



Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Councillor Mark Bentz

DATE: 10/21/2024 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: Request for Referral – Reports 384-2024 and 395-2024

MEETING & DATE: Committee of the Whole – 10/21/2024 (mm/dd/yyyy)

Colleagues,

We have received two (2) reports with recommendations from administration relating to the Enhanced Encampment Response and a plan for a Temporary Village. I would like Council to agree in principle to the proposed concepts but direct Administration and the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee to advocate, build partnerships and secure funding prior to any expenditures being made by the municipality.

I am opposed to the municipality creating another level of bureaucracy to deal with the encampment issue at this time as the legal and financial frameworks are being worked out by the province and federal governments who should rightly be taking the lead on this matter. In addition, I feel that TBDSSAB needs to be the local lead on this matter rather than the COTB.

As the two (2) reports are connected, I would like Council to hear the presentations associated with both prior to the consideration of the following referral. I am hopeful that the Chair and Clerk can guide Council through the process at this evening's meeting.

WITH RESPECT to Reports 384-2024 and 395-2024-City Manager's Office-Strategic Initiatives & Engagement, we approve the Human Rights-Based Community Action Plan and Temporary Village in principle;

AND THAT both reports be referred to Administration and the Inter-governmental Affairs Committee to advocate, build partnerships and secure funding from other levels of government for the temporary village concept;

AND THAT Administration report back when they have exhausted all sources of external funding options;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.