

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

Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

December 12, 2024



# Today's Agenda



# Background & Overview



# What is an encampment?

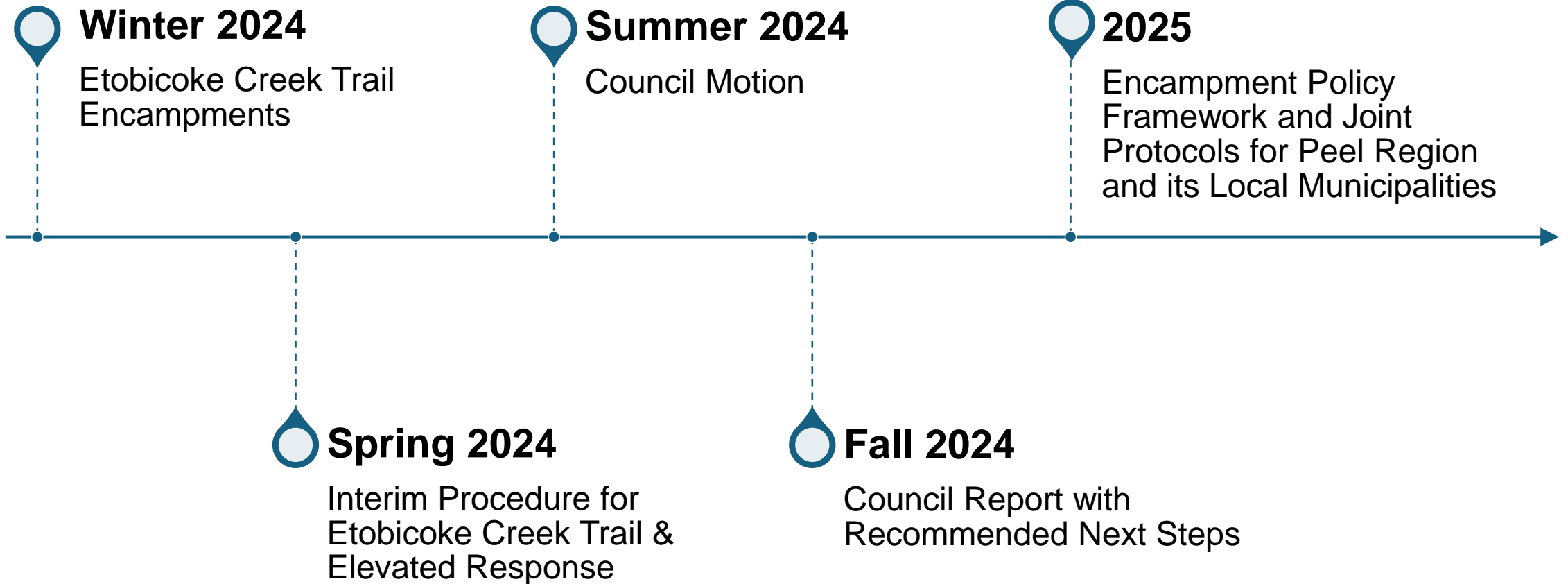
## Encampments

- Refers to emergency accommodations such as tents and informal structures. Established by people who are unhoused, usually on public property or privately-owned land, and often without permission. <sup>1</sup>
- Encampment residents are a small portion of unhoused people but represent a visible form of homelessness.

<sup>1</sup>The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate, 2024. *Upholding dignity and human rights: the Federal Housing Advocate's review of homeless encampments – Final report*. Ottawa: The Office of the Federal Housing Advocate.



# Timeline





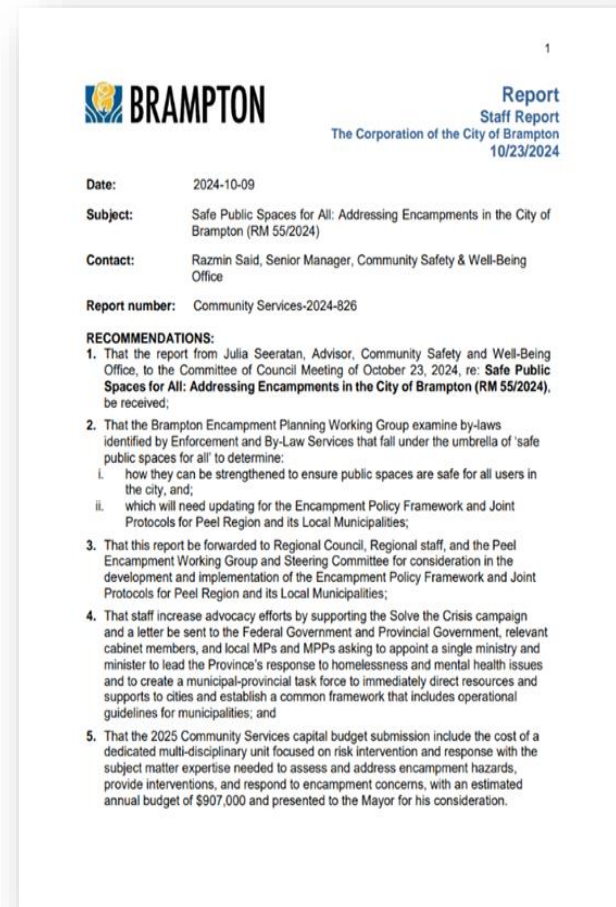
# Council Report

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(RM 55/24)



# Report highlights

- Identifying gaps in existing internal processes to address encampments
- Identifying implemented and recommended improvements for addressing encampments



# Multi-sector coordinated and collaborative approach

## **Brampton Encampment Response Group**

- Purpose is to review all known encampments, address needs and potential hazards, and coordinate solutions.
- Led by the Community Safety & Well-Being Office and comprised of Brampton staff across multiple divisions and external partners, including Peel Regional Police, Region of Peel Housing Services, Region of Peel Outreach Services.





# Multi-sector coordinated and collaborative approach (continued)

## **Brampton Encampment Planning Working Group**

- Purpose is to streamline current procedures and build capacity to implement the finalized Regional Policy Framework and Protocols.
- Led by the Community Safety & Well-Being Office and comprised of City of Brampton staff across multiple divisions.



# Multi-sector coordinated and collaborative approach (continued)

## Peel Encampment Working Group and Peel Encampment Steering Committee

- Purpose is to develop the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities
- Develop draft protocols that are relevant to interim encampment needs, and create strategies to pilot protocols
- Provide feedback on drafted protocols and collaborate on opportunities for enhancements
- To be presented to Regional Council in 2025 for approval



# Current Situation & Next Steps



# Current Situation and Next Steps

Planning Efforts	Risk Mitigation Efforts	Joint Efforts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued implementation of on-going improvements</li><li>• Developing and implementing new improvements</li><li>• Review and enhance current By-laws</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Piloting site assessments</li><li>• Weekly patrols</li><li>• Restoration efforts</li><li>• Installing signage</li><li>• Site conference meetings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advocacy</li><li>• Peel Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols</li></ul>



# Thank you

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