

TEMPORARY SHELTER EXPANSION

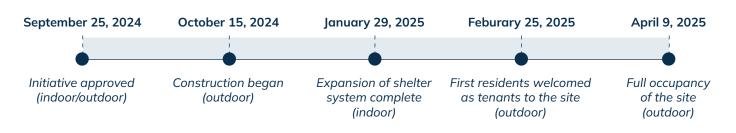
Expanding Hamilton's Emergency Shelter System

Increased shelter capacity by 272 beds **†192**

Temporary beds within the shelter system (indoor)

Beds at the Barton Tiffany Shelter site (outdoor)

An 80% capacity increase in the shelter system



About the Barton Tiffany Shelter Site



40 double cabins with capacity for 80 residents



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



Accommodates couples, pets



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



24/7 on-site support and security



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



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.