

Coordinated Encampment Response Team Weekly Update Report

Week 40 – September 28 to October 4, 2026

Complaints & Requests for Service

Total Complaints & Service Requests

Week 40	Previous Week	Previous Month Average
83	85	82

Most Frequently Identified Locations

Central Park	Dundurn Park	Woodlands Park
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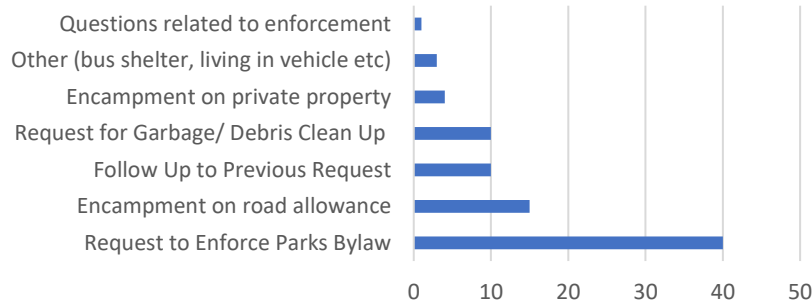
Complaint/Service Request Type

Request to Enforce Parks By-law	87%
Encampment on road allowance	33%
Follow Up to Previous Request	22%
Request for Garbage/ Debris Clean Up	22%
Encampment on private property	9%
Other (bus shelter, living in vehicle)	7%
Questions related to enforcement	2%

Source of Complaint/Service Request

Concerned Citizen	98%
Internal – Municipal Law Enforcement	22%
Councillor's Office	20%
Internal – Corporate Security Services	11%
Community Partners	9%
Internal - Housing Services	7%
BIA or Local Business	4%
Hamilton Police Service	2%
Internal – Parking	2%
Internal – Public Works	2%
Internal – Transit	2%

Complaint / Service Request Types



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, Rail Trail, Road Allowances and Alleyways. From September 28 – October 4, 2026, Municipal Law Enforcement received complaints and service requests about the following specific locations that are identified below.

Private Property	Cope St, King St E, Hope St, Arthur Ave S
Rail Trail	near Wentworth Stairs near Charlton Ave E
Road Allowances	Main St E / John St S, Hess St N / Stuart St, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Hess St N / Cannon St W, Main St W/ Summers Lane, Herkimer St / MacDonald Ave
Alleyways	off Steven St btw Steven and Ashley St off Wentworth St N between Wentworth and Leeming St off Sherman Ave N to Lucy Day Park
Bus Shelters	Cannon St E at Wentworth St N Upper James St at Mohawk Rd W Rymal Rd E at Columbus Gate

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 September 28 – October 4, 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

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

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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
3	Alleyway	off Steven St between Steven and Ashley St	29-Sep-26				No violation found	01-Oct-26
3	Alleyway	off Barton St E between Leeming St and Wentworth St N	30-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
13	Ancaster Creek	near Osler Dr	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
2	Bayfront Park		Proactive				No violation found	28-Sep-26
2	Bayfront Park		Proactive				No violation found	02-Oct-26
2	Beasley Park		28-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
2	Beasley Park		28-Sep-26	29-Sep-26	1 Hour	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	29-Sep-26
3	Bishop's Park		Proactive				No violation found	30-Sep-26
8	Bruce Park		30-Sep-26				No violation found	30-Sep-26
8	Bus Shelter	Upper James Rd at Mohawk St W	01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-26
2	Carter Park		Proactive				No violation found	30-Sep-26
2	Central Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26

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2	Central Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	29-Sep-26
2	Central Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
2	Central Park		Proactive	02-Oct-26	1 Hour		Trespass Notice(s) Issued	02-Oct-26
1	Dundurn Park		Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	30-Sep-26
1	Dundurn Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
2	Durand Park		01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-26
2	Ferguson Station		28-Sep-26				No violation found	28-Sep-26
3	Gage Park		Proactive				No violation found	30-Sep-26
1	Harvey Park		01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
1	Hillcrest Park		01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
3	J.C. Beemer Park/Tweed smuir Park		Proactive				No violation found	29-Sep-26
2	John Rebecca Park		30-Sep-26	02-Oct-26	1 Hour	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued, Notified HFSO and Coordinated Clean-up	02-Oct-26
4	Kenilworth Reservoir	111 Kenilworth Access	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
3	Lifesaver's Park		29-Sep-26				No violation found	30-Sep-26
3	Little Albert Park		29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
3	Myrtle Park		Proactive				No violation found	30-Sep-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive	02-Oct-26	1 Hour	3	Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-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
2	Private Property	Barton St E	30-Sep-26				No violation found	02-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Cope St	01-Oct-26				No violation found	02-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Dunsmure Rd	01-Oct-26				No violation found	30-Sep-26
3	Private Property	Gage Ave N	02-Oct-26				No violation found	02-Oct-26
2	Private Property	Jarvis St	02-Oct-26				No violation found	01-Oct-26
2	Private Property	John St S	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
3	Private Property	King St E	01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Ottawa St N	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
3	Private Property	Victoria Ave N	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Weir St N	02-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
3	Rail Trail	near Charlton Ave E	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
3	Rail Trail	near Charlton Ave E	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	29-Sep-26
3	Rail Trail	btw Gage Ave S and Wentworth St S	Proactive	28-Sep-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	28-Sep-26
2	Road allowance	Barton St E / Ferguson Ave N	30-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
3	Road allowance	Cannon St E & Wentworth St N	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
7	Road allowance	Fennell Ave E / E 19th St					No violation found	30-Sep-26
3	Road allowance	Hess St N / Barton St W	28-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
3	Road allowance	Hess St N / Barton St W	28-Sep-26	29-Sep-26	Immediate	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	29-Sep-26
3	Road allowance	Hess St N / Barton St W	28-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W /	Proactive	28-Sep-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and	28-Sep-26

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		MacNab St S					Coordinated Clean-up	
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	29-Sep-26	Immediate	5	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	29-Sep-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	01-Oct-26	Immediate	5	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	01-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	02-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	King St E / John St N	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
2	Road allowance	Main St E / John St N	30-Sep-26				No violation found	30-Sep-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / Summers Lane	01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / Summers Lane	01-Oct-26	01-Oct-26	Immediate	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	01-Oct-26
9	Road allowance	Rymal Rd E / Columbus Gate	29-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
2	Shamrock Park		29-Sep-26				No violation found	30-Sep-26
13	Spencer Creek	near Main St	30-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	30-Sep-26
13	Spencer Creek	near Main St	30-Sep-26				Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive	29-Sep-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	29-Sep-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-26
1	Victoria Park		Proactive				No violation found	30-Sep-26
3	Wellington Park		01-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	02-Oct-26

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3	Woodlands Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	28-Sep-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	01-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	02-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	02-Oct-26

Hamilton Fire Department

Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Total Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Accumulated Combustibles	1	Ward 3: 1 Incident
Total	1	Ward 3: 1 Incident
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 September 28 - October 4, 2026.

Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 40	Previous Week
Total <i>non-unique</i> Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	28	245

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 40	Previous Week
Total individuals (non-unique) who were provided access to encampment-specific shower programs	4	5

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 40	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average
Total encampment sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	18	18	26

	Week 40	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.

September 28, 2026	JC Beemer Park, Wentworth Stairs, Woodlands Park, MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W , Pinky Lewis Parkette
September 29, 2026	MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Beasley Park, Hunter St W / MacNab St S, Strachan Linear Park, York Blvd / Hess St N
September 30, 2026	Dundurn Park
October 1, 2026	MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Main St W / Summers Lane
October 2, 2026	John Rebecca Park, Central Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W