



May 27th, 2023

Office of the Premier
Legislative Building
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Township of South-West Oxford Resolution re: Call to End Homelessness

This letter will confirm that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford passed the following resolution at their meeting held on May 16th, 2023:

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

WHEREAS municipalities and local social service providers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the federal and provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of South-West Oxford call on the federal and provincial governments to urgently:

- i. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- ii. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;

- iii. Work with Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Health, MPP Ernie Hardeman and MP Dave MacKenzie; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Oxford and all area municipalities.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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Township of South-West Oxford

- cc. Oxford MPP Hon. Ernie Hardeman
Oxford MP Hon. Dave McKenzie
Hon. Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Parsa, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ministry of Health