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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident in the Calvert Dale Neighbourhood Association, and I support the Safe Spaces for All report item 10.2.1 to inform the Encampment Protocol being established at the Region of Peel.

Living where we do, my family and I have unfortunately been directly impacted by the encampments along the Etobicoke Creek Trail. Our neighbourhood used to be peaceful, clean, and a place I was proud to call home. Unfortunately that changed with the influx of encampments in the area. My young children no longer benefit from using the playground at Duggan Park due to drug paraphernalia found directly in the playground space, and the people who frequent the area in their many states. We no longer enjoy walks along the Etobicoke Creek Trail like we once did. When encampments were at their peak in our area, we often found ourselves calling to report fires in the green space, smelled and saw smoke in our yards, and have been victims of theft from within our locked yards. *Simply put, we do not feel safe living here.*

This Encampment Protocol is of great importance—we are hopeful that once the Protocol is implemented, we will have some peace back in our lives, feel safe enough to use our parks and trails once more, and can live and play in our neighbourhood without fear of stumbling upon dangerous drug paraphernalia. We want to be able to go to our local establishments again without fear of harassment or indecent exposure. We want our children to feel comfortable in their own backyard again.

I strongly believe the recommendations outlined in this report, if followed, will positively shape the Encampment Protocol so that we can get back to having safe public spaces for all in our neighbourhood.

Regards,
Natalie Geraci-Oliveira
Calvert Dale Neighbourhood Association