

Temporary Shelter Expansion – Overview

Weekly Progress Update: December 2, 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 2, 2024:

Temporary Outdoor Shelter

<p>Construction Activities:</p>	<p>Completed Last Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Agreement: Agreement in place with Rankin and Dillon to enter into full construction phase of project. • Site Plan: Fully approved. • Building Permit: Work continues to finalize plan, alongside architects, for final direction on building permit requirements. • Environmental: Designated Substances Survey Report received, provided to construction lead. • Ministry of Labour Update: Update on Order to Comply 333175CVGXKMB – Temporary Outdoor Shelter at Barton/Tiffany Lands (259 Caroline Street) • Caroline St. Improvements: Planned works for lighting, roadworks and crossing enhancements tentatively planned for week of December 9th. 	<p>Planned this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing: Installation will continue today and is expected to be completed by week’s end. • Site Cleanup: A first-response crew is on-site cleaning and removing sharps and other debris. • Construction Trailer Delivery: The trailer will be delivered today to facilitate ongoing work. • Mobilization of Equipment and Crews: Crews and necessary machinery are being prepared for site activities. • Erosion and Sediment Control Measures: These measures will be completed to align with environmental protection protocols. • Grading Works: Grading operations are set to begin, preparing the site for further construction. • Monitoring Wells Decommissioning: Wells that conflict with the site plan will start being decommissioned.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications: Draft materials developed for community distribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekend Work: It is anticipated that construction crews will continue work throughout the weekend to maintain progress. • Communications: Pending final design and confirmation on distribution plan.
Operational Items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Finalization: Efforts this week will focus on finalizing the operational budget details. • Ongoing: City / Operator (Good Shepherd) to meet weekly, as scheduled, to work through and confirm site details, and integrate other departments as required. • NEW: as of Friday, November 29, a plan is being finalized to ensure potable water can be brought directly on to the site; plan being finalized alongside relevant partners. 	
<p>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.</p>		
Beds Onboarded:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of beds onboarded as of November 29th: 48/192 – 25% of beds 	
Schedule for Remaining Bed Opening:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of beds planned to be onboarded in December: 134 (182/192) – ~95% of beds 	
	Projected:	Actual:
	Week 1 (Dec. 2): 28 beds	Week 1 (Dec. 2): XX / 28 beds
	Week 2 (Dec 9): 48 beds	Week 2 (Dec 9): XX / 48 beds
	Week 3 (Dec 16): 44 beds	Week 3 (Dec 16): XX / 44 beds
	Week 4 (Dec 23): 14 beds	Week 4 (Dec 23): XX / 14 beds