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Re: Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024 was approved by Council on October 30, 2024, pursuant to Council Resolution C210-2024:

CW396-2024

1. That the report from Julia Seeratan, Advisor, Community Safety and Well-Being Office, Community Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton (RM 55/2024)**, be received;
2. That the Brampton Encampment Planning Working Group examine by-laws identified by Enforcement and By-Law Services that fall under the umbrella of 'safe public spaces for all' to determine:
 - i. how they can be strengthened to ensure public spaces are safe for all users in the city, and;
 - ii. which will need updating for the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities;
3. That this report be forwarded to Regional Council, Regional staff, and the Peel Encampment Working Group and Steering Committee for consideration in the development and implementation of the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities;
4. That staff increase advocacy efforts by supporting the Solve the Crisis campaign and a letter be sent to the Federal Government and Provincial Government, relevant cabinet members, and local MPs and MPPs asking to appoint a single ministry and minister to lead the Province's response to homelessness and mental health issues and to create a municipal-provincial task force to immediately direct resources and supports to cities and establish a common framework that includes operational guidelines for municipalities;
5. That the 2025 Community Services capital budget submission include the cost of a dedicated multi-disciplinary unit focused on risk intervention and response with the subject matter expertise needed to assess and address encampment hazards,

provide interventions, and respond to encampment concerns, with an estimated annual budget of \$907,000 and presented to the Mayor for his consideration; and

6. That this item be forwarded to: Brampton Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, and appropriate Ministry staff; to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Council of the Region of Peel, for information and support.

A copy of the subject report is attached for your reference.

By copy of this correspondence to Razmin Said, Senior Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being, Community Services, she is requested to carry out the direction in the Recommendation above.

Yours truly,

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