

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: July 12, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Amendment to Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023

WHEREAS, staff were 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” to General Issues Committee Report 23-023 which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, as per Item 8 (1) of General Issues Committee Report 24-011, including:

- (i) removing the following provision from Section D, indicating the removal of encampments, temporary shelters, or tents “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.”
- (ii) adding an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents for the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North until further park development options can be explored;
- (iii) Establishing a minimum distance of 100m for additional sensitive uses, specifically around funeral homes and long-term care residencies as well as spaces that are designed and programmed for children as an amendment to the encampment protocol;
- (iv) Amending the requirement to keep 5 metres from sidewalks during the winter months to be a full year requirement, and to include walkways and pathways in this requirement; and
- (v) Establishing a minimum 25m distance from active construction sites.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 2 of the of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED, be **amended**, as follows:

2. Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED (Item 8.2)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as **further amended** Appendix "A" to General Issues Committee Report 23-023;

Attachment – **Further Amended** Appendix "A" to Report HSC20036(g)

Main Motion, **As Amended**, to read as follows:

2. Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide) - REVISED (Item 8.2)

- (a) That Council adopt the Proposed Encampment Protocol attached as **further amended** Appendix "A" to General Issues Committee Report 23-023;
- (b) That staff be directed to implement and enforce the Proposed Encampment Protocol;
- (c) That Public Works be authorized to provide security to ensure access to washroom and/or shower services to support individuals who are unsheltered, including two existing all-year outdoor washroom facilities with 24-hour security and two existing all-year recreation centres with 12-hour security;
- (i) at a cost of \$576,240, for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046)
- (ii) and that the cost of \$987,840 to operationalize this as a permanent program in 2024 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
- (d) That in order for Planning and Economic Development, Municipal By-Law Enforcement to support enforcement of the Protocol based on the existing Monday to Friday level of service, and a four-day response time, Council approve;
- (i) the creation of a 1FTE Supervisor of Municipal By-law Enforcement for the period September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, at a cost of \$86,120 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046),
- (ii) and that the approval of one FTE at an annualized cost of \$147,650 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.
- (iii) that the purchase of a vehicle at a cost of \$35,000, and an annual operating impact of \$9,000 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process

- (e) That staff be directed to provide an enhanced service level to allow the Public Works, Parks Section staff to respond to requests for clean-up and maintenance in alignment with the service levels outlined in the Proposed Encampment Protocol and that Council approve;
 - (i) the creation of one FTE Parks Lead Hand and two FTE Parks Operators and that the cost of \$93,000 for this enhanced service level be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024;
 - (ii) The leasing of vehicles and equipment for the period of September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$50,000, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046);
 - (iii) the operating cost of \$278,400 to annualize this enhanced service level, includes \$245,000 for the approval of three FTEs, and \$33,400 for the annualized operating cost of the vehicles in recommendation d)iv) be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
 - (iv) the Capital Costs of \$220,000 for equipment and vehicles to be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process.

- (f) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to hire the equivalent and two seconded peer Support Workers, at an approximate annual cost of \$61,500 each (total for two FTEs \$123,000) on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that the funding for these positions be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget;

- (g) That upon the adoption of the Encampment Protocol, Housing Focused Street Outreach collaborate with key stakeholders to develop a liaison committee to ensure that individuals with lived/living experience of encampments, frontline operators, and staff are all meaningfully engaged in providing input into Hamilton's encampment response. Staff will collaborate with key stakeholders including Keeping Six, HAMSMarT, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, and Hamilton Encampment Support Network (to help recruit people with lived/living experience for the committee), to develop terms of reference for the committee that identifies goals, scope, and desired outcomes;

- (h) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to enter into the appropriate agreements with the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters for the operation of a two-year pilot of up to 25 temporary tiny homes on City lands, with appropriate security, services and supports at no cost to the City, subject to the following conditions; and,
 - (i) That the pilot program be located on the site of the parking area on the Strachan Avenue linear park or an alternative site that meets the criteria for the Protocol and is determined appropriate by staff
 - (ii) That all potential residents of the site are selected from the City of Hamilton's By-Name List, as per associated requirements of its Coordinated Access system, with approval from Housing Services Division;

- (iii) That staff be directed to work with Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters to review operating model and provision of security and services, determine performance metrics and outcomes, including eligibility and entry criteria, gender-specific considerations, Indigenous supports, identification of formalized community partnerships with health and social service sectors, pathways to permanent housing, and a process for evaluating the success of the pilot;
- (iv) That staff be directed to evaluate program outcomes and that staff include information on the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters in progress updates to the General Issues Committee as part of future encampment reporting and performance metrics reporting; and
- (v) That a detailed exit strategy has been created and will be executed should HATS not be able to ensure site safety and/or adequate funding to operate.
- (vi) That the appropriate General Managers of Public Works, Planning and Economic Development, and the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the purchases and grants outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the respective General Manager or their designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.