

Temporary Shelter Expansion – Overview

Weekly Progress Update: December 16, 2024



The temporary outdoor shelter is part of the [City’s broader, ongoing strategy to address homelessness in Hamilton](#). This reflects Council’s decision to provide [additional low-barrier shelter space](#) in response to the [Mayor’s directive\(PDF, 106.68 KB\)](#) to establish a temporary outdoor shelter. This is not a standalone project but a crucial component of a larger system that includes [housing support programs, rapid re-housing, drop-in services, outreach, and emergency supports](#).

Weekly Updates – December 16, 2024:

Temporary Outdoor Shelter

<p>Construction Activities:</p>	<p>Completed Last Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Liner material laid/installed on site (waterproof membrane / geotextile). After ground preparation was completed, Asphalt began to be laid on site; additional granular brought to site, spread, and compacted to allow for next phase of asphalt. ○ Grading work preparing the Hess St. entrance roadway and small lot. ○ Fence installation around perimeter close to being completed. ○ Electrical design work continues in coordination with Alectra Utilities. ○ Waterline installed. • Caroline St. Improvements: Work began to improve Caroline St. (Stuart to Barton), 	<p>Planned this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: additional grading/granular work where necessary; asphalt work continues on site; waterline inspection; fence installation will continue, including installation of necessary access gates when possible. • Caroline St. Improvements: Work along Caroline St. will continue through the week. • Administrative Building: site preparation in advance of the delivery of the administrative/common building on site. • Weekend Work: It is anticipated that construction crews will continue work throughout the weekend to maintain progress. • Communications: Continue to update project website with weekly updates, and links to newly released reports / communication updates.
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	including sidewalk and signal enhancements.	
Operational Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Plan Coordination: Ongoing – continued development of service level policies and procedures in advance of the opening of the Temporary Outdoor Shelter; required schedules approved in principle. Ongoing: City / Good Shepherd meeting weekly to work through and confirm site details. 	
192 Shelter Bed Expansion - The City is addressing the urgent need for shelter services by activating 192 additional beds through strategic partnerships with community providers.		
Beds Onboarded:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of beds onboarded as of December 13th: 79/192 – ~41% of beds (+3%) 	
Schedule for Remaining Bed Opening:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of beds planned to be onboarded in December: 131 (182/192) – ~95% of beds NOTE: implementation projection has been updated as of December 13¹ 	
	Projected (revised):	Actual:
	Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 beds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 beds
	Week 2 (Dec 9): 19 beds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Week 2 (Dec 9): 7 beds
	Week 3 (Dec 16): 24 beds	Week 3 (Dec 16): XX beds
	Week 4 (Dec 23): 40 beds	Week 4 (Dec 23): XX beds
	Week 5 (Dec 30): 27 beds	Week 5 (Dec 30): XX beds
	Total: 131	Total: 28

¹ **Note:** largest challenge to date for agencies bringing new beds online has been staffing related, however all partners continue to work diligently to ensure safe onboarding of new shelter beds into the system as soon as operationally possible.