



# Northumberland Sleeping Cabin Collective (NSCC)

A better alternative to a tent.

Port Hope Council Delegation, December 6, 2022

# Meeting an Unmet Need

- Living unsheltered in Port Hope
- NSCC providing alternative to meet the gaps in the system
- Core Value of NSCC is Housing First



*Photo: Today's Northumberland Article, Jan 18, 2022 'Exclusive – Homeless Couple Freed by Rookie Port Hope Police Officer After Tent Collapses During Storm'*



# The Idea - Sleeping Cabin Community

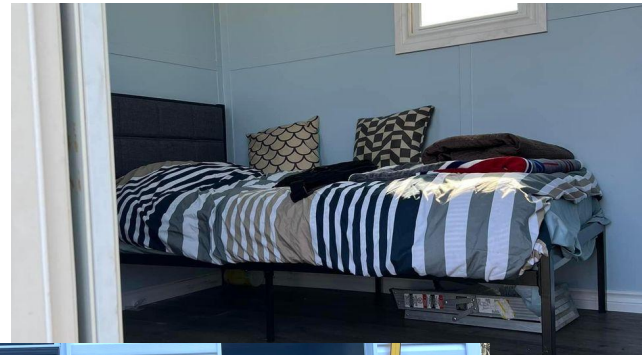
## Benefits:

- Sleeping Cabin Communities are a small village of co-located sleeping cabins
- Residents are given stability and dignity, safety and warmth
- Opportunity to concentrate community wrap around support services
- Opportunity to work with individuals on alternative housing options as they become available
- Cabins are portable and can be moved easily

## Limitations:

- Sleeping Cabin Village addresses the **emergency need** of of the unsheltered; ideally in time for the worst of Winter.
- Cabins have no plumbing
- A shared washroom, or kitchen facility is needed.
  - A site which has this is preferred; or facilities will need to be brought in on trailers





# Space Requirements

One sleeping cabin requires about the same space physical footprint as a parking spot.



Sleeping cabins  
have been  
modelled  
successfully in  
other Ontario  
communities

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# Community Driven , Community Supported

- Building Materials donated at cost
- Skilled labour overseeing and executing the building
- Project developed in consultation with people who are living rough
- We've received widespread community support
- Project is so far, completely community funded
- Green Wood Coalition is our organizational supporter
- NSCC Steering Committee provides operational oversight
- Cabin community has a self-governed component



# Delegation Request:

Direct staff to collaborate with NSCC on identifying an appropriate municipal property that could be used for this purpose (temporary 6 month sleeping cabin pilot project, and/or a permanent location).

Direct staff to investigate any bylaw or permitting hurdles that may need to be overcome, in order to accommodate a sleeping cabin initiative on these properties, or any private properties that may become available within the municipality.

Potential sites considered: Ruth Clarke Centre, south of Ruth Clarke (old firefighter museum), former George Hamilton School property

