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Subject: Cruel Reaction to Protestors

From: Maureen McKeating
Sent: November 30, 2020 5:04 PM
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> Dear Councillors,
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> It is a miserable day outside and according to the forecast for today and tomorrow, the weather is going to get worse. I am appalled that today is the day that the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police have decided to move peaceful, homeless demonstrators from City Hall. The situation is made worse by the fact that their tents and belongings are being tossed into dumpsters. I just don't understand. Why couldn't the protesters be allowed to pack up and keep their few belongings? Why couldn't the Mayor and Council make any sort of a move to listen to their concerns or to help? For the most part, these individuals have been ignored by the Mayor and the majority of the Councillors.
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> The Mayor is asking Hamiltonians to participate through Engage Hamilton. That is farcical in that the snow clearing survey was tossed aside despite citizens wanting sidewalk clearing and also indicating a willingness to pay for it through their taxes.
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> I see Hamilton as a stalled City. I see City Council as being reactive and not transparent. I do not see vision.
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> Those who have been protesting at City Hall have been abandoned.
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> Maureen McKeating
> Ward 8 resident
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