

CITY OF HAMILTON

REVISED MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: August 12, 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:

That staff be directed 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, to include an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents in Confederation Beach Park until further park development initiatives are completed, as follows:

D) Prohibited Areas for Erecting Encampments, Temporary Shelters, or Tents

In order to provide for the availability of space for temporary shelter in parks, persons without shelter or being homeless will be able to establish an encampment through erecting a temporary shelter for themselves and also be able group together with other such persons' temporary shelters. However, the encampment or cluster of shelters must not exceed five tents or similar temporary shelters, and there must be at least 50 meters separating the encampment or cluster from other encampments or clusters of shelters. Further, the balancing of public and private interests while allowing for temporary shelter will require encampments or clusters not be located:

- 22. Confederation Beach Park until further park development initiatives are completed.***