



Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update

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Update On Encampment Response



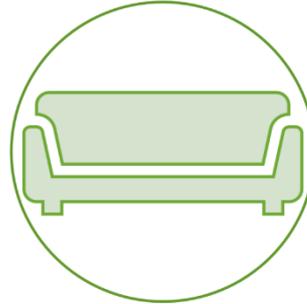
Unsheltered

Staying in public or private spaces that are not meant for permanent living such as **tents, cars, parks**



Emergency Sheltered

Staying in overnight shelters – places for people to go when they have **nowhere else** to stay



Provisionally Accommodated

Staying in temporary accommodation with no option for permanence such as **couchsurfing, institutions, living in hotels**



At risk of homelessness

Currently housed, but **dangerously lacking security or stability.** Housing is nearing the end and there are **no other housing options available.**



Source: Gaetz, S.; Barr, C.; Friesen, A.; Harris, B.; Hill, C.; Kovacs-Burns, K.; Pauly, B.; Pearce, B.; Turner, A.; Marsolais, A. (2012) *Canadian Definition of Homelessness*. Toronto: Canadian Observatory on Homelessness Press.

Where we were

- ▶ In September of 2023, an encampment formed at the former Brookside Youth Facility.
- ▶ Numbers of residents have fluctuated, and an accurate count has not been easy assessed.
- ▶ Community volunteers and outreach staff attended immediately and have been a regular presence and support.

Where we are

Movement since July 1st from Brookside

7 into housing

7 into shelter

2 treatment

*this only captures movement supported by County funded outreach support

Where we are

As of Friday September 20th

- ▶ There are approximately 36 individuals that frequent the encampment and 21 of those identified as actively sleeping there
- ▶ Multiple tents that are not occupied but used as storage
- ▶ There is a sense of excitement around the opening of 310 Division
- ▶ Individuals are encouraged to continue to reach out to their case managers to develop plans for next steps

Where we are going

- ▶ The opening of 310 Division will greatly impact the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- ▶ Continue to build wrap around services and supports for individuals
- ▶ Continue to be present in community, at Brookside, and other locations within the County where individuals are experiencing homelessness - minimally 2-3 times a week
- ▶ Continue to work with our partners to find temporary and permanent housing solutions



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Progress on 310 Division Street

- ▶ **Construction**
 - ▶ Construction Complete on Phase One (ground floor) – occupancy inspection pending
 - ▶ Permit for Phase Two – resubmitted
- ▶ **Community Liaison Committee**
 - ▶ Training Session held on September 25 for community members
 - ▶ Selection process underway for CLC
 - ▶ Targeting end of October for first meeting
- ▶ **Operations**
 - ▶ Staffing and Security
 - ▶ Service Agreement
- ▶ **ECE By-law**
 - ▶ Application being re-submitted for the Town of Cobourg's consideration

Questions and comments

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