

Coordinated Encampment Response Team Weekly Update Report

Week 34 – August 17 to August 23, 2026

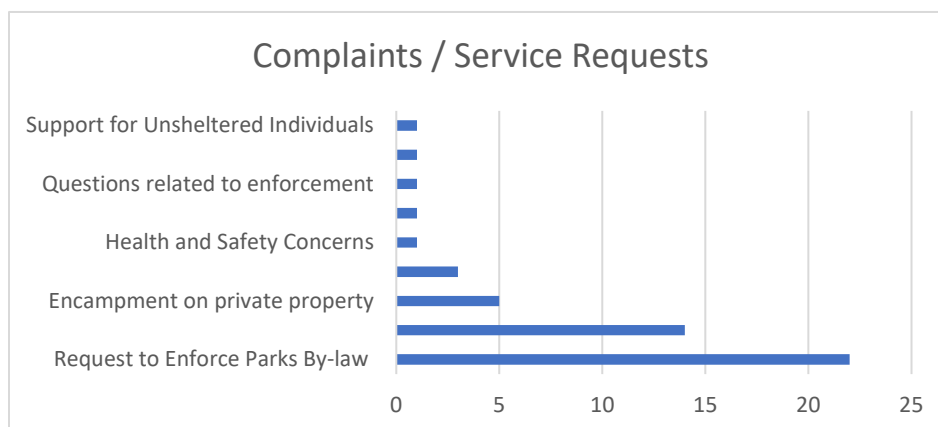
Complaints & Requests for Service

Total Complaints & Service Requests		
Week 34	Previous Week	Previous Month Average
49	43	55

Most Frequently Identified Locations			
Carter Park	Claremont Access Parkettes	JC Beemer Park	Woodlands Park

Complaint/Service Request Type	
Request to Enforce Parks By-law	48%
Encampment on road allowance	30%
Encampment on private property	11%
Follow Up to Previous Request	7%
Health and Safety Concerns	2%
Other (bus shelter, living in vehicle)	2%
Questions related to enforcement	2%
Request for Garbage/ Debris Clean Up	2%
Support for Unsheltered Individuals	2%

Source of Complaint/Service Request	
Concerned Citizen	65%
Internal – Municipal Law Enforcement	11%
Internal - Public Works	11%
Community Partners	4%
Councillor's Office	4%
BIA or Local Business	2%
Hamilton Conservation Authority	2%
Hamilton Police Service	2%
Internal – Hamilton Water	2%
Internal – Waste	2%



Complaints/ Service Request Types

Some locations that are identified through complaint or service request may encompass more than one municipal address, a broad geographical area, a road allowance without a municipal address, or a private property location. As such, these locations are identified using broader categories, including Private Properties, City Owned and Public Properties, Road Allowances, and Bus Shelters. From August 17 – 23, 2026, Municipal Law Enforcement received complaints and service requests about the following specific locations that are identified below.

Private Property	James St N, Gainsborough Rd, Brampton St, Birge St, Herkimer St
Bus Shelter	Upper James St at Mohawk Rd E Upper Ottawa St at Mohawk Rd E
City Property	Pipeline Trail btw Dunsmere Rd and Main St E Pipeline Trail btw Paling Ave and Strathearne Ave
Road Allowances	Main St W / MacNab St S, Barton St W / Hess St N, Rymal Rd W / Glancaster Rd, Market St / Caroline St N, North Service Rd / Centennial Parkway, Caroline St N / Napier St, York Blvd / Bay St N, Hess St N / Stuart St, York Blvd / Caroline St N, Walnut St S / Augusta St
Alleyways	Off Paling Ave btw Barton St E and Britannia Ave
Hamilton Water Reservoir	Near Cathedral Park

Action Tracker

The Action Tracker includes information with respect to the status of new or existing complaints and requests for service that have been received by Licensing and By-law Services during the reporting period from August 17 – August 23, 2026. Occasionally, after a site has been designated by staff as cleared, different individual(s) may move into the same location and erect a new tent. Any time new tents are discovered in an area that has been previously cleared, the process will restart with officers attending to confirm the presence of an encampment and notifying HFSO of an individual that may require support. As such, a site may appear on the tracker more than once. Once a private property owner has been notified of the process, they are responsible for contacting the appropriate enforcement body.

Please note that the Action Tracker does not reflect data collected by the Hamilton Police Service. Please note the following:

HFSO	Housing Focused Street Outreach
HPS	Hamilton Police Service
*	Only applicable to private property and road allowances

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Enhanced Service within 1km of the Tiffany/ Barton Temporary Outdoor Shelter and listed Parks in Ward 3 in the Proximity of Added Shelter Spaces

In recognition of the disproportionate impact of encampments within these communities and the staff attention that is required to maintain compliance with the Parks By-law within the specified City parks on an ongoing basis, effective March 6, 2025, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will continue to proactively monitor the 1km radius area and the identified parks once per week to ensure ongoing compliance. Additional site visits will be conducted, Notices of Trespass issued and engagement with Hamilton Police Service will occur where necessary.

The identified parks that are monitored once per week are:

Bayfront Park	Victoria Park	Bishop's Park	298 Hunter Street East (green space west of
Central Park	JC Beemer/	Claremont Access	Claremont Access)
Pier 4 Park	Tweedsmuir Park	Parkettes	Rail Trail between extension of Wellington St S
Dundurn Park	Carter Park	Myrtle Park	and Sherman Ave S
			Strachan Linear Park

Parks that have been proactively monitored throughout the week will show up on Action Tracker in bold.

Ward	Location	Address*	Date Identified to CERT	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Compliance Timeframe	# of Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Status	Date
2	Bayfront Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found; Coordinated Cleanup	17-Aug-26
2	Bayfront Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
2	Beasley Park		Proactive	17-Aug-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	17-Aug-26
2	Beasley Park		Proactive				No violation found	19-Aug-26
2	Beasley Park		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
2	Beasley Park		Proactive				No violation found	21-Aug-26
3	Birge Park		17-Aug-26	17-Aug-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	17-Aug-26
3	Bishops Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
12	Bus Shelter	Rymal Rd W / Glancaster Rd	19-Aug-26				No violation found	20-Aug-26
7	Bus Shelter	Upper James St at Mohawk Rd W	17-Aug-26	17-Aug-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued, Notified HFSO and Coordinated Cleanup	17-Aug-26
6	Bus Shelter	Upper Ottawa St	21-Aug-26				No violation found	21-Aug-26

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Ward	Location	Address*	Date Identified to CERT	Date Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Compliance Timeframe	# of Trespass Notice(s) Issued	Status	Date
		at Mohawk Rd E						
2	Carter Park		Proactive				No violation found	20-Aug-26
2	Carter Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
2	Central Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
2	Claremont Access Parkettes		18-Aug-26				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
2	Claremont Access Parkettes		19-Aug-26				No violation found	19-Aug-26
2	Claremont Access Parkettes		20-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	20-Aug-26
5	Confederation Beach Park		18-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	18-Aug-26
5	Confederation Beach Park		18-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	20-Aug-26
5	Confederation Beach Park		18-Aug-26	21-Aug-26	1 Hour	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Notified HFSO	21-Aug-26
2	Corktown Park		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	21-Aug-26
9	Devil's Punch Bowl		Proactive				No violation found	21-Aug-26
1	Dundurn Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
6	Eleanor Park		16-Aug-26	17-Aug-26	Immediate	1	No violation found	17-Aug-26
7	Elmar Park		14-Aug-26				No violation found	17-Aug-26
3	Gage Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
3	Green Space	298 Hunter St E	Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
2	Jackie Washington Rotary Park		17-Aug-26				Coordinated Clean-up	17-Aug-26
3	JC Beemer / Tweedsmuir Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	17-Aug-26
3	JC Beemer / Tweedsmuir Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
3	JC Beemer / Tweedsmuir Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found; Coordinated Cleanup	21-Aug-26
3	JC Beemer Park/Tweedsmuir Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26

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14	Mark Anthony Graham Memorial Olympic Park		21-Aug-26				No violation found	21-Aug-26
3	Myrtle Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
3	Myrtle Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	18-Aug-26
2	Pier 4 Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	21-Aug-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found; Coordinated Cleanup	18-Aug-26
4	Pipeline Trail	btw Main St E and Dunsmure Rd	18-Aug-26				No violation found	18-Aug-26
3	Powell Park		17-Aug-26				No violation found	17-Aug-26
3	Powell Park		17-Aug-26	20-Aug-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	20-Aug-26
3	Powell Park		17-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	21-Aug-26
3	Private Property	Birch Ave	18-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	18-Aug-26
4	Private Property	Harmony Ave	17-Aug-26				No violation found	17-Aug-26
5	Private Property	Keefer Court	Proactive				No violation found	17-Aug-26
2	Private Property	Main St W	17-Aug-26	17-Aug-26	Immediate	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	17-Aug-26
2	Private Property	Main St W	17-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
2	Private Property	Main St W	17-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	20-Aug-26
2	Private Property	Main St W	17-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	21-Aug-26
5	Private Property	Nash Rd N	Proactive				No violation found	17-Aug-26

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3	Private Property	Princess St	18-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	18-Aug-26
4	Rail Trail	btw Kenilworth Ave S and Gage Ave S	Proactive				No violation found	19-Aug-26
3	Rail Trail	btw Gage Ave S and Wentworth Ave S	Proactive				No violation found	19-Aug-26
3	Rail Trail	btw Wentworth St S and Corktown Park	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
3	Rail Trail	btw Wentworth St S and Corktown Park	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found; Coordinated Cleanup	21-Aug-26
4	Road allowance	Barton St E / Paling Ave	18-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Caroline St N / Napier St	20-Aug-26				No violation found	19-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Caroline St N / Napier St	20-Aug-26				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Hess St N / Barton St W	20-Aug-26				No violation found	17-Aug-26
2	Road allownace	Hess St N / Barton St W	20-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	21-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found; Coordinated Cleanup	17-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	19-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	20-Aug-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Notified HFSO	21-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	21-Aug-26

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2	Road allowance	Market St / Caroline St N	20-Aug-26				No violation found	20-Aug-26
12	Road allowance	Stone Church Rd W / Golf Links Rd	19-Aug-26				No violation found	19-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	17-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				No violation found	19-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				No violation found	21-Aug-26
2	Shamrock Park		19-Aug-26				Trespass Notice(s) Issued	19-Aug-26
13	Spencer Creek Trail	near Creekside Dr	17-Aug-26	18-Aug-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	18-Aug-26
3	Stirton Tot Lot		20-Aug-26				Observation - Violation Found	20-Aug-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	18-Aug-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	19-Aug-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	20-Aug-26
1	Victoria Park		Proactive				No violation found	18-Aug-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	18-Aug-26	1 Hour	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Notified HFSO	18-Aug-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive				Notified HFSO	19-Aug-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive				Notified HFSO	20-Aug-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	21-Aug-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	21-Aug-26
2	Woolverton Park		20-Aug-26				No violation found	20-Aug-26

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Hamilton Fire Department

Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Total Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Accumulated Combustibles	2	Ward 3: 2 Incidents
Total	2	Ward 3: 2 Incidents
Injuries Reported		0

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 refer to any materials or belongings other than tents that may be on fire. The data presented is between August 17-23, 2026.

Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 34	Previous Week
Total <i>non-unique</i> Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	121	153

Additional Notes:
HFSO engages with unsheltered individuals to improve access to basic needs and community supports such as housing, healthcare, food, and income supports. Interaction data is taken from the HIFIS database.

Shower Program Updates

	Week 34	Previous Week
Total individuals (non-unique) who were provided access to encampment-specific shower programs	8	10

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

	Week 34	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average
Total encampment sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	68	48	26

	Week 34	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average
Total encampment sites maintained and cleaned by an independent contractor or both Parks Section staff and an independent contractor	0	0	3

Additional Notes:

Data may include cleanups that occur after the duration of a trespass order has been exceeded, clean-arounds 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 or both contractors and Parks are specifically noted in bold below.

August 17, 2026	Central Park, Beasley Park, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, York Blvd / Bay St N, Hunter St W / MacNab St S, JC Beemer Park, Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Powell Park, Barton St W / Hess St N, Strachan Linear Park, Land Nature's Inlet Sanctuary, Jackie Washington Park, Birge Park, Upper James St / Mohawk Rd E, King St
August 18, 2026	Central Park, Beasley Park, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, York Blvd / Bay St N, Hunter St W / MacNab St S, JC Beemer Park, Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Powell Park, Birge Park, Strachan Linear Park, Ferguson St S / Charlton Ave E, Myrtle Park, Wentworth St N / Barton St W, Spencer Creek
August 19, 2026	Central Park, Beasley Park, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, York Blvd / Bay St N, Hunter St W / MacNab St S, JC Beemer Park, Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Powell Park, Main St W / MacNab St S, Shamrock Park, Pipeline Trail off Strathearne Ave, Caroline St / York Blvd N
August 20, 2026	Beasley Park, Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Powell Park, Stirton Tot Lot, Strachan St and James St S, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, York Blvd / Bay St N, Claremont Access, Caroline St N / Napier St, Main St W / James St S,
August 21, 2026	Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Rail Trail near Corktown Park, JC Beemer Park, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Main St W / James St S, York Blvd / Bay St N, Hess St N / Barton St W