



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 21st, 2024**

To: Committee of the Whole

Date: November 14th, 2024

From: Councillor Gardiner

Subject: Sheltering in Parks and the Parks Regulation Bylaw

BACKGROUND

It has been 15 years since the Court of Appeal decision in the Adams case and amendments to the bylaw to exempt persons experiencing homelessness from the general prohibition on erection of sheltering in the parks. The City now has considerable experience with lawful overnight sheltering that should inform future Council decisions about the Parks Regulation Bylaw.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council direct staff to report back on the status of overnight sheltering in City parks and make recommendations for updates to the *Parks Regulation Bylaw* provisions dealing with overnight sheltering by persons experiencing homelessness in light of the City's experience during the past 15 years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. Gardiner", written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Gardiner