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Subject: Reverse Encampment Protocol Decision

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Hello and good evening,

I am a resident of Ward 1 in Hamilton, and am writing to express my concern, and quite frankly outrage, at the City's decision to end the encampment protocol and return to the violent pre-pandemic routine of evicting my unhoused neighbours immediately when setting up camp in a park.

It is absolutely shameful that you have decided to go back on the 14-day encampment protocol, especially given the fact that we are **still in the midst of a global pandemic** -- and a 4th wave in Hamilton at that.

I'd like to know why I can spend the whole day at the park with my loved ones in peace - but when my unhoused neighbours do so, they get the police called on them and their belongings thrown in the trash by the City's Encampment Response Team? This incredibly violent response has not only caused more harm to those who are already holding a vast amount of trauma due to being unhoused, but will only continue to perpetuate further harm now that this protocol has been lifted.

I am calling on you to immediately reinstate the encampment protocol throughout the City of Hamilton, and do what is expected of you by the public.

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Deanna Rylott

Resident of Hamilton, Ward 1