

Sent by Email

February 1, 2022

Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
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Subject: Re: Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th re: Homelessness Task Force
Corr. 04-22
File: A-1400-001-22

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on January 24, 2022 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 04-22, from Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, the Regional Municipality of Durham, dated December 22, 2021, regarding the Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th regarding: Homelessness Task Force, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am
Enclosure

Copy: The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health
The Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
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December 22, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Honourable and Dear Sirs,

RE: Correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 regarding: Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th re: Homelessness Task Force Our File: P00

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on December 22, 2021, adopted the following recommendations of the Health and Social Services Committee:

“WHEREAS on November 8, 2021 the Council for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supported the following resolution:

“THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”;

And whereas the Region of Durham has seen a significant increase in the incidence of homelessness since 2020 which has been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic;

And whereas the increase of homelessness is impacting the entire community both socially and economically;

And whereas the Region is responding to urgent homelessness issues with a cross-sector task force of key stakeholders that includes: the health sector, social services, law enforcement, community partners, local municipalities, and business groups and those with lived experience;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham supports and endorses the November 8, 2021 Chatham-Kent resolution;

And further that the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada expedite meaningful measures to appropriately support local Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards address the immediate homelessness crises;

And further that the Province of Ontario create a cross-ministerial task force which would include the Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Ministry of Finance in partnership with local Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards to create a fulsome strategy to address homelessness and the root cause of homelessness, mental health and addictions;

And further that the motion be forwarded to all Durham Region municipalities, Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Ministry of Finance, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), and Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).”

A copy of the correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated November 10, 2021 is attached.

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/np

Attach.

- c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
- The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair, Ontario's Big City Mayors
- Jamie McGarvey, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- N. Cooper, Clerk, Town of Ajax
- J. Gallagher, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
- S. Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
- D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
- F. Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock
- Mary Medeiros, Clerk, City of Oshawa
- B. Jamieson, Clerk, Township of Scugog
- C. Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby
- J. Smith, Clerk, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services



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November 10, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
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The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Support Resolution from the Council of Huron County passed October 20th
re: Homelessness Task Force**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2021 supported the following resolution:

“WHEREAS the County of Huron has established a “Huron County Homelessness Task Force” to address the rapidly increasing issue of homelessness in the County.

THAT the County of Huron, due to the substantial increase in chronic homelessness not only in Huron County but across Ontario and Canada, requests the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify Homelessness a “Provincial” and “National Crisis” across the Province of Ontario and Canada.

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada acknowledge that lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness.

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron requests the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs as well as increase funding to mental health and addiction services.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator