

Coordinated Response Team

Weekly Encampment Wrap-Up Report

Week 9 February 24 -March 2, 2025

Complaints & Requests for Service

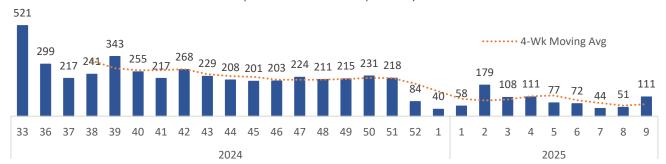
Total Complaints & Service	Week 9	Previous Week	Previous Month Average	2024 Weekly Average
Requests	111	51	119	190

Complaint/Service Request Type		
Follow-Up(s) to Previous Request	41%	
Request to Enforce Protocol	21%	
Support(s) for Unsheltered Individuals	15%	
Other	10%	
Reported Encampment	5%	

Most Frequently Identified Locations		
Bayfront Park	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park	Montgomery Park

Source of Complaint/Service Request		
Concerned Citizen	52%	
Community Partners	15%	
Internal - Housing Services	13%	
BIA or Local Business	5%	
Hamilton Police Services	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 & King William	2/24/2025	2/25/2025	N/A - site cleared	
1	Hill Street Park	2/24/2025	N/A - no tents observed		

Ward	Location	Date Identified to HFSO	Date Referred to Enforcement	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Trespass Notices Issued
13	Olympic Park	2/25/2025	2/25/2025	Investigation Ongoing	
4	Andrew Warburton Memorial Park	2/25/2025	2/27/2025	N/A - no encampment present	
3	Parking Lot Beside 590 Barton St. E	2/25/2025	N/A - no tents observed		
3	Powell Park	2/25/2025	2/27/2025	3/3/2025	2
2	Beasley Park	2/25/2025	2/27/2025	3/3/2025	2
2	Salvation Army Booth Centre	2/25/2025	2/25/2025	3/3/2025	1
1	Queen & Hunter	2/25/2025	2/27/2025	Investigation Ongoing	
4	Montgomery Park	2/27/2025	2/27/2025	N/A - site is compliant	
4	Alley behind 151 Garside Ave N	2/27/2025	N/A - no tents observed		
3	Sanford & Myler	2/27/2025	N/A - no tents observed		
2	Central Park	2/27/2025	2/27/2025	3/4/2025	2
3	Rail Trail between Sherman & Wentworth	2/26/2025	2/27/2025	Investigation Ongoing	
2	Bay & Simcoe	2/27/2025	N/A - no tents observed		
3	Sherman Access	2/28/2025	N/A - site is compliant		
8	Southam Park	3/1/2025	N/A - site is compliant		

Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 9	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average
Total non-unique Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	43	34	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

Shower Program Update

Total individuals	Week 9	Previous Week	2024 Weekly Average
(non-unique) who were provided access to encampment-specific shower programs	28	24	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 Pinky Lewis Rec Centre and Bennetto Community Centre.

Site Maintenance and Cleanups

Total encampment	Week 9	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average	2024 Weekly Average
sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	34	24	30	28

Total encampment	Week 9	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average	2024 Weekly Average
sites maintained and cleaned by an independent contractor	0	0	3	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 24

Tuesday February 25

Wednesday February 26

Thursday February 27

Friday February 28

Jackie Washington Park, Bayfront Park, Delta Parkette, Gage Park, Montgomery Park, Salvation Army Booth Centre, Scenic Trail

Jackie Washington Park, Hunter & MacNab, Behind 94 Strawberry Dr., Bayfront Park, Gage Park, Delta Parkette, Montgomery Park, Durand Park

Bayfront Park, Dundurn Park, Young & Victoria, Hunter & MacNab

Carter Park, Gage Park, Bayfront Park, Montgomery Park, Hunter/Young St., Beasley Park, Delta Parkette, Jackie Washington Park

Bayfront Park, Gage Park, Delta Parkette, JC Beemer, Montgomery Park, TB McQuesten Park, James & King William

Hamilton Fire Department: Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Accumulated Combustibles	2	Ward 5: 1 incident Ward 3: 1 incident
Grass or Brush Fire	1	Ward 5: 1 incident
TOTAL	3	

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

No injuries to persons reported in the above incidents.

Additional Notes

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 23 - March 1, 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	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

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
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	2	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
2	Young & Victoria	New	10/15/2024	6	Active	1/28/2025
1	Radial Park	New	1/7/2025	1	Active	1/7/2025
2	Jackson & MacNab	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	1/6/2025
3	Gage Ave N & Industrial Dr.	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	2/10/2025
3	984 Barton St. E	New	N/A - on 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 - on private property		Active	1/23/2025

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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 - on private property		Active	1/20/2025
2	119 Jackson St. E (parking lot)	New	N/A - on private property		Active	1/23/2025
2	John Sopinka Courthouse (behind)	New	1/9/2025	1	Active	1/9/2025
2	Waterfront Trail (end of James St. N)	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	1/22/2025
1	Alley behind 44 Lamoreaux St.	New	1/22/2025	1	Active	2/12/2025
2	John Rebecca Park	New	2/3/2025	1	Active	2/10/2025

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
2	James St. S between Bold & Hunter	New	2/5/2025	1	Encampment Cleared	2/6/2025
2	Gore Park	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	2/6/2025
2	Ferguson Station	New	N/A - no encampment present		Inactive	2/6/2025

Ward	Location	New or Existing Site	Date Trespass Notices Issued	Trespass Notices Issued	Status	Date of Status Update
2	Vine & Park	New	2/6/2025	2	Inactive	2/10/2025
2	Hunter & MacNab	New	N/A - site deemed abandoned		Encampment Cleared	2/6/2025
3	Gage Park	Existing	2/6/2025	1	Active	2/6/2025
3	Claremont Access	New	Investigation Ongoing			
5	Behind 94 Strawberry Dr.	New	2/20/2025	1	Active	2/25/2025
2	Durand Park	New	Investigation Ongoing		Active	2/19/2025
2	Main & MacNab	New	Investigation Ongoing			
1	Victoria Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
1	Dundurn Park	New	Investigation Ongoing			
2	James & Wilson	New	Investigation Ongoing			