



## Hours for Temporary Overhead Shelter in Parks Increased

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VICTORIA, BC — In recognition of reduced daylight hours, the City of Victoria has extended the hours in which a homeless person can erect temporary overhead shelter in parks. The new hours are 7 p.m. – 7 a.m.

The *Temporary Overhead Shelter Enforcement Policy* permits homeless persons, where there are insufficient shelter beds, to erect temporary overhead protection overnight. After careful consideration of the BC Supreme Court decision, the temporary overhead shelter enforcement policy was introduced by Council resolution to respect the judgment.

All bylaws remain in effect except for where they would prohibit a homeless person from erecting temporary overhead protection overnight for the purpose of protecting themselves from the elements when there are insufficient shelter beds available.

The impacts and use of temporary overhead shelters in parks and public spaces is being monitored closely and Council will review the hours in the spring when daylight hours are longer.

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