

Coordinated Encampment Response Team Weekly Update Report

Week 42 – October 12 - 18, 2026

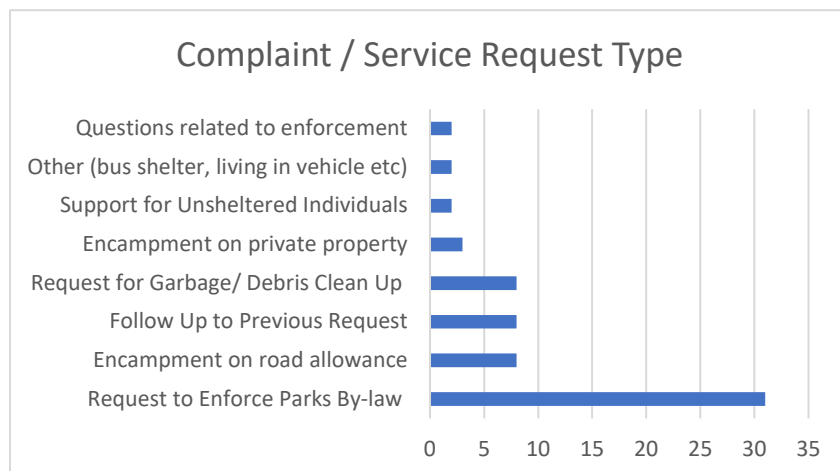
Complaints & Requests for Service

Total Complaints & Service Requests		
Week 42	Previous Week	Previous Month Average
64	62	82

Most Frequently Identified Locations		
JC Beemer Park	Shamrock Park	Woodlands Park

Complaint/Service Request Type	
Request to Enforce Parks By-law	67%
Encampment on road allowance	17%
Follow Up to Previous Request	17%
Request for Garbage/ Debris Clean Up	17%
Encampment on private property	7%
Support for Unsheltered Individuals	4%
Other (bus shelter, living in vehicle)	4%
Questions related to enforcement	4%

Source of Complaint/Service Request	
Concerned Citizen	96%
Internal – Public Works	11%
Community Partners	7%
Internal – Municipal Law Enforcement	7%
Internal – Waste Division	7%
Councillor's Office	4%
Internal – Housing	4%
Hamilton Police Service	2%
Internal – Corporate Security Services	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, Rail Trail, Road Allowances and Alleyways. From October 12 - 18 Municipal Law Enforcement received complaints and service requests about the following specific locations that are identified below.

Alleyways	off Wentworth St N between Wentworth and Leeming St
Bus Shelters	Upper James St at Mohawk Rd W Mountain Transit Center Rymal Rd E at Columbus Gate
Private Property	Melvin Ave, Bristol St, Dunsmure Rd, King St E, Barton St E
Red Hill Trail	near Hixon Rd
Road Allowances	Cannon St W / Caroline St N, Hess St N / Stuart St

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 October 12 - 18, 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
3	Alleyway	off Barton St E between Leeming St and Wentworth St N	13-Oct-26	15-Oct-26	Immediate	3	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	15-Oct-26
3	Alleyway	off Sherman Ave N to Lucy Day Park	06-Oct-26				No violation found	13-Oct-26
2	Bayfront Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
3	Bishop's Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
8	Bus Shelter	Upper James St at Mohawk Rd W	12-Oct-26				No violation found	14-Oct-26
2	Carter Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
2	Central Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
1	Dundurn Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
2	Durand Park		13-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	1 Hour		Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
3	Gage Park		12-Oct-26				No violation found	13-Oct-26

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2	Gore Park		14-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	1 Hour	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
2	Gore Park		14-Oct-26	15-Oct-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	15-Oct-26
3	Green Space	298 Hunter Street East	Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
3	J.C. Beemer Park/Tweed smuir Park		14-Oct-26				No violation found	13-Oct-26
3	J.C. Beemer Park/Tweed smuir Park		14-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	15-Oct-26
3	J.C. Beemer Park/Tweed smuir Park		Proactive				No violation found	15-Oct-26
2	Jackie Washington Park		13-Oct-26				No violation found	14-Oct-26
5	Kenilworth Reservoir	111 Kenilworth Access	13-Oct-26				Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
7	McQuesten Park		15-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	16-Oct-26
4	Montgomery Park		14-Oct-26				No violation found	13-Oct-26
4	Montgomery Park		14-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	16-Oct-26
11	Mountain Transit Center	2200 Upper James St	13-Oct-26				No violation found	15-Oct-26
3	Myrtle Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
6	Oak Knoll Park		14-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	14-Oct-26
2	Pier 4 Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
2	Pier 8 Park		13-Oct-26	13-Oct-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued, Notified HFSO and Coordinated Clean-up	13-Oct-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive	13-Oct-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	13-Oct-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26

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3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				No violation found	15-Oct-26
3	Pinky Lewis Parkette		Proactive				No violation found	16-Oct-26
2	Private Property	Charlton Ave E	15-Oct-26				No violation found	16-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Dunsmere Rd	14-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	16-Oct-26
5	Private Property	Keefer Court	Proactive				No violation found	16-Oct-26
4	Private Property	Melvin Ave	15-Oct-26				No violation found	15-Oct-26
5	Private Property	Nash Rd N	Proactive				No violation found	16-Oct-26
4	Red Hill Trail	off Mt. Albion Rd, behind Sinclair Ct	13-Oct-26				No violation found	16-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Barton St E and Ferguson Ave N	13-Oct-26				Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
3	Road allowance	Bristol St / Sanford Ave N	13-Oct-26				No violation found	16-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Cannon St E / Ferguson Ave N	13-Oct-26	15-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	15-Oct-26
3	Road allowance	Gage Ave N / Lloyd St	12-Oct-26				No violation found	13-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Hess St N / Stuart St	14-Oct-26				No violation found	16-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Hunter St E and John St S	14-Oct-26	15-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	15-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	13-Oct-26	Immediate	2	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	13-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				Notified HFSO and Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	15-Oct-26	Immediate	3	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	15-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Jackson St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	16-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	16-Oct-26

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2	Road allowance	Main St W / MacNab St S	Proactive	13-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	13-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / MacNab St S	Proactive				No violation found	15-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / Summers Lane	14-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	Main St W / Summers Lane	14-Oct-26				No violation found	15-Oct-26
9	Road allowance	Rymal Rd E / Columbus Gate	14-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	14-Oct-26
9	Road allowance	Rymal Rd E / Columbus Gate	14-Oct-26				No violation found	14-Oct-26
9	Road allowance	Rymal Rd E / Columbus Gate	14-Oct-26				No violation found	15-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	13-Oct-26
2	Road allowance	York Blvd / Bay St N	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	15-Oct-26
2	Shamrock Park		13-Oct-26				Observation - Violation Found	13-Oct-26
2	Shamrock Park North		13-Oct-26	14-Oct-26	Immediate	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	14-Oct-26
13	Spencer Creek	near Main St W	Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	13-Oct-26
13	Spencer Creek	near Main St W	Proactive				Coordinated Clean-up	16-Oct-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	14-Oct-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive	16-Oct-26	1 Hour	1	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	16-Oct-26
2	Strachan Linear Park		Proactive				No violation found	16-Oct-26
1	Victoria Park		Proactive				No violation found	14-Oct-26

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3	Wentworth Stairs		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	15-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	13-Oct-26	1 Hour	4	Trespass Notice(s) Issued and Coordinated Clean-up	13-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive				Observation - Violation Found	14-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	14-Oct-26	1 Hour	3	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	14-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	15-Oct-26	1 Hour	6	Trespass Notice(s) Issued	15-Oct-26
3	Woodlands Park		Proactive	16-Oct-26	1 Hour	4	Trespass Notice(s) Issued, Notified HFSO and Coordinated Clean-up	16-Oct-26

Hamilton Fire Department

Responses at Locations Involving Unsheltered Individuals

Response Type	Total Number of Incidents	Ward Breakdown
Structure / Tent Fire	1	Ward 2: 1 Incident
Total	1	Ward 2: 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 October 12 - 18, 2026.

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Housing Focused Street Outreach Engagement Update

	Week 42	Previous Week
Total <i>non-unique</i> Interactions with Unsheltered Individuals by HFSO	166	98

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 42	Previous Week
Total individuals (non-unique) who were provided access to encampment-specific shower programs	8	3

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 42	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average
Total encampment sites maintained and cleaned by Parks Section staff	28	33	26

	Week 42	Previous Week	2025 Weekly Average
Total encampment sites maintained and cleaned by an independent contractor or both Parks Section staff and an independent contractor	1	1	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.

October 12, 2026	Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
October 13, 2026	MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Main St W / MacNab St S, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Main St W / Summers Lane, Woodlands Park, Pinky Lewis Parkette, Pier 8 Park
October 14, 2026	MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Barton St E / Ferguson Ave N, Bus Shelter – Rymal Rd E at Columbus Gate, Main St W / Summers Lane, Shamrock Park North, Oak Knoll Park, Durand Park, Kenilworth Reservoir
October 15, 2026	Kenilworth Reservoir , MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Main St W / MacNab St S, Woodlands Park, Bishop's Park, Hess St N / Cannon St E
October 16, 2026	MacNab St S between Jackson St W and Hunter St W, Jackson St W / MacNab St S, Bayfront Park, Woodlands Park