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Encampments

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WHEREAS encampments continue to be on the rise in Lethbridge.

WHEREAS encampments pose a safety risk to both the individuals living within them as well as the rest of the community.

WHEREAS creating a safe and viable community continues to be a priority.

WHEREAS a compassionate approach to our homeless population also continues to be a priority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council allocate up to \$230,000 in one-time funding from Corporate Budget Contingencies to assist in the administrative and policing funding shortfalls to expedite compassionate clean-up and establishment of encampments.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that City Council allocate up to \$470,000 in one-time funding from Corporate Budget Contingencies for administration to move forward with more suitable solutions for encampment concerns that go above just encampment clean-up.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a local community task force be struck to gather key partners together for a community view of these complex issues.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that City Council write a letter to Seniors and Housing, Community and Social Services and Mental Health and Addictions requesting the formation of a provincial/City of Lethbridge working group to allow

for collaboration on medium and long term housing and homelessness solutions that will ultimately address encampments issues.