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Subject: Encampments**From:** Mike**Sent:** May 18, 2024 10:54 AM**To:** Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Encampments

Ok, enough is enough.

You as city council are creating a ghetto with no law and order in Bayfront Park. Everything is done to protect the Encampments rights and nothing to protect the residents rights. Petty theft has been happening in our neighborhood since you allowed these protocols to happen, by the way never seem to be enforced. I've reported about the number of tents per encampment, not being 50 sq meters apart and the 45 sq meters per encampment and all that's been done is more have been added and closer together. You and the Outreach who is supposedly the first contact are allowing this to become a mob mentality of drug addicted mental health population. Outreach told me they try to balance between the homeless and the neighborhood but as seen, they are biased towards the encampments and nothing is being done for the neighborhood. Our complaints are never answered and more and more tents keep getting added. Now it's come to the point of not just petty theft happening, our neighbors house was broken into the other night (May 17) while their son and girlfriend were alone in the house sleeping. They stole her wallet, all keys, his car and numerous other things. Who knows what could have happened if they woke up and went to investigate. Guess where they found the car, Hutch's parking lot at the top of Bayfront park and some articles that were stolen were at the encampment on the north side of Harbourfront drive leading to Bayfront Park, right behind the houses on Ferrie street west. Another neighbor has had their shed broken into twice damaging the door so bad it had to be replaced. The same night as the breakin (May17) another neighbor noticed two people walking up the street checking all car door handles. Another had an extension cord plugged into their outside receptacle leading down to the encampment on the north side of harbourfront drive. No idea how long they've been stealing their hydro. It's gotten to the point we feel we are no longer safe to open our doors and windows to let fresh air in and are forced to install extra security locks and fences at our own expense. There is a lot of fear and anxiety and insecurity happening in our neighborhood and you as city council are responsible for allowing this to happen. You tend to side with the unsheltered with no questions asked more so than the residents concerns. Any compassion I had with the homeless is totally gone because of the actions of our Mayor and this city council showing lack of respect for the residents.

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