

Coordinated Response Team

Weekly Encampment Wrap-Up Report

Week 6 February 3-9, 2025

Complaints & Requests for Service

Total Complaints & Service	Week 6	Previous Week	Previous Month Average	2024 Weekly Average
Requests	72	77	119	190

Complaint/Service Request Type		
Follow-Up(s) to Previous Request	40%	
Request to Enforce Protocol	22%	
Support(s) for Unsheltered Individuals	18%	
Other	7%	
Reported Garbage/Debris	7%	

Most Freq	uently Identified	Locations
TB McQuesten Park	James St. Tunnel @ GO Station	Radial Park

Source of Complaint/Service Red	quest
Concerned Citizen	51%
Community Partners	11%
Internal - Public Works	7%
Internal - Housing Services	6%
Internal - Municipal Law Enforcement	4%

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
2	James St. S between Bold & Hunter	2/3/2025	2/3/2025	2/5/2025	1
2	Gore Park	2/3/2025	2/3/2025	N/A - no encampment present	

Ward	Location	Date Identified to HFSO	Date Referred to Enforcement	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Trespass Notices Issued
2	Ferguson Station	2/3/2025	2/3/2025	N/A - no encampment present	
14	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park	2/3/2025	N/A - no tents observed		
2	Vine & Park	2/4/2025	2/4/2025	2/6/2025	2
7	TB McQuesten Park	2/4/2025	N/A - site is compliant		
2	Hunter & MacNab	2/5/2025	2/5/2025	N/A - site deemed abandoned	
3	Gage Park	2/6/2025	2/6/2025	2/6/2025	1
3	Claremont Access	2/6/2025	2/7/2025	Investigation Ongoing	
5	Centennial & Barton Bus Shelter	2/9/2025	N/A - no tents observed		

Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 6	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average
Total non-unique Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	123	290	352

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 and HIFIS.

Shower Program Update

Total individuals	Week 6	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average
(non-unique) who were provided access to encampment- specific shower programs	13	12	21

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 Central Memorial Rec Centre and Bennetto Community Centre.

Site Maintenance and Cleanups

Total encampment	Week 6	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average	2024 Weekly Average
sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	25	20	29	28

Total encampment	Week 6	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average	2024 Weekly Average
sites maintained and cleaned by an independent contractor	0	0	4	27

Additional Notes:

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.

Monday February 3
Tuesday February 4
Wednesday February 5
Thursday February 6
Friday February 7

Pritchard & Mud, Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park, Southam Park, York & Caroline

Jackie Washington Park, Bayfront Park, 94 Strawberry Dr. (behind), Bow Valley Dr., Delta Parkette

Joe Sams Leisure Park, Bayfront Park, Gage Park, Sam Lawrence Park, Wellington & Hunter

Montgomery Park, Delta Parkette, Gage Park, Bayfront Park, Hunter & MacNab, James St. S

Montgomery Park, Delta Parkette, Jackie Washington Park, Bayfront Park, Red Hill Valley

Hamilton Fire Department: Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Burning Complaint	2	Ward 2: 1 incident Ward 5: 1 incident
Accumulated Combustibles	1	Ward 3: 1 incident
Structure Fire - Shelter/Tent	1	Ward 3: 1 incident
TOTAL	4	

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

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No injuries to
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reported in the
above incidents.

Injuries

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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.

Accumulated combustibles refers to any materials or belongings other than tents that may be on fire.

The data presented is between February 2-8, 2025.

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
2	Jackie Washington Park	Existing	11/6/2024	5	Active	1/16/2025
2	Pier 4 Park	New	6/21/2024	2	Active	6/21/2024
14	Stone Church @ Omni	New	8/19/2024	1	Active	8/19/2024
4	Red Hill Bowl	New	1/28/2025	2	Active	1/28/2025
5	Nash Bridge (Nash & RHVT Underpass)	Existing	9/9/2024	1	Active	9/12/2024
3	Gage Park	Existing	9/6/2024	1	Active	1/9/2025
2	Rail Trail @ Traynor's Bakery	New	1/28/2025	2	Active	1/28/2025
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	10/23/2024		Active	10/23/2024
2	Simcoe St. Lot	Existing	10/23/2024	2	Active	1/14/2025
2	Land Nature's Inlet Sanctuary	New	10/23/2024	6	Active	10/23/2024

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	Young & Victoria	New	10/15/2024	6	Active	1/28/2025
5	Sam Manson Park	New	1/13/2025	4	Active	1/13/2025
1	Radial Park	New	1/7/2025	1	Active	1/7/2025
2	Jackson & MacNab	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	12/2/2024
3	Delta Parkette	Existing	1/7/2025	8	Active	1/15/2025
3	Gage Ave N & Industrial Dr.	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	2/10/2025
3	984 Barton St. E	New	N/A - private property		Active	1/23/2025
6	1375 Stone Church Rd.	New	1/9/2025	1	Active	1/9/2025
3	Alley between Oak & Emerald (Behind 157 Oak Ave)	New	N/A - private property		Active	1/23/2025
14	Chedoke Radial Trail	New	1/30/2025	1	Active	1/30/2025
4	RHVT @ Rennie Rd.	New	1/28/2025	1	Active	1/28/2025
5	54 Derek Dr. (behind)	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	1/6/2025
3	Birch Ave Behind Dog Park	New	N/A - private property		Active	1/20/2025
7	Jolley Cut	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	1/22/2025
7	TB McQueston Park	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	1/22/2025

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
6	East Mountain Loop/Pritchard Side Trail	Existing	1/9/2025	4	Active	1/30/2025
2	119 Jackson St. E (parking lot)	New	N/A - private property		Active	1/23/2025
2	John Sopinka Courthouse (behind)	New	1/9/2025	1	Active	1/9/2025
3	Alley behind 39 Aikman Ave	New	1/13/2025	1	Active	1/13/2025

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
3	Barton & Lottridge Bus Shelter	New	1/22/2025	1	Inactive	1/23/2025
2	Waterfront Trail (end of James St. N)	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	1/22/2025
3	Hunter & Victoria	New	1/22/2025	1	Inactive	1/24/2025
1	Alley behind 44 Lamoreaux St.	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	1/22/2025
13	Dundas Driving Park	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	1/22/2025
2	Walnut St. S across Shamrock @ Train Tracks	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	1/22/2025
4	Woodward & Walmer (behind 822 Rennie St.)	Existing	1/28/2025	1	Encampment Cleared	2/7/2025
2	Salvation Army Booth Centre	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	1/24/2025

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
8	Southam Park	New	1/30/2025	1	Inactive	2/3/2025
7	West of Upper Gage & the Linc	New	2/6/2025	1	Active	2/6/2025
13	Spencer Creek Trail (Behind 17 Meadow Ln)	New	N/A - site deemed compliant		Compliant	2/3/2025
3	Burlington & Birch	New	2/6/2025	1	Active	2/6/2025
2	John Rebecca Park	New	2/3/2025	1	Active	2/10/2025
5	Riverdale East Park	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	2/4/2025
2	Claremont Access Parkettes	New	12/6/2024	4	Encampment Cleared	2/5/2025
5	Behind 94 Strawberry Dr.	New	1/6/2025	1	Encampment Cleared	2/4/2025