

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: July 8, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

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Exclusion of Confederation Beach Park Within the Encampment Protocol

WHEREAS, City staff have recommended that encampments should not be permitted in public parks that are undergoing further park development options;

WHEREAS, the majority of Hamilton City Council has approved the exemption of Strachan Linear Park from the Encampment Protocol on the basis of ongoing park development options;

WHEREAS, over nine-million dollars in capital is earmarked for future budgets beginning in 2025 for Confederation Beach Park;

WHEREAS, council has directed staff to find a public private partnership for the continuation of Wild Water Works, and is currently looking to draw interest in potential private partners;

WHEREAS, Confederation Beach Park is a major tourist attraction in the City of Hamilton which hosts large scale events on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City of Hamilton to showcase Confederation Beach Park to attract business and development;

WHEREAS, Confederation Beach Park has a Park Master Plan and is currently undergoing park development initiatives to further activate this space for City-wide community use.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare a motion to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix "A", which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, including:
 - (i) adding an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents in Confederation Beach Park until further park development initiatives are completed.