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Subject: Encampment protocol

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Hello Mayor Eisenberger and Councilor VanderBeek,

I have just signed the HESN Demand to end encampment evictions open letter.

I am writing to let you know about my frustration and anger about the encampment protocol returning to pre pandemic measures. Return to pre pandemic measures - what does that even mean? When we have been learning throughout the pandemic about all the things that we don't want to go back to 'normal' homelessness is not one of them.

Is this because you believe that the pandemic is over?

Is this because you believe there is somewhere for people to go?

Or is this because you are tired of looking at a mess and just want it to go away instead of doing something tangible about it. You tried hard but nothing was working so you just give up.

I am a resident of Ward 13, and you know that there are encampments in our lovely little Dundas as well. People who for whatever reason are forced to live outside. Pretending it's a downtown issue does not make it go away.

I am so tired of the callousness of this city council. And I never hear anything coming from you Councilor VanderBeek - one way or the other. Stand up for something. Were you even at this meeting? It was offensive that this motion was brought forward in a private meeting with no opportunity for discussion from the public. Brought forward by councilors with their own self interest at heart.

I love this city and the people in it, that way people stick together and care for each other. I hate the way this city council is all about growth and development but gets nothing done. If you do get something done - it's under cover of private meetings. Not a way to run a city.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wolf