

Hello,

As a resident of Connaught Avenue I would like to address the concerns I have about the McCormick Park encampment site. I have a young child who loves playing in the park and I fear his and our safety may become at risk. There are already huge piles of garbage thrown carelessly all over the park without any attempts of cleaning it up by the city. Soon this will turn into needles and I worry my curious child may be in danger or unable to ever return to his favourite park.

There are currently people living directly beside the pond and main pathway of the park, a very high traffic area. There is a large forest located on the south east end that is very low traffic and would present significantly less safety concerns if it were to become the designated living area. Additionally, a higher police presence would give residents peace of mind. *If the site is diligently cleaned of garbage and needles, I believe this situation can work out for both the individuals living in the encampment site and the nearby residents.*

I give permission to place my comments on the public agenda under Agenda Item 2.9 Provision of Outdoor Basic Needs.

Thank you.