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**Revised Communication for GIC June 19<sup>th</sup> :**

Hello,

I have written numerous of times to the [unsheltered@hamilton.ca](mailto:unsheltered@hamilton.ca) in regards to the encampments in the North End, specifically the Bayfront Park area and it seems that as time goes on, the issues are just increasing. Majority of these encampments go against the encampment protocol. There are clusters larger than 5 tents, tents are occupying a larger space than what is to be allowed, there are many tents within 5 meters of sidewalks, some tents are utilizing the light poles to assist with the tying of their tarps, there is human feces, crack/meth pipes and needles throughout the grounds, there is garbage everywhere, there is open drug use and just as recent of this morning (May 21st ) I personally witnessed a few folks passed right out on the grounds, others "tweaking" out on drugs and two other individuals literally going to the washroom right out in the open. This is absolutely unacceptable!

The "solutions" the City have in place are broken and evidently NOT working. The crime in our area has yet again increased as Cameron should be well aware of. It is not just theft of our property anymore; it is escalating to home invasions and being physically threatened with weapons. Let's not forget the murder that happened in April at Pier 4 too. Daily something is happening to a resident of the North End. Daily.

There were 14 trespassing notices issued on May 6th for the encampments located at the Bayfront and there has yet to be any follow through with this. What is the point of having bylaws or encampment protocols if they are not being enforced. Why are there no mandatory SLA's to be abided by the City and Hamilton Police Service to rectify known infractions. I have escalated my concerns to Michelle Baird and David McKenzie and still have received no results. Within the most recent City's weekly report, (June 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup>) Bayfront Park is stated numerous of times. There has been clean up every day from Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, the investigation, and submissions of trespassing notices are also sitting in the same status from the weekly reports that were issued well over a month ago. How is this approach helping anyone at this point? The simple answer...it is not. We need and must investigate other solutions. Previously, majority ruled on sanctioned sites. Why was this approach ignored? Why were Hamiltonians being ignored and continue to be ignored?

Please do something about this. The current process you have is failing. The law is not being adhered to, the bylaws are not being enforced, and the encampment protocol is not being enforced and/or working either. It's as if our city is in a state of a complete anarchy. It is truly terrifying.

We ALL need to feel safe. Housed and unhoused.

The LAW needs to apply to EVERYONE EQUALLY.

Thank you kindly,  
Amanda Weegar