

Daniel Kinsella
Chief of Police
Halifax Regional Police

August 3, 2022

Re.: Meagher Park

Dear Chief Kinsella,

On July 5, 2022, the municipality closed Meagher Park and posted notices to vacate within the Park in accordance with the *Protection of Property Act*, R.S.N.S. 1989, c.363 (copy attached).

Since then, staff, directly and through partners, have made repeated efforts to encourage those sheltering in the park to vacate the site and accept alternative options, including the support and services provided at the designated outdoor sheltering locations. These efforts and the on-going concerns related to Meagher Park as an encampment are summarized in our update to Regional Council on August 2, 2022.

I do not believe further civilian efforts will result in the park being vacated, as such I am asking your help to enforce the relevant provisions of the Municipal Parks By-law and the *Protection of Property Act* as set out in the notice.

Between now, and when you enforce, we will continue to work to ensure supports are provided to those sheltering in the park. We will also be available to coordinate with you so that, when you enforce, supports are available to those experiencing homelessness including supports such as transportation to a designated site or other accommodation, and connection to service providers. We will also be available to confirm, prior to enforcement, that adequate spaces are available either in a housing option or at a designated outdoor site.

Sincerely,



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