



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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The Honourable Sean Fraser
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

November 6, 2024

RE: Your Statement on the Status of Negotiations with Provinces and Territories to Address Encampments

Dear Minister Fraser,

I am writing today regarding your statement with respect to communities that have demonstrated an ability to quickly respond to encampments, to strongly urge you to consider the City of Kitchener and the Region of Waterloo in the next round of funding.

In my community, there have been numerous encampments located throughout the region, with at least 1,100 unhoused folks last counted and these numbers expected to increase significantly in the currently underway point in time count.

In your October 22 letter, you noted that the government will approach five cities first given their readiness to quickly adopt cost-matched responses. While Waterloo Region was not included, I'm glad that you have noted the government will be approaching more communities that have demonstrated an ability to quickly respond to encampments.

I would appreciate a meeting with you or your staff to discuss criteria for involvement, and I look forward to discussing how the Region of Waterloo and the City of Kitchener can make the list for the next round of investments.

Sincerely,

Mike Morrice
MP for Kitchener Centre