

## Wentworth Standard Condominium Corporation 381

June 12, 2024

### ENCAMPMENT AT CITY HALL

Dear Mayor Horwath, Councillor Kroetsch and Chief Bergen,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wentworth Standard Condominium Corporation 381 (Core Lofts) located at 66 Bay Street South regarding the prior encampment at City Hall.

The board of directors is sympathetic to the housing crisis and respects the right to protest in front of City Hall. The protest had evolved into a situation with elevated crime which had made the neighbourhood unsafe.

The decline at the City Hall property resulted in increased costs to residents for a security guard and repairing vandalism. The encampment reduced personal safety amongst some of the residents. Cleanliness declined due to the blowing of garbage and dumping of trash on the property.

To summarize the impact, below are a few examples of criminal activity which resulted in extra repair and security costs:

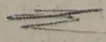
- A trespasser made entry to the garage and attempted to break into cars on March 8 along with a resident interaction during an attempted bicycle theft
- The next day, another trespasser made entry to the garage and hid behind a truck, scaring a resident. Drug paraphernalia was found as well approximately \$2000 in damage to the garage doors
- Trespassing and open drug use by individuals from the encampment on March 12, 15, 16, 19, 25 and 26

To date, the encampment has cost residents approximately an extra \$5000 in security and vandalism repairs. Continuing with private security is not sustainable, specially to those residents on fixed income. This does not include the time spent asking trespassers to leave, arranging security and repairs. It's difficult to assess a value to the emotional toll of residents who do not feel safe.

In the case that the encampment occurs again in the future, the board will be requesting a property tax rebate on behalf of residents.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter and hope to see the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Police take action to reduce these crime trends.

**Kind Regards,  
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