

Hampton Zoning By-law

Amendments to Zoning By-law No. HAM-2023-16 related to Supportive Housing and 277 Darlings Island

Council Referral of Zoning By-law Amendments: October 14, 2025

Background

- Application: Hidden Secrets Recovery Center/Kevin Smith submitted an application on December 1, 2024, to establish a 6-8 bed private alcohol and drug recovery centre at 277 Darlings Island Road (Rural Residential Zone)
- **Result:** A Development Permit was granted on January 2, 2025, but was revoked following an appeal in June



Background: Tribunal Decision

 Neighbours filed for an appeal with the Assessment and Planning Appeal Tribunal and on June 10th the Tribunal was of the opinion that Hampton had misapplied its Zoning Bylaw.

• The Tribunal were of the opinion that the development did not meet the definition of Supportive Housing, nor did it meet the requirements for the Rural Residential zone (Section 6.4.1(e)) or Section 4.31.

Text Amendment Application

 Following the Tribunal decision, the applicant for Hidden Secrets Recovery Centre has applied to amend the "Supportive Housing" definition in the Zoning By-law.

 In response, staff are recommending corresponding changes to the Supportive Housing use to improve the overall application process and increase regulatory control for Supportive Housing uses.

Proposed Approach

 Problem: The previous general "Supportive Housing" definition lacked necessary specificity and many supportive / care definitions overlapped

• **Solution:** Staff propose amending the Zoning By-law to replace the general "Supportive Housing" use with three defined tiers and update existing supportive and care definitions to fit within this tiered approach

Tiered Supportive Housing Definitions

Supportive Housing	Details
Tier 1 - Residential Care	Defines the smallest, most residential-scale care for a maximum of 5 residents needing a moderate level of support. Includes Group Homes and Special Care Homes.
Tier 2 - Specialized Care	Defines mid-level, more intensive care for a maximum of 10 residents who require intensive support but not the full medical services of a hospital. Includes Recovery Centres and Special Care Homes .
Tier 3 - Community Care	Defines the highest level of non-hospital community care, providing special and individualized care on a 24-hour basis by professional staff. Includes Community Care Centres , Nursing Homes , Recovery Centres , and Special Care Homes .

Changes to Residential Zones

Zone	Previous Use Status	New Use Status
R1 (One and Two-Unit)	Secondary Use	Conditional Use Tier 1 - Residential Care
R2 (Medium Density)	Permitted Use	Removed
RR (Rural Residential)	Permitted Use	Conditional Uses Tier 1 - Residential Care



Changes to Other Zones

Zone	Previous Use Status	New Use Status
TC (Town Centre)	Conditional Use	Conditional Use Tier 2 - Specialized Care Tier 3 - Community Care
MU (Mixed Use)	Permitted Use	Conditional Use Tier 1 - Residential Care Tier 2 - Specialized Care
RU (Rural)	Permitted Use	Conditional Use Tier 1 - Residential Care Tier 2 - Specialized Care Tier 3 - Community Care
INST (Institutional)	Permitted Use	Permitted Use Tier 3 - Community Care Conditional Use Tier 2 - Specialized Care

Process

- PAC: October 28, 2025
- Public Hearing (1st and 2nd Reading): November 12, 2025
- Third Reading: December 9, 2025



BY-LAW NO. HAM-2025-24 A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE HAMPTON ZONING BY-LAW NO. HAM-2023-16

The Council of Hampton, under authority vested in it by the Community Planning Act, enacts as follows:

1. An amendment to Section 3, Definitions, which reads:

"community care centre" means a use for the purposes of providing special and individualized care to elderly persons, children, or disabled persons, provided the facility complies with applicable legislation and without limiting the foregoing, a community care facility may also include a day care centre, a nursing home or seniors residence.

"group home" means a residence, licensed, or approved under Provincial statute, for the accommodation of a maximum of five (5) people, exclusive of staff, living under supervision in a single housekeeping unit and who, by reason of their emotional, mental, social, behavioural, or physical condition or legal status, require a group living arrangement for their well-being, but does not include a special care home, or nursing home, as defined in the Zoning By-law.

"special care home" means a facility licensed by the Province of New Brunswick where nursing care or room and board is provided to individuals incapacitated in some manner for medical reasons but does not include a hospital as licensed by the Province of New Brunswick.

"special care facility" means a building used for the purposes of providing special and individualized care to persons, who by reason of age, infirmity, mental or physical disability are not fully able to care for themselves.

"supportive housing" means an establishment licensed or approved by a government agency that provides care and or supervision on a 24-hour basis by professional staff to a maximum of fifteen residents of any age pursuant to the Family Services Act or comparable legislative framework.

Is hereby updated to read:

"community care centre" means a facility that provides special and individualized care to elderly persons, children, and or disabled persons, and provided the facility complies with applicable legislation, may include a day care centre, nursing home or seniors residence.

"group home" means a residence for the accommodation of individuals living under supervision in a single dwelling unit, exclusive of staff, and who, by reason of their emotional, mental, social, behavioural, or physical condition or legal status, require a group living arrangement for their well-being, but does not include a Special Care Home or Nursing Home as defined in the Zoning By-law.

"recovery centre" means a facility that provides both out-patient and in-patient services for individuals working toward rehabilitation from a range of physical, mental, or behavioral challenges and includes a range of services, including medical care, therapy, counseling, and peer support to help individuals achieve and sustain recovery.

"special care facility" - deleted.

"special care home" means a building or facility that provides special and individualized care, which may include nursing care or room and board, to individuals who are incapacitated, either physically or mentally, due to age, infirmity, or disability, and are therefore not fully able to care for themselves.

"supportive housing" means a home, establishment, or facility that provides accommodation and supportive services for individuals who face challenges living independently while offering various levels of care tailored to their specific needs. Within the definition of Supportive Housing, there are three subcategories that describe different types of care settings and intensity:

- "supportive housing (tier 1), residential care" means a building or part of a
 building used as a dwelling in which nursing, supervisory care, or personal care
 is provided or made available to a maximum of 5 residents who need a moderate
 level of support in a residential setting. Includes Group Homes and Special Care
 Homes.
- "supportive housing (tier 2), specialized care" means a building or
 establishment that provides care and supervision, potentially on a 24-hour basis,
 by professional staff to a maximum of 10 residents of any age who require more
 intensive support than residential care but do not need the full medical services
 of a nursing home or hospital. Includes Recovery Centres and Special Care
 Homes.
- "supportive housing (tier 3), community care" means an establishment used for the purposes of providing special and individualized care on a 24-hour basis by professional staff to persons, who by reason of age, infirmity, mental or physical disability are not fully able to care for themselves. Includes Community Care Centres, Nursing Homes, Recovery Centres, and Special Care Homes.

2. An amendment to Section 4.31, Supportive Housing, which reads:

Where permitted by this By-law, Supportive Housing shall comply with the following:

- a. Within the R1 and R2 zones, Supportive Housing uses shall be limited to a maximum 15 beds:
- b. A Tourist Establishment Bed and Breakfast, Home Occupation, Day Care, or Secondary Suite are not permitted on the same lot;
- c. When abutting a lot containing a one or two unit dwelling, there shall be appropriate screening between the Supportive Housing use (including parking) and the adjacent use.

Is hereby updated to read:

Except as otherwise provided by this By-law, all Supportive Housing uses are subject to the following:

- a. A Tourist Establishment Bed and Breakfast, Home Occupation, Home Industry, Day Care, Secondary Suite or Garden Suite are not permitted on the same lot.
- b. Only one Supportive Housing use is permitted on a lot.
- 4.31.1 Supportive Housing (Tier 1), Residential Care

Where permitted by this By-law, all Residential Care Supportive Housing uses shall comply with the following:

- a. Residential Care Supportive Housing uses shall be limited to a maximum 5 beds.
- b. When abutting a lot containing a one or two-unit dwelling, there shall be appropriate screening in the form of landscaping and or fencing between the Supportive Housing use and the adjacent residential use at the discretion of the Development Officer.

4.31.2 - Supportive Housing (Tier 2), Specialized Care

Where permitted by this By-law, all Specialized Care Supportive Housing uses shall comply with the following:

- a. Specialized Care Supportive Housing uses shall be limited to a maximum 10 beds.
- b. When abutting a lot containing a Residential use, there shall be appropriate screening in the form of landscaping and or fencing between the Supportive

Housing use and the adjacent residential use at the discretion of the Development Officer.

4.31.3 - Supportive Housing (Tier 3), Community Care

Where permitted by this By-law, all Community Care Supportive Housing uses shall comply with the following:

- a. Notwithstanding Subsection 4.31(a), a Day Care Centre is permitted on the same lot as a Community Care Centre as permitted within the Community Care Supportive Housing (Tier 3) use; and
- b. When abutting a lot containing a Residential use, there shall be appropriate screening in the form of landscaping and or fencing between the Supportive Housing use and the adjacent residential use at the discretion of the Development Officer.
- **3.** An amendment to Section 6.1.2, Secondary Uses in the One and Two-Unit "R1" Zone, to remove (d) Supportive Housing.
- **4.** An amendment to Section 6.1.3, Conditional Uses in the One and Two-Unit "R1" Zone, to add (e) Supportive Housing (Tier 1), Residential Care, Subject to Section 4.31.1, and subsequently renumber Tourist Establishment Bed and Breakfast to (f).
- **5.** An amendment to Section 6.2.1, Permitted Uses in the Medium Density Residential "R2" Zone, to remove (g) Supportive Housing.
- **6.** An amendment to Section 6.4.1, Permitted Uses in the Rural Residential "RR" Zone, to remove (e) Supportive Housing.
- **7.** An amendment to Section 6.4.3, Conditional Uses in the Rural Residential "RR" Zone, to read as:
 - a. Accommodations
 - b. Cultural Establishment
 - c. Day Care Centre, Subject to Section 4.6
 - d. Dwelling, Shared, Subject to Section 4.28
 - e. Retail Use Convenience Store
 - f. Supportive Housing (Tier 1), Residential Care, Subject to Section 4.31.1
 - g. Tourist Establishment, Subject to Section 4.33
- **8.** An amendment to Section 7.1.3, Conditional Uses in the Town Centre "TC" Zone, to remove (k) Supportive Housing.
- **9.** An amendment to Section 7.1.3, Conditional Uses in the Town Centre "TC" Zone, to add (k) Supportive Housing (Tier 2), Specialized Care, Subject to Section 4.31.2 and (I) Supportive Housing (Tier 3), Community Care, Subject to Section 4.31.3, subsequently renumbering Taxi Stand to (m) and Warehouse, Subject to Section 7.1.5 to (n).

- **10.** An amendment to Section 7.2.1, Permitted Uses in the Mixed Use "MU" Zone, to remove (y) Supportive Housing.
- **11.** An amendment to Section 7.2.3, Conditional Uses in the Mixed Use "MU" Zone, to add (g) Supportive Housing (Tier 1), Residential Care, Subject to Section 4.31.1 and (h) Supportive Housing (Tier 2), Specialized Care, Subject to Section 4.31.2.
- **12.** An amendment to Section 8.1.1, Permitted Uses in the Rural "RU" Zone, to remove (aa) Special Care Facility and (bb) Supportive Housing.
- **13.** An amendment to Section 8.1.3, Conditional Uses in the Rural "RU" Zone, to add (j) Supportive Housing (Tier 1), Residential Care, Subject to Section 4.31.1, (k) Supportive Housing (Tier 2), Specialized Care, Subject to Section 4.31.2, and (l) Supportive Housing (Tier 3), Community Care, Subject to Section 4.31.3, subsequently renumbering Trucking Operation to (m) and Warehouse to (n).
- **14.** An amendment to Section 10.1.1, Permitted Uses in the Institutional "INST" Zone, to remove (n) Supportive Care Facility and (o) Supportive Housing.
- **15.** An amendment to Section 10.1.1, Permitted Uses in the Institutional "INST" Zone, to add (n) Supportive Housing (Tier 3), Community Care, Subject to Section 4.31.
- **16.** An amendment to Section 10.1.3, Conditional Uses in the Institutional "INST" Zone, to add (a) Supportive Housing (Tier 2), Specialized Care, Subject to Section 4.31.2, subsequently renumbering "A SWT may be permitted as a secondary conditional use subject to the provisions of section 5.10 and to terms and conditions applied by the Planning Advisory Committee" to (b).

First Reading: Second Reading: Third Reading and Enactment:	
Robert Doucet Mayor	Lisa Richard Clerk

BY-LAW NO. HAM-2025-25 A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE HAMPTON ZONING BY-LAW NO. HAM-2023-16

The Council of Hampton, under authority vested in it by the Community Planning Act, enacts as follows:

1. An amendment to Schedule A of the Zoning Map, to rezone a portion of PID 30150395 from the Rural Residential (RR) zone to Rural (RU) zone (see Schedule A).

First Reading: Second Reading: Third Reading and Enactment:	
Robert Doucet Mayor	Lisa Richard Clerk

