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Subject: Written submission to Council

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
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Dear Clerk:

Good afternoon. Hope this finds you well. I write as a resident in Hamilton, Ontario. Below, please find a written submission to Council to be placed on the next meeting's agenda. Thank you.

Kindly,

Joshua Weresch

To the mayor and councillors on Hamilton's Council:

Good afternoon. I hope this finds you well. I write as a resident in Hamilton, Ontario. I am writing in regards to the 6 October 2023 article on C. B. C. Hamilton which announced that the Hamilton Association for Tiny Shelters would no longer be erecting tiny shelters at Strachan Linear Park.

While this is a disappointment, it is also an opportunity for the city to expropriate any and all vacant housing on an emergency basis. It was good to read that day-time drop-in programs, recreation centre and library hours, and warming centre spaces would all be expanded but those will not provide nearly enough support unlike dignified housing with wrap-around services. People in need deserve no less.

I hope that Council can muster the political will to do what is needed for folks who are most in need and expropriate immediately any and all vacant housing.

Respectfully,

Joshua Weresch