

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford  
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, November 24, 2021

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Moved By: Deborah Tait

Seconded By: Marcus Ryan

Whereas the increased rate of homelessness in Oxford County and the City of Woodstock is creating health and safety concerns for those who are experiencing homelessness, addictions and mental health issues;

And whereas these concerns are disproportionately impacting the City of Woodstock's downtown;

And whereas adequate levels of social services, shelter services, and transitional housing equivalent to the increased rate of need are required;

Now therefore be it resolved that Oxford County Council prioritize securing property for the establishment and operation of a 24-hour, 7 day a week shelter with sufficient space for the various agencies providing services to people experiencing homelessness, addictions and mental health issues;

And further, that County Staff be directed to report back on the cost, funding and the length of time needed to begin operations;

And further, that County staff be directed to report back on the ability to increase Peer Street Outreach services for downtown Woodstock for a minimum of 6 days per week in order to provide downtown businesses and patrons with an alternative response service to Woodstock Police for incidents not requiring police intervention.

Motion Carried Chloe Senior