

Temporary Shelter Expansion – Overview

Weekly Progress Update: December 9, 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 9, 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"> ○ Mobilization of contractors on site with machinery and construction trailer. ○ Construction site signage installed. ○ Site cleanup; debris removed from site ○ Fence installation continued across Caroline St.; fast fence installed around the perimeter of the construction site. ○ Initial site levelling, erosion and sediment control measures, grading, and installation of granular materials on site. ○ Waterline installation begins to ensure potable water on site. • Communication Update – Environmental Studies: Release of Environmental Studies – Temporary Outdoor Shelter Project at 259 Caroline Street 	<p>Planned this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction: grading related works and granular continue in preparation for installation of waterproof membrane and geotextile; preparation for entrance, pathways, and amenity area; finalize waterline installation; ongoing work to maintain schedule to install light/heavy duty asphalt the week of December 16. • Electrical: continued work to support electrical connection planning/implementation on site in coordination with Alectra Utilities • Fencing: The fence installation will continue into this week; installation taking longer than initially projected, however fast fence has contained the whole construction site. • Security: continued work to ensure infrastructure measures are confirmed / in place as per operating plan. • Caroline St. Improvements: Planned works for lighting, re-paving and crossings tentatively planned for week of December 9th.
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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 • Consult with Hamilton Fire regarding safety planning, in addition to general consult with the operator regarding common building and amenity areas to ensure they meet operational needs. • Ongoing: City / Good Shepherd to meet weekly, as scheduled, 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 6th: 72/192 – ~38% of beds (+13%) 													
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 6th <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1114 1430 1377"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="432 1114 932 1154">Projected (revised):</th> <th data-bbox="932 1114 1430 1154">Actual:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1154 932 1200">Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 beds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="932 1154 1430 1200">Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 / 21 beds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1200 932 1245">Week 2 (Dec 9): 19 beds</td> <td data-bbox="932 1200 1430 1245">Week 2 (Dec 9): XX / 19 beds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1245 932 1291">Week 3 (Dec 16): 24 beds</td> <td data-bbox="932 1245 1430 1291">Week 3 (Dec 16): XX / 24 beds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1291 932 1336">Week 4 (Dec 23): 40 beds</td> <td data-bbox="932 1291 1430 1336">Week 4 (Dec 23): XX / 40 beds</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1336 932 1377">Week 5 (Dec 30): 27 beds</td> <td data-bbox="932 1336 1430 1377">Week 5 (Dec 30): XX / 27 beds</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Projected (revised):	Actual:	Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 beds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Week 1 (Dec. 2): 21 / 21 beds	Week 2 (Dec 9): 19 beds	Week 2 (Dec 9): XX / 19 beds	Week 3 (Dec 16): 24 beds	Week 3 (Dec 16): XX / 24 beds	Week 4 (Dec 23): 40 beds	Week 4 (Dec 23): XX / 40 beds	Week 5 (Dec 30): 27 beds	Week 5 (Dec 30): XX / 27 beds
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