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Subject: City discriminates against vulnerable people
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Re: Issues raised by Terry Whitehead's response to Amanda Leigh's letter, both found here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/186781248060815/permalink/4062195263852708/>

To: City Council
Cc: Police Services Board, Chief of Police, Hamilton Police Association

Homeless people are citizens of Hamilton with the same rights to City services as every other citizen, including public housing.

Right to Housing, Canada
https://chra-achru.ca/blog_article/right-to-housing-is-now-law-in-canada-so-now-what-2/

If homeless people are forced to live on the streets because no public housing suitable to their needs/disabilities is provided for them, that alone is a violation of their rights. Until the City corrects that discrimination, the City must provide them with sanitation and all other City services to which citizens are entitled, and to a degree that keeps all people and neighbourhoods safe and secure, including them and their temporary homes/communities: Those communities of homeless people have exactly the same rights as every other citizen. Failing to provide suitable and equal housing and water/sanitation services to 'some' people is discrimination.

A person without a home is still a citizen entitled to the same City services as every other person living in Hamilton. Sanitation and water are critical services, necessary to the health of our entire community.

Failure of the City to provide such services to particular people based on their personal circumstances is discrimination against some of the very people that human rights laws are intended to protect.

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