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The so-called protocol for encampments is a failure, which many of us knew it would be when it was announced last year. It's lacking in compassion for both the unhoused and the housed. It's been almost a year and conditions have worsened in the city. The city needs to immediately take steps to stem the damage their protocol has caused.

1. For people withOUT mental or drug issues. Rent space for dorm-style housing. No need to build a building, there seems to be empty property in the city already. It should not take that long to put something like this together. Get each person a small dorm room and install a cafeteria. Shared showers and washrooms. Here they can live until they can find something better. Charge them a portion of their welfare cheque for food and board. Until this is ready (may take a few months), rent a building where you can put partition walls --- this can be put together in a week if needed. Perhaps a few church basements. Remember how quickly the COVID hospital rooms went up?

2. For those with drug issues, offer treatment for recovery (which would come with a place to stay). If they refuse, do not provide housing and do not allow them to live in parks. The law requires you make the offer, not that you force compliance.

3. For those with mental illness, get St Joe's Hospital to help. If needed, put up extra trailers on their grounds until more permanent spaces can be built. We're going to need more beds for a while to come, I suspect.

4. Make camping in city parks illegal again. Enforce it. Clean the parks so they are safe for children again. Remove people camping on sidewalks and in store doorways. Make it known through all media channels that things have changed in Hamilton and we are no longer Drug City.

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