

Coordinated Response Team

Weekly Encampment Wrap-Up Report

Week 51

December 16-22, 2024

Complaints & Requests for Service

Total Complaints & Service	Week 51	Previous Week	Previous Month Average	2023 Weekly Average
Requests	218	231	213	145

Complaint/Service Request Type	
Follow-Up(s) to Previous Request	35%
Request to Enforce Protocol	23%
Reported Garbage/Debris	11%
Support(s) for Unsheltered Individuals	8%
Other	8%

Most Freq	uently Identified	Locations
Gage Park	Walnut St. S Underpass Bridge	Bryna Park

Source of Complaint/Service Request	
Concerned Citizen	62%
Community Partners	15%
Councillor's Office	8%
Internal - Public Works	3%
Internal - Housing Services	2%

Complaints & Service Requests by Week



Weekly Action Tracker

The Weekly Action Tracker includes all complaints and service requests received by Housing Focused Street Outreach (HFSO) regarding potential encampments that are new and/or in need of a Protocol compliance check. Ocassionally, after a site has been designated by staff as cleared, different individual(s) may move into the same location and erect a new tent. To maintain clarity and ensure individuals are given an opportunity to be informed of the Encampment Protocol, any time new tents are discovered in an area that has been previously cleared, the process will restart with HFSO attending to engage. As such, a site may appear more than once, and there is always the potential for no tents to be present at the time of inspection, then for individuals to appear/reappear shortly after. Once a private property owner has been notified of the process, they become responsible for contacting the appropriate enforcement body.

Ward	Location	Date Identified to HFSO	Date Referred to Enforcement	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Trespass Notices Issued
8	Bryna Park	12/16/2024	12/16/2024	Investigation Ongoing	
2	Commonwealth Square	12/16/2024	12/16/2024	Investigation Ongoing	

Ward	Location	Date Identified to HFSO	Date Referred to Enforcement	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Trespass Notices Issued
2	City Hall Parking Lot	12/17/2024	Out of scope - referred to appropriate enforcement party		
2	Hunter St. Bike Lane	12/18/2024	N/A - cleanup requested		
2	Walnut St. & Hunter under bridge	12/17/2024	N/A - site deemed abandoned		
2	Wellington & Burlington	12/17/2024	N/A - no tents observed		
1	Behind 259-261 Bold St.	12/17/2024	N/A - no tents observed		
6	Mohawk Sports Park	12/19/2024	N/A - no tents observed		
3	Birch Ave Park	12/19/2024	12/19/2024	Investigation Ongoing	
2	Durand Park	12/20/2024	12/20/2024	Investigation Ongoing	
6	Pritchard & Mud Side Trail	12/20/2024	12/20/2024	Investigation Ongoing	
7	Peace Memorial Park Follow-up from last week	12/14/2024	N/A - site is compliant		

Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 51	Previous Week	2023 Weekly Average
Total non-unique Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	734	659	114

Additional Notes:

HFSO engages with unsheltered individuals to improve access to basic needs and community supports such as housing, healthcare, food and income supports.

Interactions up to February 2024 are taken from HIFIS. Interactions between February-November 2024 are taken from online surveys completed by HFSO workers at the end of their shift. Data from December 2024 onwards is a combination of surveys

Shower Program Update

Total individuals	Week 51	Previous Week	2023 Weekly Average
(non-unique) who were provided access to encampment- specific shower programs	16	11	14

Additional Notes:
Data includes unique visits of unsheltered individuals to any of the designated shower programs in the city.
Currently, the shower programs are located at Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre and

Bennetto Community Centre.

Site Maintenance and Cleanups

Total encampment	Week 51	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average	2023 Average
sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	17	18	28	30

Total encampment sites maintained	Week 51	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average	2023 Average
and cleaned by an independent contractor	30	20	27	N/A

Data may include cleanups that occur after the duration of a trespass order has been exceeded, cleanarounds of active sites (as arranged with occupants), and cleaning of sites deemed abandoned by the Coordinated Response Team.
As of June 10th, 2024, the cleanups and site maintenance activities performed by independent contractors will be reported.
Locations visited by contractors are specifically noted below.

Additional Notes:

Monday December 16
Tuesday December 17
Wednesday December 18
Thursday December 19

Jackie Washington Park, Gage Park, Kenilworth & Lawrence

Contractor: Beasley Park, Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Bishop's Park, Fairfield Park

Bayfront Park, RHVT @ Rennie Rd., Claremont Access Parkettes, Bryna Park, RHVT @ Brampton St., Tiffany & Barton

Contractor: Beasley Park, Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Bishop's Park, Fairfield Park

Powell Park, Jackson & MacNab, Mary St.

Contractor: Beasley Park, Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Bishop's Park, Fairfield Park

Barton & Tiffany, John & Guise, Jackie Washington Park, Peace Memorial Park, Southam Park

Contractor: Beasley Park, Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Bishop's Park, Fairfield Park

Friday December 20

Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Strachan Linear Park

Contractor: Beasley Park, Montgomery Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Bishop's Park, Fairfield Park

Hamilton Fire Department: Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Burning Complaint	7	Ward 1: 1 incident Ward 2: 3 incidents Ward 3: 2 incidents Ward 5: 1 incident
Accumulated Combustibles	3	Ward 1: 1 incident Ward 2: 1 incident Ward 3: 1 incident
Grass or Brush Fire	1	Ward 5: 1 incident
Structure Fire - Shelter/Tent	1	Ward 3: 1 incident
TOTAL	12	

Ward	Number of Fire-Related Incidents
1	2
2	4
3	4
5	2
Total	12

Injuries
No injuries to
persons
reported in the
above incidents.

As of December 2024, the Hamilton Fire Department will report on weekly responses at locations involving unsheltered individuals. These responses will be broken down by response type and ward.
The data presented is between December 15-21, 2024.

Additional Notes

Active Sites Tracker

The Active Sites Tracker will maintain a log of all non-compliant sites (not including those in the Weekly Action Tracker) with complaints and/or service requests that are presently unresolved (i.e. enforcement, determining property ownership and/or cleaning of site is in progress). Sites may remain active after enforcement due to unique or acute circumstances present at a particular site, staffing challenges, and/or delays as a result of lengthy voluntary compliance follow-ups. The number of individuals staying at any particular site can change quickly, and as a result the information in the chart may be outdated since the last noted status update. If a site is active in the community and not on this list, it is likely compliant, on private property, not yet escalated to MLE or the investigation is ongoing.

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
4	76 Barons Ave N	New			Active	9/30/2024

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
15	Beside 120 Dundas St. E., Waterdown	New	9/19/2024	1	Active	9/19/2024
3	Birge Park	New	9/17/2024	1	Active	9/17/2024
2	Central Park	New	10/15/2024	1	Active	10/15/2024
5	Confederation Park - Parking Lot B (near Ball Hockey)	New	9/4/2024	2	Active	9/4/2024
1	Dundurn Castle @ Military Museum	New	9/18/2024	1	Active	9/18/2024
1	Dundurn Park	New	9/18/2024	2	Active	9/18/2024
3	Gage Park	Existing	9/6/2024	1	Active	9/6/2024
2	Jackie Washington Park	Existing	11/6/2024	5	Active	12/11/2024
15	Millgrove Community Centre	New	9/19/2024	1	Active	9/19/2024
4	Montgomery Park	Existing	9/6/2024	7	Active	9/6/2024
5	Nash Rd. Bridge (Nash and RVHP Underpass)	Existing	9/9/2024	1	Active	9/12/2024
5	On the beach @ 3rd Ave	New	9/6/2024	1	Active	9/6/2024
2	Pier 4 Park	New	6/21/2024	2	Active	6/21/2024
2	Rail Trail @ Traynor's Bakery	New	9/20/2024	2	Active	9/20/2024
4	Red Hill Bowl	New	8/19/2024	2	Active	8/19/2024

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	Shamrock Park North	New	9/24/2024	1	Active	9/24/2024
2	Shamrock Park South	New	9/9/2024	2	Active	9/9/2024
14	Stone Church @ Omni	New	8/19/2024	1	Active	8/19/2024
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette	New	10/7/2024	3	Active	12/11/2024
3	Lifesavers Park	New	10/7/2024	1	Active	10/7/2024
3	Myrtle Park	New	10/7/2024	1	Active	10/7/2024
3	Behind North Central Park	New	10/7/2024	1	Active	10/7/2024
9	Felker's Falls Conservation Area	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Ferrie St. Lot	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Simoce St. Lot	New	10/23/2024	2	Active	10/23/2024
2	Land Nature's Inlet Sanctuary	New	10/23/2024	6	Active	10/23/2024
13	Olympic Arena, Dundas	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
13	Martino Memorial Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	Highland Gardens Park	New	12/17/2024	2	Active	12/17/2024
4	RHVT Behind Brampton Yard	New	11/18/2024	6	Active	11/26/2024

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	Carter Park	New	10/15/2024	2	Active	10/15/2024
2	Young & Victoria	New	10/15/2024	6	Active	10/15/2024
15	Rockcliffe Gardens Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Bishop's Park	Existing	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	205 Quigley/Quigley & Albright	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	JC Beemer Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	12/11/2024
2	King & James Bus Shelter	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	Sam Manson Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Claremont Access Parkette (South one with no path)	Existing	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	John & Guise	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	St. Mary's Catholic Education Resource Centre	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	City Hall forecourt	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	City Lab	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Central Memorial Rec Centre	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	Radial Park	New	11/1/2024	1	Active	11/1/2024

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8	60 Caledon	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	Confederation Park - Orchard Group Area	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Municipal Car Park 36	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
4	Woodward & Walmer	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
4	Alleyway @ Beach & Martimas	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
13	East St., & Cootes, Dundas	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Jackson & MacNab	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	12/2/2024
2	Scout House	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	360-400 Wentworth St. N	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	Confederation Park @ Willow's Cove Pavillion	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Strachan St. E by Ferguson Bridge	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
11	Dartnall & 20 Rd.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Ward 2 Temporary Leash Free Area	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Century Street Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Powell Park	New	11/29/2024	4	Active	12/11/2024

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4	Pipeline Trail @ Strathearne	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	679 Main St. E (St. Giles Church)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	Confederation Beach @ Wild Waterworks	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Vine & Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Charlton & Aurora (beside 210 Charlton Ave E)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Bus Shelter @ Hunter & Hess	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Delta Parkette	Existing	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Birge Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	12/2/2024
5	Confederation Park - Edgewater Pavillion	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Strachan Linear Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Whitehern	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Eastwood Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
5	Sam Manson Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
4	Hillcrest School	New	12/5/2024	1	Active	12/5/2024
2	Hess & Barton	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	

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0	Bus Shelter @ Nash & Denten	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Woodlands Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Gage Ave N & Industrial Dr.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Century St. Parkette	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	984 Barton St. E	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
6	1375 Stone Church Rd.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	141 Jackson St. E	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	153 Chatham St.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
7	525 Concession St.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	Median @ King & Dundurn	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	134 Mary St.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Alley between Oak & Emerald (Behind 157 Oak Ave)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
3	Clinton St. Alley (Behind 124 Princess St.)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Bay St. N & York	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Claremont Access Parkette (North one with pathway)	New	12/6/2024	5	Active	12/6/2024

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15	Joe Sams Leisure Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
4	Kenilworth Access Parkette #1	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	Princess Point, behind 48 Desjardins Ct.	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
13	Kaga Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
14	Chedoke Radial Trail	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
2	Whitehern (back alley)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	
1	Victoria Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	

Escalated Sites (previous three weeks) and Site Status Updates

The following chart maintains a log of all sites that were escalated to Municipal Law Enforcement by Housing Focused Street Outreach in the past three weeks, as well as sites that have experienced a change in status for the current week. This does not include active sites nor sites identified in the past week. Sites located on private property that have been escalated to the appropriate enforcement body (e.g., Hamilton Police Services), will be labeled as 'Private Property - Escalated.'

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
4	RHVT @ Rennie Rd.	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Alley behind 241 Wellington St. N	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	McLaren Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Gore Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
5	54 Derek Dr. (behind)	New	Investigation Ongoing			

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	John Rebecca Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	66 Charlton Ave W	New	Investigation Ongoing			
3	20 Acorn St.	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Hamilton Convention Centre (119 King St. W)	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	York & Caroline	New	Investigation Ongoing			
3	Birch Ave @ Burlington	New	Investigation Ongoing			
3	Birch Ave Behind Dog Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Hunter St.	New	Investigation Ongoing			
5	Behind 94 Strawberry	New	Investigation Ongoing			
7	Jolley Cut	New	Investigation Ongoing			
8	Richwill Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
7	TB McQuesten Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Ferguson Station	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	Salvation Army Booth Centre	New	Investigation Ongoing			
5	Greenhill Reservoir	New	N/A - no encampment observed		Inactive	12/17/2024

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	Beasley Park	New	12/18/2024	6	Encampment Cleared	12/18/2024
7	Upper Wentworth & Mountain Park Ave	New	N/A - no encampment observed		Inactive	12/17/2024