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Subject: All of Hamilton Approach to Homelessness?

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Hello

I would like to bring up again the issue of enforcement (or lack thereof) at Bayfront Park and Pier 4 and Gage Park.

If you could please advise if any enforcement will be happening prior to the sanctioned site? It seems wholly unfair to the lower city residents who used to use those parks, that there has been no enforcement for almost a year now.

Our mayor says we need to tackle homelessness using a "whole of Hamilton approach" I believe those were her words.

Where is the "whole of Hamilton" approach in this scenario? Why is the lower city bearing almost the entire burden of encampments? The continued neglect and complacency for what the residents in the nearby neighborhoods are experiencing is astounding.

I know my Ward 2 Councilor touts our encampment percentage like a strange badge of honor; **DO NOT** mistake that for community support for the continued **occupation** of our parks. There are 70+ tents at Bayfront/Pier 4, between approx 30 sites- mostly non-compliant.

You are not treating the residents of the lower city of Hamilton equal to the rest of Hamilton. It is **discriminatory** that you have allowed our neighborhoods to denigrate to their current conditions, fully knowing there are compliant locations on the mountain or elsewhere for encampments to exist within the rules.

I ask that you take immediate action to move the NON-COMPLIANT sites, please relocate them to one of the many compliant locations that exist within the city such as Dundurn Park, Confederation Park, McQueston Park, Dundas Driving Park, Cathedral Park to name a few. Valley

We do not have a shortage of compliant space in Hamilton, we have a lack of enforcement of the protocol you created.

I know enforcement is happening in other parks, so why not these?

Other cities take the approach of mapping out where campers can go within the rules, why doesn't Hamilton do the same?

Thank you,
Kelly Oucharek