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Subject: Emergency & Community services Committee

Dear Legislative coordinators:

I am submitting the following information to be added to the agenda for the January 19 meeting of the emergency & community services committee.

Please add my name, Walter Furlan owner and resident of Furlan Conservation at 765 Barton St E. I live above my storefront. I am in opposition to funding the Hats project at 647 Barton Street east due to fire risk involved in such a small area with too many buildings on site.

Thank you.

Walter

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Staff help rescue residents as fire destroys Kingston sleeping cabin | CBC News

By the time the flames were brought under control, one of the shelters that house vulnerable residents had been reduced to a blackened pile of possessions.

"They lost 100 per cent of their belongings," Wilson said on Wednesday.

But she said if it hadn't been for those on site, more than just cabins might have been lost that night.

"We had staff and some residents step up and save lives."

- **Sleeping cabins for Kingston's homeless fall short, critics say**

Wilson is the executive director of Our Livable Solutions, the non-profit that runs the 15 cabins set up to give people experiencing homelessness a place to stay.

The fire damaged two of the other small buildings, including one that had a wall burnt to the ground.

Firefighters were called to the site around 2 a.m. and arrived to find one of the cabins engulfed in flames, according to Ted Posadowski, chief fire prevention officer for Kingston Fire & Rescue.

Posadowski said there were some minor injuries, but no one was taken to hospital. Damage is estimated around \$60,000.

Fire training was a day before fire

Wilson said staff had gone through fire training Monday, so the information was fresh as they worked quickly to wake up the people inside the cabins and make sure they made it out safely.

"It could have been a lot worse," she said. "We're very lucky that nobody was hurt."

"We are thankful that there [is] staff there 24/7," Posadowski said. "They did smell smoke ..."

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These cabins were occupied only a few months before fire !

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"We're working with them to replace the items that were lost."



A sleeping cabin at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour in Kingston burned to the ground in the early morning.

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