28 PM

Subject: Important : Tiny Homes Pilot Project Strachan St E

To: Kroetsch, Cameron <[cameron.kroetsch@hamilton.ca](mailto:cameron.kroetsch@hamilton.ca)>, <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)>, [michelle.stephenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:michelle.stephenson@hamilton.ca) <[michelle.stephenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:michelle.stephenson@hamilton.ca)>, <[unsheltered@hamilton.ca](mailto:unsheltered@hamilton.ca)>, <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>

Hello,

I am a young woman with a young family living on Strachan St East, in between James St. North and Hughson. My home is directly across the proposed tiny homes project location (HATS).

I am dismayed and concerned to hear that you are planning to construct 25 tiny homes in the parking lot across from my home. This location is absolutely the wrong place for such a project. There are residential family homes right across the road, a little park with an apple tree adjacent to the proposed lot, and a community centre and small elementary school with a daycare, mere meters from the location (Bennetto Elementary). Each morning, I see young families walking their preschoolers and to both daycare and school along the brand new multi-use foot and bike path next to the proposed location, which was build only a year (or two) ago...

I would like to know why you would propose putting tiny homes for the homeless in such a nice part of our NorthEnd community neighbourhood for non tax payers? There are many other locations that could be used that would not be directly in the path [+physically and emotionally], impacting residential homes, much-used parkland, a community centre and a school.

The NorthEnd has only recently become a much desirable area to live, with the city having recently spent millions to develop the Bayfront. The idea was to attract a viable and attractive NorthEnd, to bring in an improved living and lifestyle for residents moving in to the neighbourhood from Toronto and beyond. To create a policed tiny homeless-home project would degrade all these recent efforts and takeaway from the expenses and efforts made to improve our NorthEnd to date, not to mention significant increase neighbourhood safety concerns for children, pets and day to day quality of life.

I can guarantee you that many of us will not remain in the area where our children and ourselves will feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The concept of creating a bustling, successful residential community with a new Go station in the NorthEnd will be dashed and destroyed.

I see you have listed other possible sites for this project. Have you considered:  
A. An enourmous empty lot on Stewart Street directly across from the rail tracks, away from homes that is already paved and within walking distance to downtown core as

outlined as a need in your protocol draft? Surely if this space is not already city owned, it can be purchased for this exact purpose? Doing so would mean no Hamilton city residents or neighbourhoods would have to suffer from safety concerns due to drug use, loss of home value, etc.

B. Any industrial spots further down Burlington street away from residential spaces?

These above mentioned spaces would not interfere any tax payer spaces. Furthermore, respondents were clear in protocol feedback surveys that encampments should not be in city park land or near residential areas where children gather. While Bennetto School may be just over 100m, and the adjacent green space to the proposed lot not be officially considered a "park", it seems much too close for this lot to be an appropriate space. That parking lot is also used for families to park and enjoy public ally funded city events: Labour Day parade, Supercraw, Santa Parade, Canada Day events and other events that take place at Bay Front Park.

I understand and appreciate the motive for this project, however I think the space you've picked is irresponsible and short sighted. Not only that (and worse) this project puts myself, my family, and my neighbours at immediate risk of whatever unknown dangers will arise from having an encampment structure of tiny homes directly across our neighbourhood street.

Please, please do not put this project across the street from our homes. It is not right.

I look forward to hearing from you with both response to my questions and acknowledgment of my concerns.

Yours sincerely,  
Kelly Cornell

**From:** Kevin Brazil

**Sent:** August 11, 2023 9:54 AM

**To:** Teviah Moro <[tmoro@thespec.com](mailto:tmoro@thespec.com)>; Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Stephenson, Michelle <[Michelle.Stephenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Michelle.Stephenson@hamilton.ca)>; Kroetsch, Cameron <[Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca](mailto:Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca)>; Unsheltered <[unsheltered@hamilton.ca](mailto:unsheltered@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** tiny town - proposed Strachan location

**Subject: tiny town - proposed Strachan street east location**

I want to register my opposition to the proposed site on Strachan street east for the Tiny Home village. On reviewing the preferred selection posted by [Hamiltontinysshelters.ca](http://Hamiltontinysshelters.ca) this Proposal fails on several criteria:

1. Be outside the City core

The proposed Strachan site is located in the City core. The 'North end' is presently undergoing a renewal with the development of the harbour front, go station, influx of development and new families. The Tiny Town location on Strachan East will develop a city sanctioned "ghetto". It is highly likely that the site will trigger further tent encampments adjacent to the site as the surrounding green belt is conducive to such an occurrence. Such an outcome will send mixed messages to both North End developers and residents on the future vision of the area.

2. Minimal Impact to residential neighbourhood

As a home owner directly across from the proposed site, I have serious concerns on the impact of the property value of my home. Has an environmental impact assessment included this consideration? Will the City offer a 'Fair market value' compensation scheme to offset decline in property values for affected homeowners.

On this note, there are also real public safety concerns. This is noted by the requirement for fencing and enhanced policing. On reading reports on the Tiny Town shelters initiative in the Kitchener-Waterloo region there has been a reported increase in petty crime (theft, vandalism) and drug paraphernalia litter, a significant issue for local families and young children.

3. Access to hydro services.

The location has no established infrastructure to support this Proposal which needs to be compliant with municipal and provincial regulation for habitation including heat, water, electricity, sanitation and garbage and snow removal. Meeting these conditions implies the establishment of a permanent community as opposed to running a 2 year demonstration project.

4. No major environmental issues.

There would be a concern of maintaining ongoing sanitation and increased litter surrounding the area.

While holding a shared concern about the state of homelessness in Hamilton, this Proposal is more aspirational than substantive and enables the city to evade the systematic challenges the community faces to address this problem. A necessary step requires strong engagement with city residents, housing authorities, police and mental health officials, as well as provincial and perhaps federal counterparts to develop partnerships towards a shared solution. This present Proposal appears to be lacking in that regard.

Sincerely  
Kevin Brazil



**From:** Jim Schoenhardt  
**Sent:** August 11, 2023 9:59 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Hats housing Strachan

I am registering this letter as some of my comments/opinions on the proposed Hats housing.

I am in agreement that this matter of homelessness needs to be addressed and not be delayed. Before my comments I am offering my time to sit on any committee in the city who are involved in this.

The North End from the RR tracks to the lake and Bay Street to Wellington already has more than its "fair share" of assisted housing. It has 500 Macnab N and 500 James N the Inwell project. There are also some townhouses on James corner of MacCauley. There is also social housing on Brock Street.

The proposed Jamesville project will have market value housing plus social housing( I heard 70 or so units).

The 1600 plus units on the proposed walterfront will have I heard 5% social housing allocated. The proposed 45 storey building on Guise I was told by the builder will have 5% social housing units.

The North End has more than its fair share of social housing units. All parts of the city must have their share. Too much in one area can lead to "ghetto" neighbourhoods. This is a proven fact.

At the same time government services to the "less fortunate" must be spread out to these other areas of the city.

Builders with the above mentioned builds may have trouble selling market value units next to Hats locations.

James and Strachan is too busy to locate a Hats procate. At one time a round about was proposed for that location and there was not enough room(land).

If North End real estate values are effected negatively I assume the city will reduce the tax rate.

Again I am willing to sit on any committee to make this happen to help the less fortunate

Regards a proud North Ender  
Jim Schoenhardt

Also in agreement and registering same above opinion is  
Astrid Beaver

**From:** Annabel Krupp  
**Sent:** August 11, 2023 10:00 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>  
**Subject:** HATS shelters

Hello,

I am a resident on Hughson Street North and live about 30 metres from the proposed HATS site on Strachan. Many neighbours, including myself, are worried about how this two year project may impact our homes.

Currently we have a lot of tents along Strachan. This has resulted in seeing people shoot up heroine early in the morning, regular porch camera captures of folks looking for things to take, surprise visitors in back yards, etc. This makes residents feel less safe and affects our pride in our community.

IF a HATS pilot project is approved for this site I would like the city to consider how the site and its residents can best integrate with the existing community.

I'd like to suggest that there is the architecture of opportunity here. Paint the shelters and include landscaping so that both new and existing residents can take pride in the place. I have attached two pictures. The shelters that are painted in bright colours are much more welcoming and attractive than the beige ones.

I'd also like to request that all tents would be banned along the Strachan street corridor park. If there are tents along this corridor the existing community will look at the HATS structures as part of "that community". If there are no tents there is a much better chance that the HATS will be welcomed into the existing community. Our street has annual potlucks and gatherings. Wouldn't it be nice if the city made enough effort with this project that existing neighbours wanted to invite the new neighbours to these types of events?

Thank you,  
Annabel Krupp



-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Muller

Sent: August 11, 2023 11:00 AM

To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

Subject: Write a statement about Stachan Street Encampment

Hello,

I'd like to submit a statement about the proposed encampment on Stachan Street.

In regards to the encampment suggested for the area between James and Hughson on Strachan.

As a resident of the area I am adamantly opposed to this idea and believe that the fact that it is even suggested is confusing. I can think of many of places in the city that are better suited for such a project. The people who live in this area, pay property taxes and have invested financially in this area did not do so believing that there would be an encampment of this sort out their front door.

The reality is that these encampments bring property values down, lower the security and safety of their residents. As a parent I do not feel safe letting my child play in this area - which used to be filled with kids playing and is now filled with garbage that is left behind by encampment members!

Not to mention that this area is at the doorstep of one of Hamiltons gems - the bayfront - which should be inviting tourism and business in the city. But instead the city is suggesting using this prime property as a housing project. A welcome mat outside of the GoStation.

The City continues to prioritize the members of community who are non-contributing, rather than those who are fighting to add business, income, value, safety, and beauty to their city. I do believe we need to help people so they are no longer on the streets! I do not believe that this has to come at the detriment of everyone else.

**From:** Evelyn LaMarsh

**Sent:** August 11, 2023 11:24 AM

**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Subject:** Please find a different location for the shed housing pilot

I live directly across the street from the proposed sanctioned housing site with a 6 year old and 4 year old at **REDACTED**

This is not the right location with so many young families in the neighborhood, and only 100 meters away from an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. This is clearly not the right location. The pilot location should be at least 500 meters from any school and any park where children play.

If you want it in this area, please consider the vacant Barton/Tiffany lands.

Please also consider giving the money allocated for the operation of the shed houses to Indwell, who is leading the way with innovation building affordable PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING in our city.

Thank you for considering a different location for this pilot.

Evelyn LaMarsh

**From:** Julia Difrancesco  
**Sent:** August 11, 2023 11:54 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Ward 2 <[ward2@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward2@hamilton.ca)>; Kroetsch, Cameron <[Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca](mailto:Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca)>; Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; [contact@chch.com](mailto:contact@chch.com); Tips CHCH <[tips@chch.com](mailto:tips@chch.com)>; [amantha.beattie@cbc.ca](mailto:amantha.beattie@cbc.ca); Bobby Hristova <[bobby.hristova@cbc.ca](mailto:bobby.hristova@cbc.ca)>; Conrad Collaco <[Conrad.Collaco@cbc.ca](mailto:Conrad.Collaco@cbc.ca)>; Eva Salinas <[eva.salinas@cbc.ca](mailto:eva.salinas@cbc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Strachan St Pilot

Hello,

I live on Hughson St N in the North End and my children attend Bennetto Elementary school.

Strachan St is not the right location with so many young families in the neighborhood, and only 100 meters away from BENNETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. It is disturbing and alarming that the city would suggest a site so close to an elementary school. The pilot location should be far from any school and any park where children play.

If you want it in this area, please consider the vacant Barton/Tiffany lands.

Please also consider giving the money allocated for the operation of the shed houses to Indwell, who is leading the way with innovation building affordable PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING in our city.

Julia Difrancesco

**From:** Krista Schild

**Date:** August 11, 2023 at 11:52:52 AM EDT

**To:**

**Subject:** FW: Strachan St pilot - email to [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

To whom it may concern,

I live on James St N and am very concerned about the 25 sheds proposed for housing on Strachan St.

Strachan St is not the right location with so many young families in the neighborhood, and only 100 meters away from BENETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. It is disturbing that the city would suggest a site so close to an elementary school. The pilot location should be far from any school and any park where children play.

If you want it in this area, please consider the vacant Barton/Tiffany lands.

Please also consider giving the money allocated for the operation of the shed houses to Indwell, who is leading the way with innovation building affordable PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING in our city.

Krista Schild

Submitted on Wed, 08/09/2023 - 14:45

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee

I would like to as on these matters, on the issues of housing , tents issues and the city cleaning as why I need to know why residents on hold with theses things as well with condos are being built for

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?

In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?

No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information

Ana Blair

Ana Blair



Preferred Pronoun

she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request

The reason is that I had people come to me about theses issues and time I have told your city council to see about this issues nothing was done about this is why I deal with people issues head on and now bring it to council in person to city hall

Thank you

For hear my requests in person

Ana Blair

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

No



Submitted on Thu, 08/10/2023 - 08:11

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
James Kemp  
N/A



Preferred Pronoun  
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request  
I wish to delegate regarding reports HSC20036(g) and HSC23041 with respect to persons with disabilities and efforts to accommodate them in the encampment protocol and the shelter system.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Thu, 08/10/2023 - 12:55

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Dale MacNevin

[REDACTED]

[clinics@hamsmart.ca](mailto:clinics@hamsmart.ca)

[REDACTED]

Preferred Pronoun  
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request  
Wants to talk about encampments.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Thu, 08/10/2023 - 14:28

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Jammy  
Keeping Six  
140 King Street East  
Hamilton , Ontario . L8N 1A5



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
To speak on encampments because I have lived experience. It's my community, my family and the people I care about. I have been acting as a volunteer ambassador and feel as though I would be in an informed position to speak on this issue.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Thu, 08/10/2023 - 16:54

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Cassie Kruchka  
Stoney Creek Optimist Little League



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
Encampments

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Thu, 08/10/2023 - 22:02

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Annabel Krupp



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
I would like to address the HATS proposal at Strachan and James. As a nearby resident I have ideas about integrating these potential new residents into our community.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Fri, 08/11/2023 - 04:00

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Gessie Stearns



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
Respecting items 8.2 and 8.3 Addressing needs of unsheltered individuals and those relying on Hamilton's emergency shelter system.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Fri, 08/11/2023 - 11:02

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:


### **Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

### **Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Shabeeh Ahmad  
Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team (HAMSMaRT)  
101-140 King Street East  
Hamilton, ON. L8N 1A5  
[community@hamsmart.ca](mailto:community@hamsmart.ca)  


Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
I would like to speak on Item 8.2 of the GIC Agenda (August 14, 2023). I have also submitted a communications to the City ("The People's Protocol on Encampments") which has been added to the agenda (5.1a) and would like to speak on this as well during my delegation time.

Thank you.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Fri, 08/11/2023 - 11:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Ryan Lester



Preferred Pronoun  
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request  
Proposed Encampment Protocol

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No



Submitted on Fri, 08/11/2023 - 11:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Kim Ritchie  
Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Harm Reduction Working Group



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
To discuss concerns regarding the proposed encampment protocol.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
No

Submitted on Wed, 08/09/2023 - 21:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Committee Requested**

Committee  
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?  
In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?  
No

**Requestor Information**

Requestor Information  
Lisa Colbert  
Waves



Preferred Pronoun  
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request  
Member of Waves speaking to the epidemic of intimate partner and gender based violence from personal experience.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?  
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?  
Yes