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To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>
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Good Afternoon Mr Farr,

I am writing to express my complete disappointment in council's emergency meeting to end the encampment protocol. I am a citizen of your ward and know that this greatly affects ward 2.

You make these decisions for the unhoused humans of our city, but what is the solution for where they can go? The Jamesville townhouses were neglected and deemed unsafe, but instead of building more affordable housing in that spot, the city sold the land to developers. That land has sat untouched for years. Think of all the humans of the city you could have helped by now. I understand funding for such programs is an issue for any government, but it is time to adjust the priorities of council and focus on affordable housing. Would you not want your legacy in council to include being compassionate towards all of your residents?

I am constantly disappointed by the decisions of council. Do better this time. Please remember these are human beings.

Thank you for your time,

Mary-Elizabeth Gallacher