

# Temporary Shelter Expansion – Overview

## Weekly Progress Update: January 29, 2025



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 – January 29, 2025:

#### Temporary Outdoor Shelter

<p><b>Construction Activities:</b></p>	<p><b>Completed Last Week:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All shelter units have now been delivered to the site. Construction continues to install/set up all units, including hardware and electrical hook-ups to each unit.</li> <li>○ Overhead electrical connections installed, and electrical meter building in place.</li> <li>○ Bike racks, benches, and picnic tables brought to site.</li> <li>○ Asphalt patching complete and bollards installed on site.</li> <li>○ Water line hook ups to applicable points on site.</li> <li>○ Parking lot precast curbs installed.</li> <li>○ Work on community building on site to meet operational requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Planned this week:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Construction:</b> continued coordination of shelter unit installation, including: placement of units in designated areas on site and electrical connections for each unit installed. Hardware installation continues (i.e. doors, handles, HVAC systems, etc.).</li> <li>● <b>Weekend Work:</b> It is anticipated that construction crews will continue work throughout the weekend to maintain progress.</li> </ul>
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<b>Operational Items:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On site meetings continue with Good Shepherd and City staff to confirm service level considerations for the operation of the site. Community building accessible to Good Shepherd to begin internal set up.</li> <li>New: front end waste bins for on-site resident household waste have been delivered to the site. Regular collection to begin at the onset of operations.</li> <li>Ongoing: City / Good Shepherd meeting weekly to work through and confirm site details.</li> </ul>				
<b>192 Shelter Bed Expansion</b> - The City is addressing the urgent need for shelter services by activating 192 additional beds through strategic partnerships with community providers.					
<b>Beds Onboarded:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of beds onboarded as of January 29<sup>th</sup>: <b>192/192 – 100% of beds</b></li> </ul>				
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