

Delegation on the
Encampment
60 Day Action Plan

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County Delegation Action Update:

- ✓ Demand delegation findings be brought to full County Council to provide official public response by next Council Meeting.
- ✓ Complaint to the Integrity Ombudsman regarding Council Code of Conduct
- ✓ Access to Information Request requiring all documents, meetings, and notes regarding the lead up and outcome of the September 26, 2023 eviction notice at Brookside.
- ✓ Access to Information Request for all documents and actions related to the Emergency Shelter Review.
- ✓ Access to Information Request regarding all funding received from the Provincial government regarding homelessness, its allocations, and outcomes.
- Investigation regarding process related to emergency sheltering and the purchase of 310 Division

Over the last year...

- Formation of Encampment unprecedented in Cobourg history
- Judicial, legislative, and political stalemate
- No eviction from Brookside Sept 26, 2023
- 310 Division purchase process controversial
- Encampment tripled in size in 12 months
- Residents and business complaints discounted by County
- Decision on Brookside looming...

Major Events by End of October

- Brookside Negotiations – Eviction or Status Quo
- 310 Division Opening
- Winter is coming!

**The Status Quo is Not
Acceptable!
60 Days To Come Up With
A Plan!**

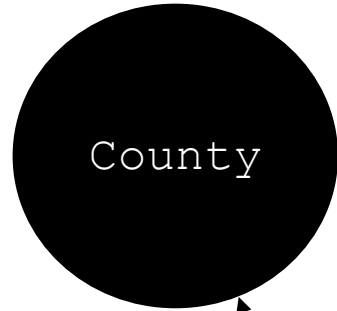
Official Response to Encampment

Status Quo



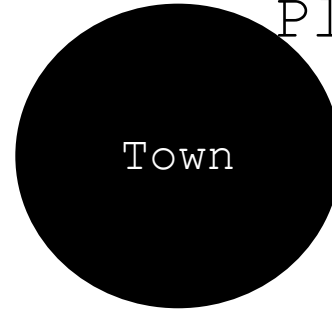
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- No Coordination
- No Political Will
- No Public Forum
- No Strategy
- No Solution

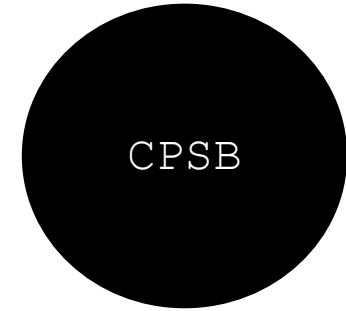


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60 Day Plan



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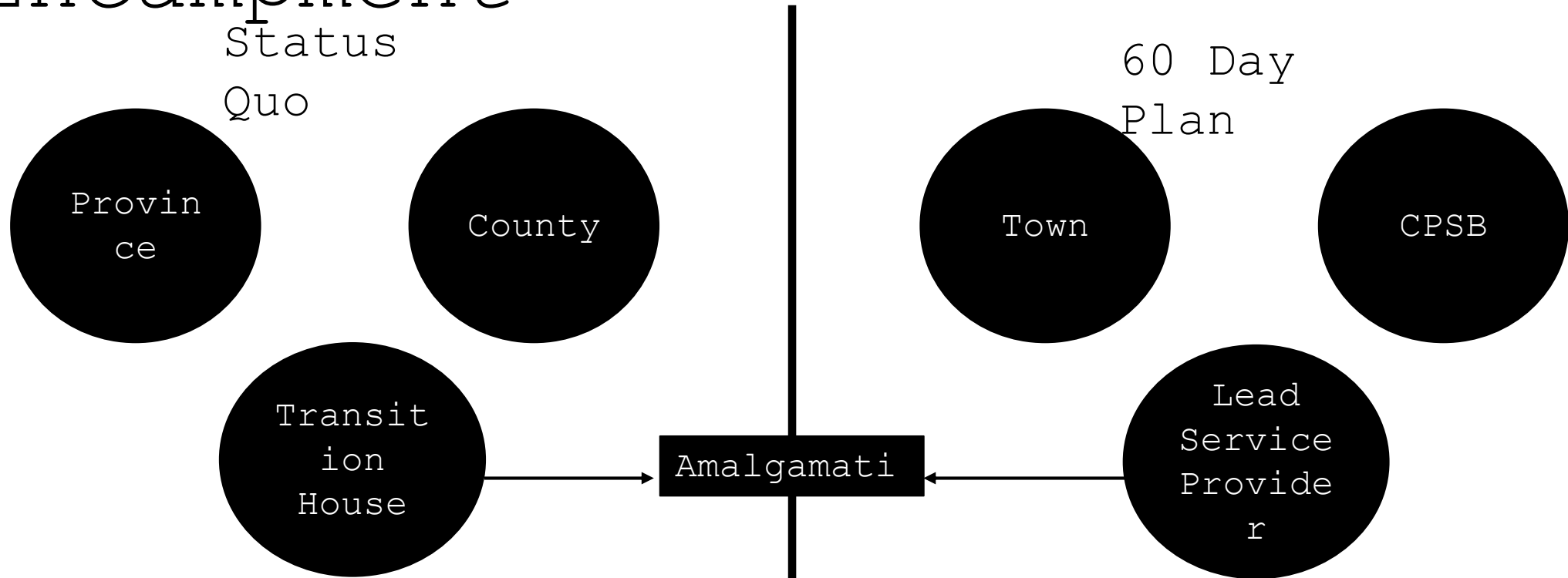


CPSB

- Co-ordinated Plan
- By-laws and Initiatives
- Public Engagement Campaign
- Public Private Partnerships
- No Encampment!

Taxation Without Representation!

Provider Response to Encampment



- Tumultuous 6 Year History
- Public Confidence
- Data and Reporting
- LBS Management
- Accountability

- Successful Track Record
- Coordination Capacity
- Comprehensive Response
- Leverage Resources

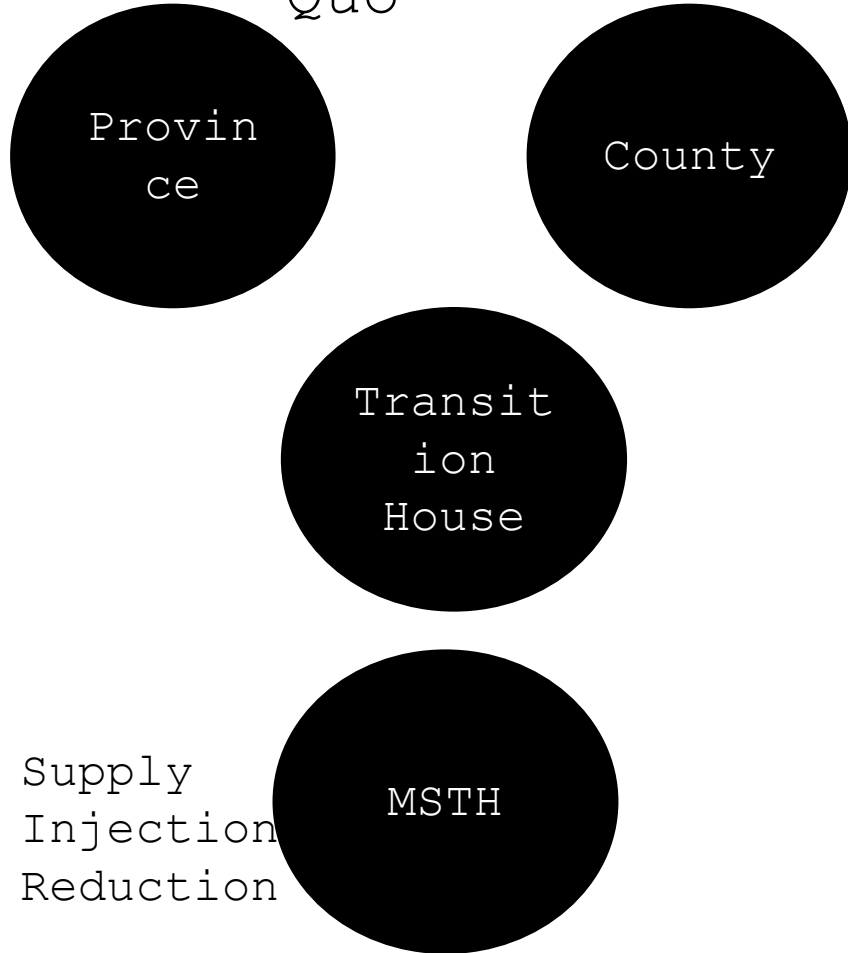
Emergency Housing Capacity

- 37 Beds - 10 Chapel
- 45 Beds - 310 Division Opening
- 19 Beds - Cornerstone
- 101 Beds During Transition to 310 Division

**Community Based Diversion Strategy
For
Non-Complex Cases (Affordability,
Availability) .**

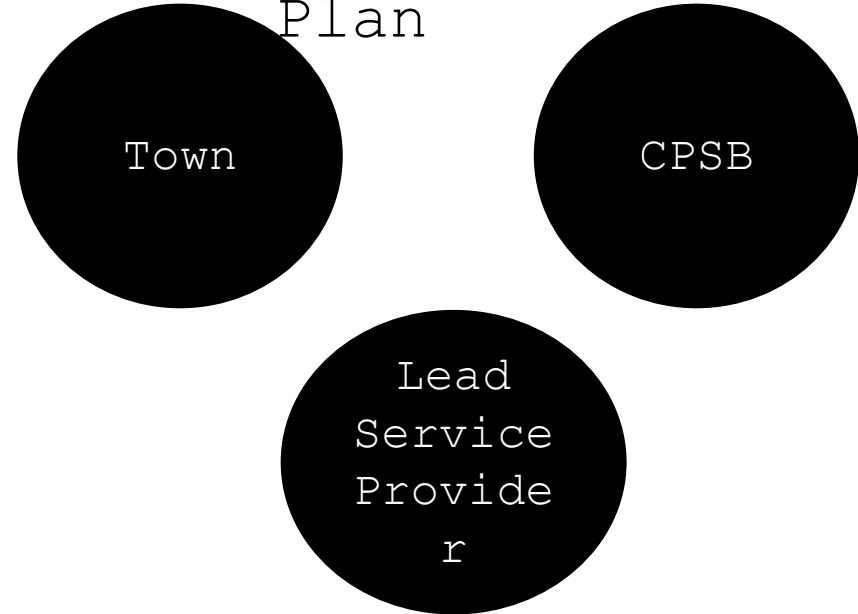
Advocacy Response to Encampment

Status Quo



- Safe Supply
- Safe Injection
- Harm Reduction

60 Day Plan



KEY STATEMENTS - 2024

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- MSTH believes that prohibition is the primary driver for volatility of the unregulated drug supply. We advocate for a regulated safe supply for all people who use drugs.
- MSTH does not believe that involuntary (forced) substance use treatment is "compassionate", but can cause serious harm and even death.
- MSTH supports both medicalized and non-medicalized models of safer supply among the tools to stop the deaths caused by the unregulated, toxic drug supply.
- MSTH believes that people who use drugs are experts in their own lives, and it is up to them to define what recovery means to them.
- MSTH honors and affirms the voices of people who use(d) drugs as experts. We have a duty to make sure that they are meaningfully represented at decision making "tables".

The Town of Cobourg Supports MSTH?

43 municipalities have passed the full MSTH resolution (As of November 9, 2021)

- **Newfoundland:**

- Daniel's Harbour
- Ferryland

- **Quebec:**

- Colombier
- Saint-Valérien
- Saint-Joseph-de-Coleraine
- Sainte-Émélie-de-l'Énergie
- Saint-André-D'Argenteuil
- Saint-Francois-Xavier-De-Viger

- **Ontario:**

- Halton Hills
- Cobourg
- Thessalon
- Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
- Brantford
- Mallorytown
- Elizabethtown-Kitley



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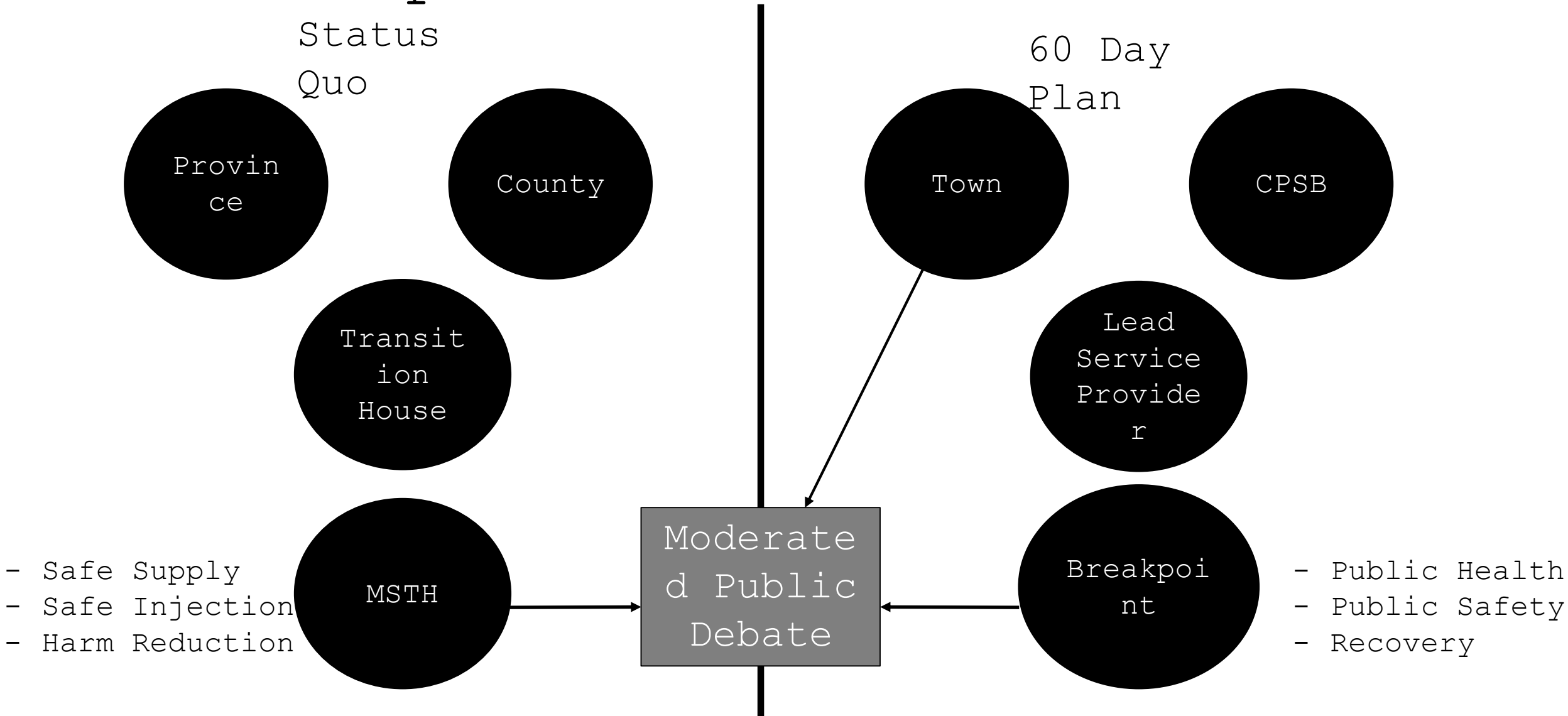


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Advocacy Response to Encampment



Summary of Town Actions

- Enact a "Tents and Encampment By-law" to prohibit the formation of encampments on public property and private property without a license (Zoning by-law)
- Repeal automatic authority to County CAO to use Town assets for emergency encampments
- Review ECE By-law regarding overlap during 310 Division Transition and potential provider amalgamation
- Repeal Town support of MSTH resolution
- Enact a "Community Organizations and Advocacy Registry" for management and public scrutiny
- Nominate a councilor as Town Liaison and spokesperson on Encampment issues
- Launch public engagement campaign with updates, polling, and public debates
- Nominate CLC members that will hold stakeholders accountable

Summary of Community Strategy

- Engage Church-based organizations to provide resources
- Engage private sector organizations to provide support/expertise
- Engage business groups to assist in implementing solutions
- Designate a Lead Service Provider to coordinate efforts
- Develop a Cobourg Community Action Plan and implement
- Coordinate lobbying campaign for County and Province

As a resident of Cobourg...

- Engage - decide to take back our community
- Organize - get involved with groups in areas you think you can help
- Action - coordinate your personal efforts as part of our community effort

Thank
you!