

# VOTE #5 – TAKING THE PULSE

How you feel about encampment?:

I'm Angry                      2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Vote

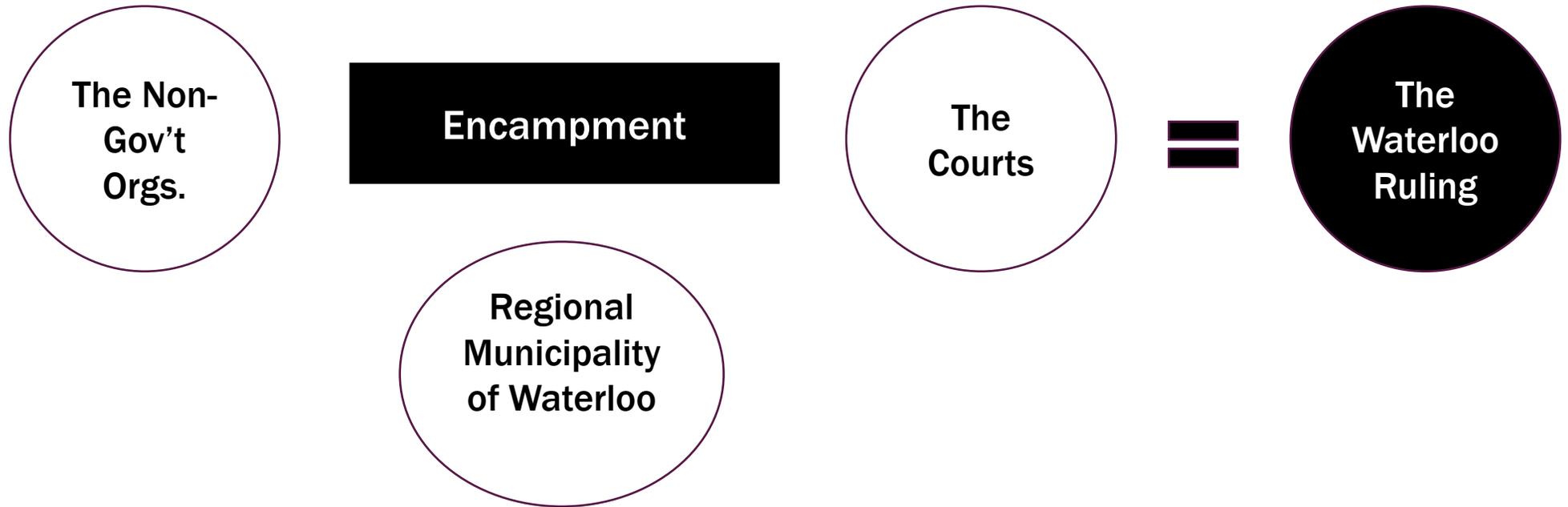
I'm Frustrated                Strongest Vote

I'm Afraid                      3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Vote

I'm Moving                    4<sup>th</sup> Highest Vote – below majority

I Don't Care                    Very Low Vote – well below majority

# ENCAMPMENT – THE LAW



# WATERLOO RULING

January 27, 2023, Ontario Superior Court of Justice decision.

In the *Regional Municipality of Waterloo v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained*, the Court denied the municipality's application for injunctive relief to clear a homeless encampment. The Court noted in its reasoning that **municipalities** must not only create an adequate number of shelter spaces, but they **must also create spaces that are truly low barrier and accessible based on the diverse needs of those living in encampments.**

**Charter Sec 7 - *Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.***

# LOW BARRIER SHELTERS DEFINED

Low barrier shelters aim to remove systemic barriers to make the shelter more accessible. It means the most vulnerable community members who face system barriers, have a safe and secure place to sleep and access services. This includes; **people with disabilities, seniors, those with pets, people from the 2SLGBTQI+ community, and those experiencing mental health and addiction challenges.**

**What is not permitted at the shelter location?** Violence or threats of violence; sexual harassment or sexual violence, theft, excessive damage to property, arson or **drug dealing.**

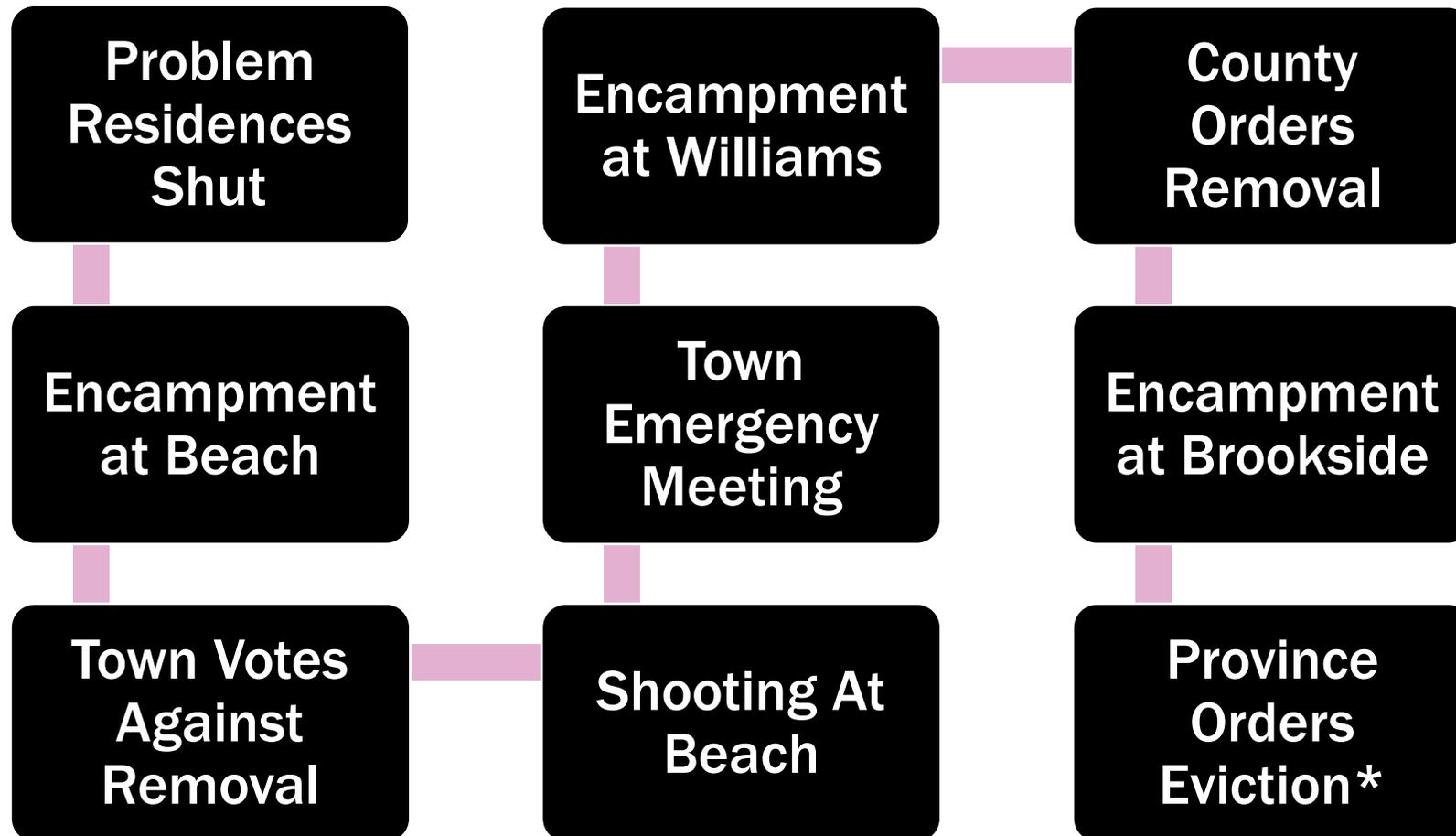
**Who accesses this shelter?** Individuals who are recently homeless, living in their car. Some individuals are living in ravines, streets, couch surfing. People accessing a shelter choose to be there because they are seeking emergency accommodations and require support services to access long-term housing.

**How does it operate?** Shelter standards are followed to ensure quality service and supports meet individual needs. Guests of the shelter are expected to work consistently on housing until housing is secured.

# **ENCAMPMENT – COBOURG**

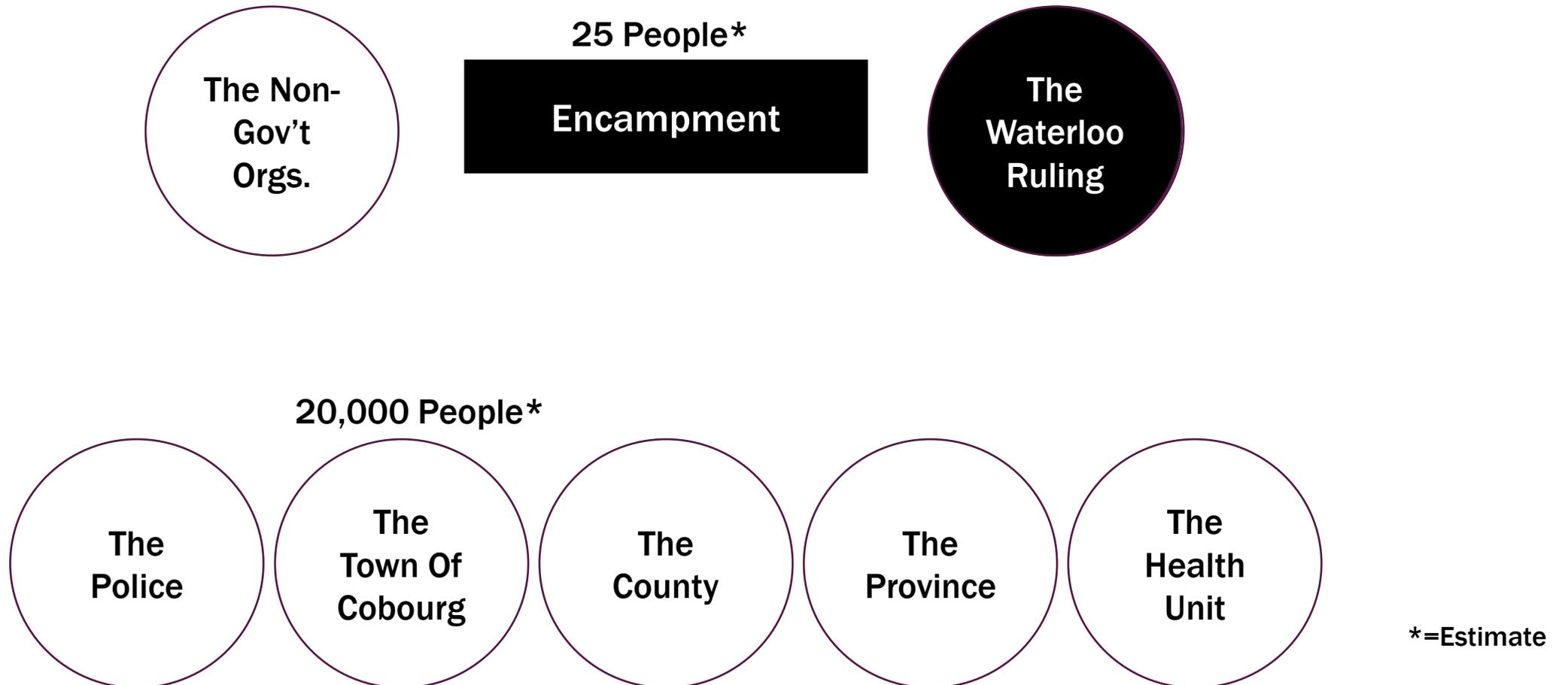
- 1. Multiple Homes in Cobourg Used As “Shelters” for Years**
- 2. Drug Dealing, Public Intoxication and Crime Increase**
- 3. Local Neighborhoods And Businesses Severely Impacted**
- 4. Authorities Act and Close 2 Sites**
- 5. Encampment Appears**

# ENCAMPMENT – TIMELINE AUG - OCT



\*Eviction Not Executed

# ENCAMPMENT – WHO'S RESPONSIBLE



# ENCAMPMENT – 2 TIER MUNICIPALITY

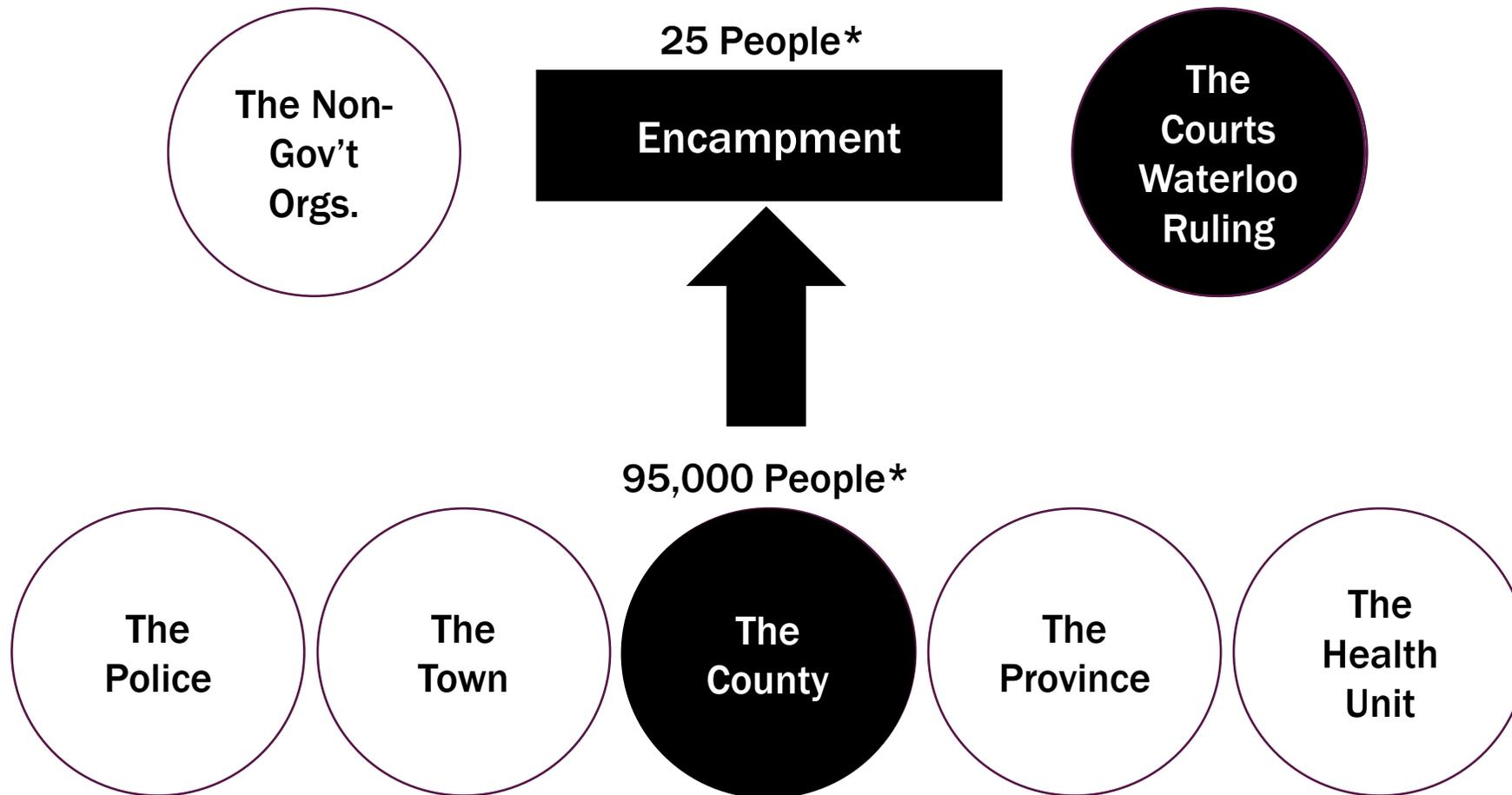
## COUNTY

- Paramedics
- Early Learning (Daycare)
- Social Housing
- Welfare and Employment
- Homelessness

## COBOURG

- Municipal Police
- Fire Department
- By-laws
- Parks and Recreation
- Permits and Licenses

# ENCAMPMENT – NEXT MOVE



\*=Estimate

**THE SOLUTION MAY BE....**

**Segmentation**

**And**

**Separation**

# OPPOSING SIDES OF THE ISSUE

## Encampment Position

Letter to Cobourg

Interview

Time 3:50 – 5:50

Time 7:00 – 7:30 [Google](#)

Time 8:00 – 9:15

**NOTE - Videos not  
presented due to  
technical issues.**

**Letter was read to  
public.**

## Official Position

The Mayor Time 4:18 – 6:55

The Chief

MPP

# APPROACHES

## Law And Order

- Enforce the Law
- Arrest Criminals
- No Drugs
- Protect the Public
- Public Fear/Anger

## Compassion

- Leave Them Alone
- Stop Pursuing Victims
- Clean Drugs
- Human Rights
- Perception/Hypocrisy

# ENCAMPMENT – LAW AND ORDER

## Action

- Eviction
- Arrest Them
- Police Surveillance
- Public Intervention
- Status Quo

## Consequence

- Shifting Not Solving
- Out On Bail
- Costly and Inefficient
- Vigilantism
- Public Outcry

# ENCAMPMENT – COMPASSION

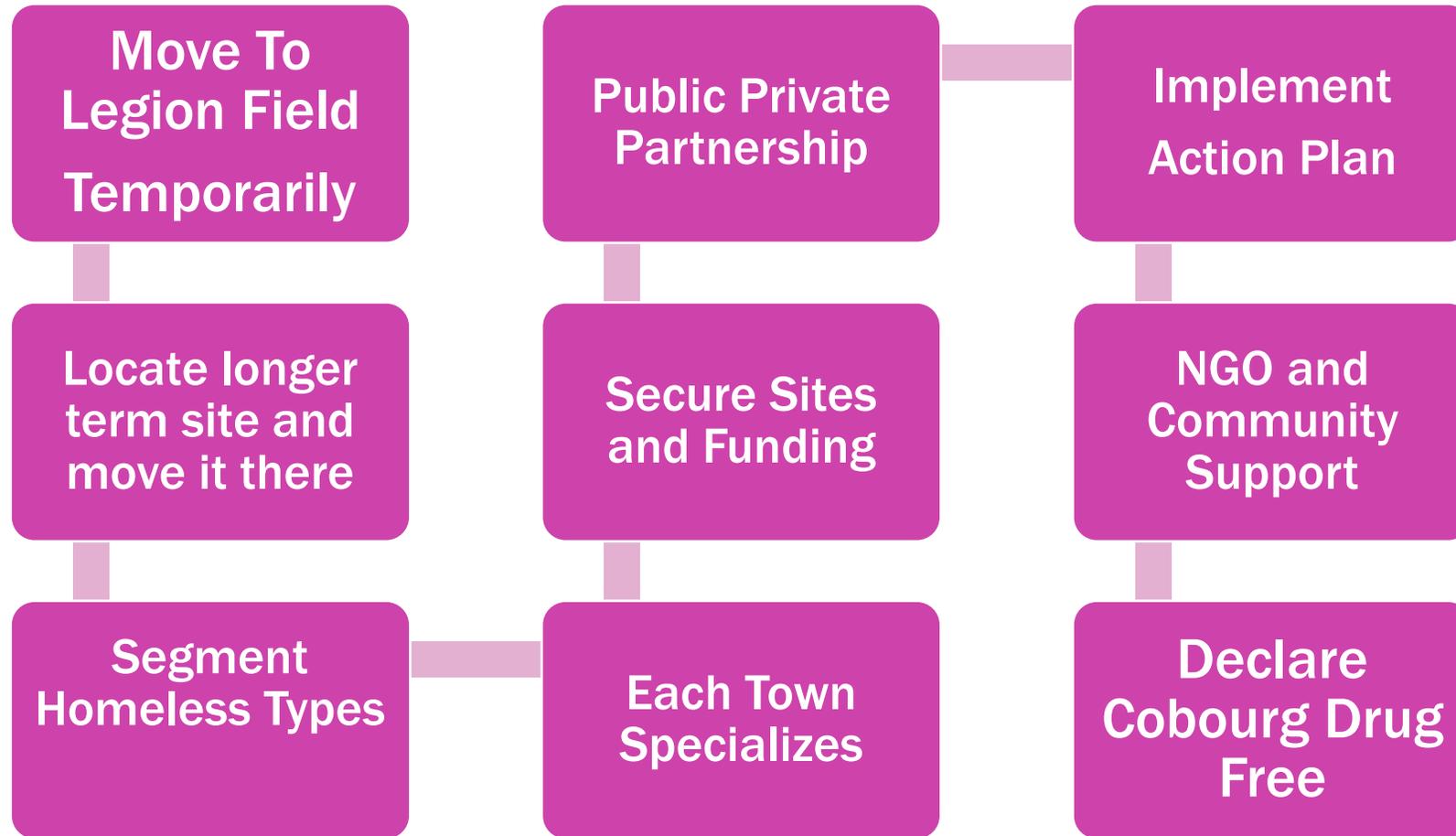
## Action

- Low Barrier
- Safe Injection
- Safe Drugs
- Low Oversight
- Status Quo

## Consequence

- High Cost
- Attracts Users
- Controversial
- More Crime
- More Overdoses

# ENCAMPMENT ACTION PLAN



# THE PROBLEM – CRIME...

## Violent Crime

- Homicide
- Assault
- Arson
- Sexual Assault
- Exploitation

## Non Violent

- Vagrancy
- Public Intoxication
- Theft
- Loitering/Trespassing
- Harassment