

Proposed Amendments to the Encampment Protocol

Total Compliant Sites as of June 2024 Amendments

Following the amendments to the Encampment Protocol approved in June 2024, 102 sites were determined to be compliant in the community. The table below details the approved amendments to the Encampment Protocol in June 2024.

Original Encampment Protocol Prohibited Areas:	Revised Encampment Protocol Prohibited Areas:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 50 metres of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters model site. For the purpose of this site the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North, will be considered the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encampments are NOT to be located on or within the full length of the Strachan Linear Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On any pathway, sidewalk, or parking lot or on or under any bridge, including pedestrian access points to such areas and structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 5 metres of any pathway, walkway, sidewalk, or parking lot or on or under any bridge including pedestrian access points to such areas and structures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Encampment Protocol did not provide regulations for spaces that are designed and programmed for Children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 100 metres of spaces that are designed and programmed for children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Encampment Protocol did not provide regulations for sites regarding funeral homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 100 metres of a funeral home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Encampment Protocol did not provide regulations for sites regarding long-term care facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 100 metres of a long-term care facility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Encampment Protocol did not provide regulations for sites regarding active construction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or within 25 metres of an active construction site

Total Compliant Sites with all Proposed Increase Distance Amendments

Considering all the proposed increase distance amendments, the number of compliant sites would decrease to 29 in the community. The following table outlines the proposed increase in distances for the Encampment Protocol:

Current Encampment Protocol Distance Requirements:	Proposed Increased Distance Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Property Line minimum distance 10 metres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Property Line minimum distance increase to 25 metres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Site minimum distance of 25 metres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Site minimum distance increase to 100 metres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funeral Home minimum distance of 100 metres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funeral Home minimum distance change from classification of Funeral Home to Active Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways minimum distance of 5 metres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways minimum distance increase to 50 metres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with a Heritage Designation minimum distance of 5 metres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with a Heritage Designation minimum distance increase to 50 metres and add Monuments and Memorials to the classification.

The following information demonstrates the impact of each proposed distance increase on compliant sites within the community.

Proposed Distance Increase of 10 metres to 25 metres from a Private Property Line

The number of compliant sites will decrease 102 to 52 if the distance from a private property line is increased from 10 metres to 25 metres, which is second-largest reduction after increasing the distance requirement from a pathway. Analysis with the GIS team highlighted an important detail, this increase would place individuals in the center of the compliant sites, thereby increasing their visibility in the community. The figure below illustrates the impact further.



Proposed Distance Increase of 25 metres to 100 metres from a Construction Site

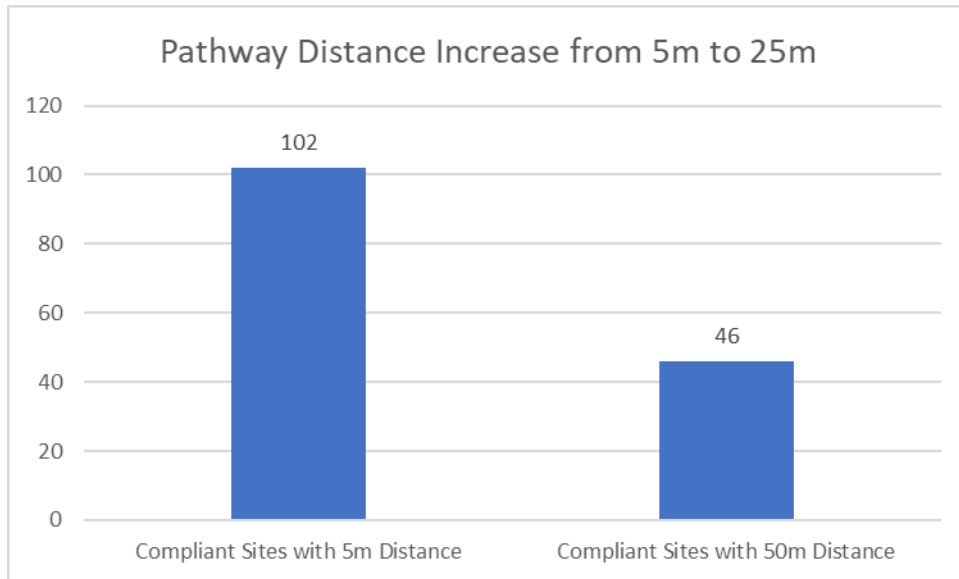
Specific data regarding active construction sites is not available or consistent over time. Construction projects are dynamic and subject to change, which can affect the locations and timelines associated with them. Therefore, any attempts to provide specific data on active constructions sites may not be feasible for this exercise due to the fluid nature of these projects.

Proposed Distance Increase of 100 metres from any Active Business

Specific data regarding the impact of compliant sites within 100 of an active business was not able to be collected at this time, however, further analysis of popular and compliant sites in the community suggests that most sites would be in compliance with this distance regulation.

Proposed Distance Increase of 5 metres to 50 metres from a Pathway

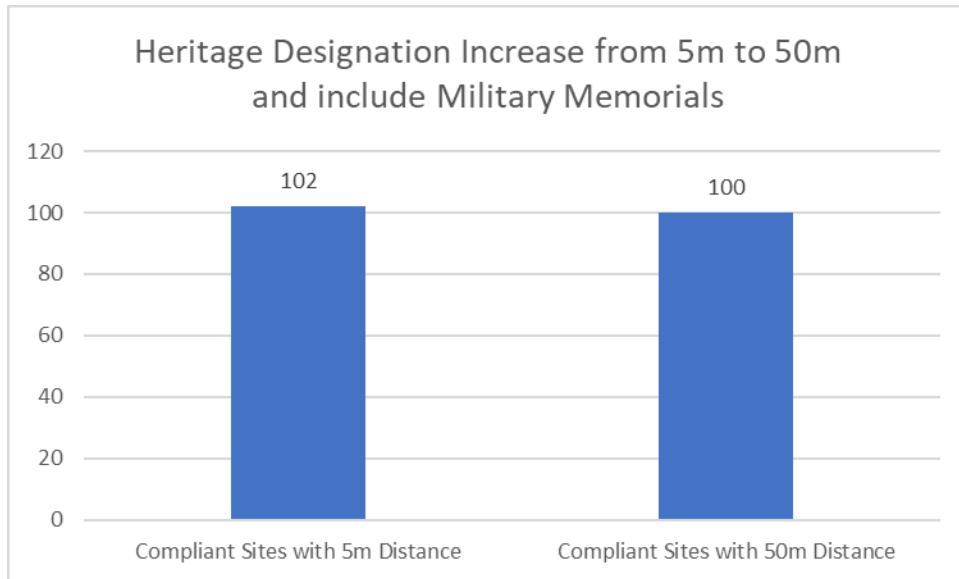
The number of compliant sites will decrease 102 to 46 if the distance from a private property line is increased from 5 metres to 50 metres. This is the largest reduction among all the proposed distance increases. The figure below illustrates this impact further.



Proposed Distance Increase of 5 metres to 50 metres from a Property with a Heritage Designation and include Monuments and Memorials

Consultations with the Heritage Resource Management team have highlighted complexities in designating monuments or memorials within the City. These sites often hold diverse cultural and historical significance, which can lead to varying interpretations and disputes over their appropriate use and protection.

In response to these challenges, staff have taken a collaborative approach, aligning proposed amendments with existing policies clarify guidelines specifically for Military Memorials in the community. Currently, there are 9 Military Memorials in Hamilton, and applying clear distance provisions on Military Memorials ensures transparency and consistency with the community. This approach safeguards temporary shelters during special events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies, respecting the significance of these memorials while maintaining practicality in urban planning and safety measures.



City Parks with Active Construction Projects

Staff are recommending that the current regulations related to Active Construction Sites in the Encampment Protocol remain unchanged for public safety. The existing regulation prohibits encampments from being located on or within 25 metres of any Active Construction Site. Given the scarcity of compliant sites and the fluid nature of construction projects, staff believe that increasing this regulation would further limit available compliant sites and create further challenges for individuals living in encampments.

Staff propose that the Housing Focused Street Outreach team be involved in the early planning stages of construction projects on compliant sites to develop a coordinated response for assisting and potentially relocating affected individuals to safer, compliant sites that meet their needs.