
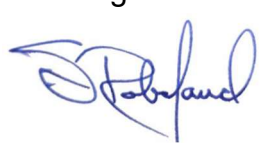





COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	December 18, 2024
SUBJECT:	Update to the Temporary Outdoor Shelter Program at 259 Caroline Street (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 2
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Report HSC24027(b)/FCS24028/PED24162 provided direction to staff to implement a temporary outdoor shelter facility at 259 Caroline Street, locally known as part of the Barton/Tiffany lands. The site will offer up to 80 spaces for residents, including couples and those with pets, with 24/7 wraparound services, such as mental health support, housing resources, essential services and security.

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The Barton/Tiffany temporary outdoor shelter is a crucial part of the City's strategy to increase both indoor and outdoor shelter spaces. In addition to the outdoor shelter space, this strategy also includes adding 192 new temporary shelter beds. Currently 79 of the 192 new temporary shelters beds are now operational, with 26 beds expected to open imminently. This will increase emergency shelter capacity in Hamilton by 56%.

The City has made progress with the temporary outdoor shelter construction. Key milestones include:

- Site plans have been approved.
- Good Shepherd has been confirmed as the operator of the site.
- Asphalt paving has started in key areas for the buildings and washrooms.
- Temporary fencing has been installed, and work continues on the permanent fencing around the full perimeter of the temporary outdoor shelter site.
- Hamilton Water is currently installing the water line.

There have been some unexpected setbacks, due to additional health and safety measures, and production delays impacting delivery date for the microshelters and washroom facilities. As a result, the site is expected to open beginning in mid-January, with a phased in opening. The remaining outdoor shelter spaces will open soon after.

Staff recognize the urgency of this issue, especially as winter weather approaches. While the temporary outdoor shelters are delayed to ensure health, safety, and required due diligence, they are part of a larger effort to increase shelter capacity in Hamilton. Ensuring this project is done right, with health and safety as a top priority requires careful due diligence.

As we move through the next phases of the Barton/Tiffany temporary outdoor shelter, staff will continue to proactively communicate updates to the community, working alongside Council and other community partners, to ensure residents are kept informed.

For more information, please contact Michelle Baird, Director, Housing Services at michelle.baird@hamilton.ca.

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