

# TEMPORARY SHELTER EXPANSION

## Expanding Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System

**↑ 272** 

*Increased shelter capacity by 272 beds*

**↑ 192** 

*Temporary beds within the shelter system (indoor)*

**↑ 80** 

*Beds at the Barton Tiffany Shelter site (outdoor)*

**80%**

*An 80% capacity increase in the shelter system*

September 25, 2024

October 15, 2024

January 29, 2025

February 25, 2025

April 9, 2025

*Initiative approved (indoor/outdoor)*

*Construction began (outdoor)*

*Expansion of shelter system complete (indoor)*

*First residents welcomed as tenants to the site (outdoor)*

*Full occupancy of the site (outdoor)*

## About the Barton Tiffany Shelter Site

**40** 

**80** 

*40 double cabins with capacity for 80 residents*



*Low-barrier shelter, reducing obstacles for those facing housing instability*



*24/7 on-site support and security*



*Accommodates couples, pets*



*Comprehensive case management services to connect individuals with support and permanent housing*



*Essential facilities include washrooms, showers, laundry trailers, common buildings*



*Provides meals and snacks daily*

## ✂ Impact and Alignment

Addresses Hamilton's housing crisis by providing safe, temporary accommodations while individuals transition to stable housing.

Aligns with the City's encampment enforcement efforts by ensuring individuals receive support while reducing encampments.

Supports Ontario's Big City Mayors' 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign by advocating for action on homelessness, mental health, and addiction.

## Housing and Homelessness in Hamilton

The City is committed to enforcing the Parks By-law to keep public spaces accessible for all, while recognizing the complex challenges of homelessness. On average, the number of encampments in the city continues to decrease each week.

Investment in shelter expansion and housing-enabling infrastructure is critical to addressing the growing demand for housing supports.

More than 4,100 new housing units were constructed in 2023, and 1,632 new housing units were constructed in 2024, contributing to the City's goal of 47,000 new units by 2031.