

Temporary Shelter Permissions

October 13, 2022

RE: CPSC item 5.2 - Zoning Amendment to Permit a Pilot of Temporary Mobile Shelters

Dear council colleagues,

Winter is approaching and many members of our community are wondering what assistance can be provided to the growing homeless population in London. Churches and charities have considered erecting temporary mobile shelters on their properties, but our bylaws could place them in a position of non-compliance.

I recommend the following actions for the reasons given in my previous communication.

- a) That staff BE DIRECTED to initiate a city-led amendment to the zoning by-law which would allow a pilot of temporary shelters, including Conestoga huts, to be conducted at 696 Dundas St. London, ON N5W 2Z4 from October 2022 through April 2024 (two winters) at no cost to Ark Aid Mission.
- b) That staff BE DIRECTED to initiate a review of the zoning by-law to consider temporary mobile shelters at places of worship.

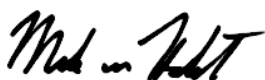
Staff has informed me that our direction in a) “would suspend any enforcement if the final decision of Municipal Compliance is that the use does not comply with the zoning bylaw.” This would allow the pilot to proceed immediately at Ark Aid Mission even though the process itself would take 90 days.

I am told that the direction in b) would take somewhat longer. However, it should provide us clarity and options for the spring. I would also note that the bylaw we create could ultimately be used as a template for other communities who could institute the practice as an alternative to sending their homeless to London.

Approving the two motions would:

- 1) Allow Ark Aid Mission to use the temporary shelters they already have in place.
- 2) Permit a future vote on allowing other organizations to do the same.
- 3) Start the public process to allow for the proposed use.

Sincerely,



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Temporary Shelters at Ark Aid Mission