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**Council Agenda – September 23, 2024**

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## Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104	157	142	93	133
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81	169	74	197	142
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84	229	173	77	158
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81	371	400	282	343
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	270	372	266	188	343
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	140	160	135	213	225
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	216	269	203	178	174
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	122	131	162	200	268
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	190	163	155	124	327
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	154	139	212	175	
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	113	122	139	113	
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	160	69	132	95	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4024</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>3021</b>	<b>3079</b>	<b>1715</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>2193</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>2113</b>

The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., and various provincial ministries. They do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.

## Comprehensive POA Stats - 2024

Legislation / By law Reference	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC										
<b>Summary of Charges Laid by OPP</b>																						
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)	90	109	115	244	270	173	122	222	287													
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)	38	32	33	73	44	8	11	28	17													
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	2			29	1																
	By-law 302/02 (snow)																					
	By-law 1534-15 Parks																					
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74																					
	By-law 38-74																					
	By-law 11-79																					
Noise	By-law 1435/14																					
Open Air Fires	By-law 1662/16																					
EMCPA	7.0.11(2)(a)																					
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>											<b>130</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
																<b>OPP Total: 1948</b>						
<b>Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff</b>																						
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74																					
	By-law 38-74																					
	By-law 11-79																					
Noise	By-law 1435/14																					
Property Standards	By-law 730/06				2																	
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit							3														
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order																					
Open Air Fires	1662/16																					
Planning Act	562(67)(1)			2	1	2		1	2	2												
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00																					
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)	2						1														
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	16	28	30		248	208															
	By-law 302/02 (snow)																					
Parks	By-law 1534/15					8	11															
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16																					
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>											<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
																<b>Staff Total: 567</b>						
<b>Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies</b>																						
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry					15	13	4	2														
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)(PAWS)	2	1	2	1	10		14	2	1													
Ministry of Finance					1	8	2	1	4													
Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS)				11																		
Conservation Authority				6																		
Ministry of Environment			6	1	1	15	15	11	16													
Ministry of Labour				4		8	1															
Ministry of Housing																						
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs																						
Ontario College of Trades																						
Health Protection Act	1																					
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>											<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
																<b>Other Enforcement Agency Total: 179</b>						
<b>*Note: Total Charges (Excluding Parking) reflects what is recorded and reported regularly to Council (through the Council Information Package) and PSB for year by year historical trends. The historical trends spreadsheet does not capture parking tickets.</b>																<b>*Total Charges (Excluding Parking) 2113</b>						
																OPP Issued Parking Charges 32						
																Staff Issued Parking Charges 549						
																<b>Total Parking Charges Issued 581</b>						
																<b>Total of All 2024 Charges 2694</b>						



**LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2024**  
**Approved October 2, 2024**

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Members in attendance:

Robert Chambers, Chair	County of Brant
Dave Beres, Vice-Chair	Town of Tillsonburg
Doug Brunton	Norfolk County
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich
Stewart Patterson	Haldimand County
Chris Van Paassen	Norfolk County
Rainey Weisler	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford

Regrets:

Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County
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Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager  
 Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services  
 Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services  
 Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure  
 Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate  
 Dana McLachlan, Executive Assistant

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair, Robert Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

**2. Additional Agenda Items**

**A-97/24**

Moved by M. Columbus  
 Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors adds an additional item to the closed meeting agenda regarding litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Authority.

**Carried**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**A-98/24**

Moved by D. Brunton  
 Seconded by R. Weisler

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**FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus,  
 Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the agenda as amended.

**Carried**

**4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**a) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - July 3, 2024**

There were no errors or omissions.

**A-99/24**

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by P Ypma

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Board of Directors Meeting held July 3, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising**

**a) Proposed 2026 LPRCA Budget Meeting (J. Mawell)**

**A-100/24**

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by M. Columbus

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves scheduling the 2026 LPRCA Budget Meeting for Thursday, November 13, 2025.

**Carried**

**7. Review of Committee Minutes**

**a) Audit and Finance Committee Meeting - August 16, 2024**

There were no errors or omissions.

**A-101/24**

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee Meeting held August 16, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

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**8. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**9. Planning Department**

**a) Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits (L. Mauthe)**

There were no questions or comments.

**A-102/24**

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Section 28 Regulations Approved Permits report dated September 4, 2024 as information.

**Carried**

**10. New Business**

**a) General Manager's Report (J. Maxwell)**

Judy Maxwell provided a report summarizing operations this past month. No questions or comments were received from the Board.

**A-103/24**

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by R. Weisler

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the General Manager's Report for July and August 2024 as information.

**Carried**

**b) Q2 Financial Report – June 30, 2024 (A. LeDuc)**

The report was presented by Aaron LeDuc. There were no questions from the Board.

**A-104/24**

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the Q2 Financial Report – June 30, 2024 for the period up to and including June 30th, 2024 as information.

**Carried**

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**c) LPRCA Purchasing Policy (A. LeDuc)**

Aaron LeDuc reviewed the report.

Dave Beres, Audit and Finance Committee Chair, informed the Board that the Committee reviewed the document in August and supports the draft Purchasing Policy.

**A-105/24**

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by C. Van Paassen

THAT the Staff Purchasing Policy and Tendering Regulations Part 1 Section 14 of the LPRCA Personnel Policy be removed:

And,

THAT the Draft Purchasing Policy be approved as presented.

**Carried**

**d) Draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy (J. Maxwell)**

Judy Maxwell reviewed the Draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and invited the Board to complete the online survey or attend the Public Consultation on October 1, 2024 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to provide feedback.

Chris Van Paassen questioned the action item under the Flood Forecasting and Warning Program to “Develop an outreach program for property owners”. Chris suggested that it could be updated to say “Work with EMS to develop an outreach program”. Long Point Region Conservation Authority provides technical support to municipal officials to develop an outreach program.

**A-106/24**

Moved by R. Weisler

Seconded by J. Palmer

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the draft Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy as information;

AND,

THAT LPRCA Board of Directors directs staff to undertake public consultation on the draft Strategy;

AND,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors send a letter to participating municipalities to advise them of the consultation period for the draft Strategy.

**Carried**

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**e) Draft Conservation Land Strategy (Judy Maxwell)**

Judy Maxwell presented a summary of the Draft Conservation Land Strategy noting that Conservation Ontario worked with all of the conservation authorities as a group to create consistency in the land classifications.

Chris Van Paassen suggested expanding on the collaborative efforts with partners and other organizations mentioned on agenda page 127.

**A-107/24**

Moved by C. Van Paassen

Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the draft Conservation Land Strategy as information;

AND,

THAT LPRCA Board of Directors directs staff to undertake public consultation on the draft Strategy;

AND,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors send a letter to participating municipalities to advise them of the consultation period for the draft Strategy.

**Carried**

**f) Lee Brown Waterfowl Management Area – Capital Reserve (J. Maxwell)**

The report was presented and reviewed by Judy Maxwell.

Peter Ypma asked if this change would reduce expenses from the general budget. In reply, Judy Maxwell stated that the budget would not change. This is similar to the capital reserve established for park equipment purchases and replacements from the operations surplus.

**A-108/24**

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by D Brunton

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the LBWMA Capital Reserve report as information;

AND,

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves an increase to 70% of LBWMA surplus be transferred at year-end to the LBWMA Capital Reserve.

**Carried**

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## **11. Closed Session**

### **A-109/24**

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by D. Beres

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

**Carried**

The members entered the closed session at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting: October 2, 2024, Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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Robert Chambers  
Chair

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Judy Maxwell  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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 Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate  
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**1. Roll Call and Call to Order**

The Chair called the Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

The roll was called to conduct the following Hearing under Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

**2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None were declared.

**3. Hearing: LPRCA-104/24 – Ken and Susan Nieuwhof**

**4. Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair's opening remarks were read and the guidelines and process to be followed for the hearing were reviewed.

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## **5. Presentation by Long Point Region Conservation Authority Staff**

Leigh-Anne Mauthe introduced the applicant Susan Nieuwhof and builder, Sam Bunting, then proceeded to present the staff report.

Staff recommended refusal to grant a permit for this application for the following reasons:

1. The construction of the proposed structure is contrary to Long Point Region Conservation Authority shoreline policies for development in the Lake Erie flood hazard. These policies have been implemented to reduce or eliminate preventable risk to life and property damage from flooding,
2. The control of flooding is affected by the development as the overall risk to property damage is increase,
3. The control of flooding is affected by the development as the second storey area could be utilized as habitable space and would therefore put additional risk to life and property for both the occupants and emergency personnel and first responders.

Jim Palmer asked what engineering study is required to obtain approval. Leigh-Anne Mauthe replied there is usually modelling completed to address the hydro-dynamic forces.

Michael Columbus and Stewart Patterson inquired about the process if the uninhabitable space becomes habitable and were advised that it can be inspected by the County Building Department.

Doug Brunton asked for clarification of the flood elevation and Leigh-Anne Mauthe explained that the design flood elevation is 176.8m.

## **6. Presentation by the Applicant**

Sam Bunting addressed the board on behalf of the client requesting approval of the application. A presentation was submitted by the applicant in advance of the hearing and included in the agenda package.

Staff and the proponent responded to questions from the Board.

Peter Ypma asked if the existing boathouse was to be demolished. Mr. Bunting explained the existing walls will be retained, a second storey will be added, and there will be an addition to the backside.

Chris Van Paassen noted that the engineered drawings did not include wet flood-proofing as required. Sam Bunting explained that those engineered blueprints will be submitted during the Norfolk County permitting stage.

The members entered the closed session of the Hearing Board at 7:01 p.m.

### **A-96/24**

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by P. Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Hearing Board does now enter into a closed session to discuss:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals (e.g. Local Planning Appeal Tribunal), affecting the Authority.

**Carried**

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Tom Masschaele, Jim Palmer, Stewart Patterson, Rainey Weisler, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

The LPRCA Hearing Board reconvened in open session at 7:18 p.m.

The Chair advised Susan Nieuwhof that the permit has been approved with conditions. The Notice of Decision will be forwarded by staff.

**Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

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Robert Chambers  
Chair

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Judy Maxwell  
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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## Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – September 27, 2024

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

### Action Items

The Board passed the recommendations in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- GM-09-24-78 - Outdoor Environmental Education Program – Update
- GM-09-24-80 - By-law Update – Delegations
- GM-09-24-84 - Financial Summary
- GM-09-24-79 - 2024 Road Site Preparation and Surface Treatment Contract Increase
- GM-09-24-81 - Planning and Regulations Fees Guidance
- GM-09-24-76 - Speed River Hydrology Contract
- GM-09-24-82 - GRCA Reservoir Operations Policy

### Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-09-24-77 - Budget 2025 - Timelines and Considerations
- GM-09-24-75 - Cash and Investment Status
- GM-09-24-74 - ERO Posting 019-8463 - Decision - Updated Provincial Planning Statement
- GM-09-24-85 - Current Watershed Conditions
- GM-09-24-83 - Unauthorized Encampments on GRCA Properties

### Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Tom Woodcock, rare Charitable Research Reserve re: Giant Hogweed (Letter, and GRCA Response September 19, 2024)
- Christa Hesselink re: Conservation Lands and Delegations (August agenda)
- City of Guelph re: 2025 Budget Confirmation Guideline

### Delegations

There was one registered delegation.

- Dan Schneider - Outdoor Education Program Review

### Source Protection Authority

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. There was no meeting held this month.

For full information, please refer to the [September 27 Agenda Package](#). Complete agenda packages for the General Membership and Source Water Protection Authority, and minutes of past meetings can be viewed on our [online calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on our online calendar following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

You are receiving this email as a GRCA board member, GRCF board member, or a Grand River watershed member municipality. If you do not wish to receive this monthly summary, please respond to this email with the word 'unsubscribe'.



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

## Resolution

### **Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy**

Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

Certified True Copy  
City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger  
Municipal Clerk



October 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Rideshare Services

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Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Council meeting held on September 23, 2024:

C-2024-226

“Whereas, the Township of Brock faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; and

Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Township of Brock Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Brock Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Region of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.”



Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maralee Drake".

Maralee Drake  
Deputy Clerk

MD:dh

- cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation – minister.mto@ontario.ca
- Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca
- Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org
- Robin Jones, President, AMO - amopresident@amo.on.ca
- Durham Region municipalities
- All Ontario municipalities

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
[Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org)

Sent via electronic mail

October 4, 2024

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on October 2, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C506-2024 endorsing the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign.

**Resolution C506-2024**

Moved by: Garwood

Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and,

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine; and,

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77% in 2008 to 65% in 2022; and,

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada; and,

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the Province; and,

Whereas these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level; and,

Whereas in response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario residents and communities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Springwater and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Doug Downey, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

I can be reached via email at [jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca](mailto:jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca) or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2020.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin  
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
Hon. MPP Doug Shipley  
Ontario Medical Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

# Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: County of Haldimand Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: [clerk@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:clerk@haldimandcounty.on.ca)

**Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the County of Haldimand would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Haldimand requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

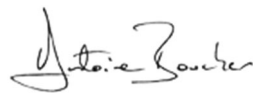
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at [thomas@goodroads.ca](mailto:thomas@goodroads.ca) at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler  
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher  
President  
Good Roads Board of Directors



## **Backgrounder - SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign**

### **Key Asks of the Province**

- Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
- Have this Minister strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*.
- Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary
- Commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community where there are gaps in the system. Including an immediate increase in detox and rehabilitation beds for those looking to get the health support they need, on their own.
- Invest in 24/7 Community Hubs / Crisis Centres across the province to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders

## **Background Information on the Crisis**

### **OBCM Advocacy**

- The 'Solve the Crisis' campaign is a culmination of years of advocacy from Ontario's Big City Mayors on the mental health, addictions and homelessness crisis across Ontario, including our white paper released in 2021, most recently developing our health and homelessness strategy in 2023 and an update to that strategy included in this campaign (see OBCM advocacy timeline below)

### **A Growing Crisis**

- Over the years we have seen this crisis develop to include a growing number of unhoused residents and encampments in many of our communities:
  - Of 72 communities surveyed, 68 reported encampments with an estimated 14-23% of the homeless population staying in encampments - [Infrastructure Canada National Survey on Homeless Encampments](#)
  - In 2023 there were at least 1,400 homeless encampments in communities across the province. Many of the residents of these encampments suffer from mental health or substance abuse challenges. - [The Association of Municipalities \(AMO\)](#)



- **London** - as of March 31, 2024 1758 individuals experiencing homelessness and there were 56 active encampments - [Housing and Homelessness Snapshot, City of London](#)
- **Kingston** - 1,924 clients received some type of service in relation to Homelessness in 2023 this includes (outreach, shelter, housing support services, such as housing loss prevention and housing application assistance) - [Housing and Homelessness Report, City of Kingston](#)
- **Region of Waterloo** - current estimates are that 1,000 people are experiencing homelessness across the region including 450 people experiencing Chronic homelessness - [Encampments Report - City of Waterloo](#)
- **Hamilton** - As of January 31 2024, 1,592 Homeless people, with 585 having been homeless for more than 6 months and, 1007 for less than 6 months - [City of Hamilton](#)
- **Windsor** - 468 Individuals experienced chronic homelessness in 2023 up 19% from 2022 - [Housing and Homelessness Report - City of Windsor](#)
- Ontario residents are frustrated with the impact of this crisis on their communities and want to see the government take action. In a recent survey conducted by [CMHA Ontario](#)
  - More than 8 in 10 Ontarians would prefer solutions for the ongoing opioid and drug poisoning crisis which focus on healthcare and social services support rather than punishments
  - 73% percent of Ontarians are concerned the opioid crisis is getting worse
  - 56% report that opioid addiction is an issue of concern in their community
  - 71% believe government should prioritize addressing the crisis

## There Are Solutions

- Municipalities along with community partners have developed programs and spaces that are providing effective solutions to this crisis including:
  - **London** - from October 2023 - March 2024, as part of a partnership between London Cares and LHSC, the House of Hope has been operating 25 highly supportive units at 362 Dundas Street.
    - Residents have seen significant health improvements including a 74% reduction in emergency department visit volumes in the first three months compared with the same time period and the same cohort in 2022 - [City of London](#)
  - **Toronto** - the city's Street to Homes (S2H) and its outreach partners helped transition 654 people to permanent housing throughout the pandemic - [City of Toronto](#)
  - **Kingston** - the affordable rental housing capital funding program has provided financial assistance from municipal, provincial and federal sources to create over 510 units to get people housed and off the streets



- These include - Addiction Mental Health Housing Stabilization Program-18 beds, Supportive/ Transitional Youth Housing - 48 units, Transitional housing for vulnerable women - 17 beds and more - [City of Kingston](#)
- **Oshawa** recently introduced **Mission United**, a collaborative social service and primary health care HUB for those experiencing homelessness.
  - This program seeks to assist those with high acuity and tri morbidity achieve long term stabilization by providing low barrier, wrap-around supports with a point in time model.
  - Through partnerships with various community agencies, they provide specialized person-centred services through a singular access point.
- **Windsor-Essex** - funded by the city and community organizations the Homelessness & Housing Help Hub (H4) is a “one-stop” multidisciplinary service hub. The H4 works towards the community’s goals to reduce homelessness by delivering housing focused, homelessness resolution programs that provide a variety of wrap-around supports for persons experiencing homelessness.
  - 133 people have been housed through supports provided at H4, 93 people were assisted by a family physician and 180 by a nurse practitioner through the Shelter Health Initiative
  - The Essex County Homelessness Hub has also housed 47 people through their support program - [Home Together Annual Report - Windsor Essex](#)

## Timeline of OBCM Advocacy Work on Health and Homelessness

- **June 2021** - OBCM released a white paper entitled - *Working Together to Improve our Wellness: Recommendations from Ontario’s Big City Mayors to improve mental health and addiction services in Ontario* - including recommendations for:
  - Structural recommendations to ensure more Ontarians get the help they need, when they need it, and where they need it.
  - Support that helps improve and connect municipal services with community mental health services
  - Legislative and regulatory changes that reduce the harm of substance use and support system change
  - Municipal leadership opportunities
  - Full paper found on our website here - [OBCM White Paper 2021](#)
- **June 2022** - OBCM Calls for an Emergency Meeting with Province to Address the Chronic Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addictions Crisis Overwhelming Our Communities
  - This meeting to accelerate solutions to address chronic homelessness, mental health, safety, and addictions issues in our communities as our most





- marginalized and vulnerable populations have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
- Working alongside the Ontario BIA Association (OBIAA) we emphasized the impact this crisis was having on downtowns and small and medium sized businesses who were still struggling from the impact of the pandemic
  - [OBCM Call for Emergency Meeting](#)
  - **August 2022** - at a joint meeting with the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) OBCM reiterated our call for an emergency meeting on this issue with the support of key stakeholders who signed on to attend, these groups include the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Association of Business Improvement Areas, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, AMO, Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario and the Ontario Tourism Industry Association.
    - [OBCM Reiterates Call for Emergency Meeting with Stakeholders](#)
  - **February 2023** - OBCM adopts our Health and Homelessness Strategy including five recommendations for the Ontario government to make an immediate impact on the mental health, addictions and homelessness crisis. These recommendations were developed using information gathered through consultation with local health partners to identify services required to ensure there is a health care continuum and appropriate response to this crisis affecting our cities.
    1. Centralized and integrated intake and dispatch process
    2. More provincial investment in low barrier hubs
    3. More stabilization and treatment beds with experienced staff to support those in their treatment journey
    4. More flexible and predictable funding for supportive housing
    5. More provincial ministry and agency collaboration to reduce red tape and duplication
  - Full motion and strategy can be found here - [OBCM Health and Homelessness Strategy 2023](#)
  - **April 2023** - OBCM meets with Minister Jones and staff, along with partners from the Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Kingston Health Sciences Centre and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
    - Discussed the new funding recently announced in the budget of \$202 million each year to the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, and over half a billion dollars to support mental health and addictions.
    - Presented our Health and Homelessness Strategy, including recommendations to address the growing crisis in Ontario's cities
    - [OBCM Meets with Minister Jones](#)
  - **August 2023** - OBCM representatives have a special "Multi Minister Meeting" on our Health and Homelessness Strategy at the AMO Conference with Minister Parsa (Children, Community and Social Services), Associate Minister Nina Tangri (Housing), Associate Minister Tibollo (Mental Health), Associate Minister Charamine Williams (Women's Social and Economic Opportunity)



- OBCM representatives present our Health and Homelessness plan as well as various programs and facilities that are making a difference in our communities
- **June 2024** - at the OBCM June meeting in Chatham-Kent, members discuss updating the Health and Homelessness Strategy to push for various additional supports/asks from the province, especially as the issue of encampments has now grown and approves a communication campaign leading into the 2024 AMO Conference
  - [OBCM Updated Health and Homelessness Strategy, 2024](#)

## Overview of Ontario's Investments in Mental Health and Addictions (from CMHA)

- Through the [Roadmap to Wellness](#), Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to fill gaps in mental health and addictions care, create new services and expand programs.
- The government invested \$396 million over three years to improve access and expand existing mental health and addictions services and programs as part of Budget 2024.
- This investment includes:
  - \$124 million over three years to support the continuation of the Addictions Recovery Fund. The fund supports:
    - Maintaining 383 addictions treatment beds for adults who need intensive supports, helping to stabilize and provide care for approximately 7,000 clients each year;
    - Three Mobile Mental Health Clinics to provide a suite of mental health and addictions services to individuals living in remote, rural and underserved communities; and
    - Three police-partnered Mobile Crisis Response Teams to support individuals in a mental health or addictions crisis.
- Ongoing support for the [Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program](#)
- Between 2020 and 2023, Ontario established a provincial network of 22 [Youth Wellness Hubs](#) which have connected 43,000 youth and their families to mental health, substance use, and wellness services, accounting for over 168,000 visits.
- As part of Budget 2024, Ontario committed \$152 million over the next three years to support individuals facing unstable housing conditions and dealing with mental health and addictions challenges.



## Regional Data Points

- **Durham Region:** As of May 31, 2024 The Region of Durham Has at least 757 people experiencing homelessness with 326 having experienced homelessness for 6 months or more.
  - Inflow into shelter system: 35 individuals became chronically homeless, 36 made contact after no contact for 60 days or more and 6 people lost housing.
  - Outflow from Shelter system: 10 people moved from shelters into housing, 6 people lost housing.
  - Durham Municipal Breakdown of active homeless population as of May 2024:
    - Ajax: 241
    - Clarington: 19
    - North Durham: 17
    - Oshawa: 362
    - Pickering: 25
    - Whitby: 58
    - Other/Unknown: 35 - [Durham Region, Built for Zero Report Card](#)
  
- **Halton Region** - As of October 1st 2023, 172 individuals were receiving emergency shelter from the region
  - 270 additional individuals were residing in transitional housing awaiting offers of permanent housing
  - Between 10-25 individuals sleep outside in Halton on any given night, with most actively working with the street outreach team - [Halton Region](#)
  - In 2023, 28% of all shelter placements required the use of hotels for overflow due to increased demand on services
  - Halton Region's Shelter Capacity 2023(by number of individuals): 148, overflow hotel placements required to meet demand and 99 permanent placement beds.
  - As of 2022, 2,127 emergency housing situations were resolved through outreach and funding through the housing stability fund
  - 884 residents assisted with finding affordable rental housing, and 514 clients received intensive customised supports
  - 56 chronically homeless households were assisted with permanent housing, with intensive wrap around individualized support services
  - Halton Region provided rent geared income to 3,091 households from the Halton Access to Community Housing (HATCH) - [Halton Region 2022 State of Housing](#)
  
- **Niagara Region** - As of March 2021, at least 665 people in the Niagara Region were experiencing homelessness in 2021
  - 121 were children aged 0-15, 76 were youth aged 16-24,
  - 47 reported staying in unsheltered locations
  - Of the 439 surveys reported in 2021:



- Almost 1 in 4 (22.6%) identified as indigenous Compared to Indigenous making up 2.8% of Niagara's Population.
  - 42 percent had been experiencing homelessness for more than 6 months
  - (Data Recording Paused During Pandemic Point In Time Counts begin again Fall 2024)
  - [Niagara Region - Point in Time Count](#)
- **Peel Region** - In 2023 4,800 households received one time financial assistance to prevent homelessness
    - 351 households were placed from peels centralized waiting list into subsidized community housing units
    - 16, 497 households currently using the Affordable Housing System - [Peel Region](#)
    - As of October 2023 Peels emergency shelter system was operating above 270% occupancy
    - Overflow expenses have grown significantly projected \$26.9 million for 2023 and \$42 million in 2024 exceeding approved budgets and funding - [Peel Region Report](#)
- **Region of Waterloo** - According to the Youth impact survey youth experiencing homelessness has increased from 8% in 2021 to 13% in 2023 - [Region of Waterloo](#)
    - As of September 21, 2021 the Region of Waterloo had 1,085 individuals experiencing homelessness
    - 412 of those are living rough (in encampments, on the street or in vehicle)
    - 335 experiencing hidden homelessness
    - 191 in emergency shelter, 84 in transitional housing, and 63 in institutions.
    - 75% of survey respondents experiencing chronic homelessness - [Region of Waterloo Point in Time Count](#)
- **York Region** - Housed 978 households from the 2023 subsidized housing waitlist
    - Transitioned 1,294 from emergency housing to safe housing over 5 years
    - As of 2023 15,716 households remain on the subsidized housing waitlist Net change of plus 849
    - Opened two new transitional housing sites adding 28 new units to the emergency and transitional housing system
    - Significant increases in the number of people experiencing homelessness projected, with estimates ranging from 2,100 to 2,300 individuals in the next five years.
    - Unique individuals accessing emergency housing increased 5% from 2019 - 2023



- The total number of unique people who experienced chronic homelessness during the year increased by approximately 120% from 2019 to 2023, from 124 to 473.
  - 1496 unique persons experiencing homelessness in 2023 - [York Region](#)
- **District of Muskoka Lakes** - As of July, 2022 650 households are on the social housing waitlist with 357 of those waiting for a one bedroom unit and a wait time up to 8 years.
    - Median Employment income for individuals is 21% lower than the rest of the province
    - 13% of Muskoka Residents living in poverty
    - 50% of rental households spend more than 30% of their total income on shelter costs.
    - 11 unique households moved from emergency shelters into longer-term housing solutions (i.e. transitional or supportive housing)
    - 15 households were moved from unsheltered/provisionally accommodated to transitional or long-term housing
    - 6 households were supported to move from transitional to long-term housing
    - 973 requests for assistance in obtaining housing from households experiencing homelessness
    - 19,518 requests for assistance from households experiencing homelessness received supports and services (not related to accommodation)
    - 1,209 requests for assistance from households at risk of homelessness received supports and services (not related to accommodation) to support housing loss prevention, retention, or re-housing - [Muskoka 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan Annual Report](#)
  - **South Eastern Ontario**
    - **Kingston** - As of December 2023, Approximately 127 people slept rough meaning makeshift accommodations, sleeping in street, park or vehicle an increase of 12 from august - december of 2023
      - 1,924 clients received some type of service in relation to Homelessness in 2023 this includes (outreach, shelter, housing support services, such as housing loss prevention and housing application assistance) - [City of Kingston](#)
    - **Ottawa** - As of December 31, 2023 Ottawa had 12,447 households on the centralized waitlist with 1,186 households housed from the waitlist
      - 49 New Affordable units and 57 New Supportive units were completed
      - 301 households were housed through the housing first program
      - 1,129 households housed from the shelter system
      - 988 people Chronically homeless, with 382 individuals with a history of chronic homelessness being housed
      - 13% increase in people using the shelter system



- 3% decrease in the average length of stay in shelter system, 25% increase in newcomer inflow into shelter system - [City of Ottawa](#)
- **South Western Ontario**
  - **Windsor** - In 2023, 715 households experiencing homelessness were housed
    - 95 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness were housed with supports
    - Youth Homelessness: 25 youth experiencing homelessness housed with supports
    - 1105 households assisted with rent assistance. - [City of Windsor](#)



## How You Can Help SolvethetheCrisis.ca A Request to Ontario Municipalities From Ontario's Big City Mayors

### What is the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign?

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) launched the [SolvethetheCrisis.ca](https://www.solveethecrisis.ca) campaign in August 2024 to address the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis happening across Ontario.

After years of advocacy we are at a turning point, the time to act is now. This crisis is growing in municipalities and regions of every size across Ontario, and we need help more than ever!

Ontario municipalities of all sizes have stepped up, putting in place programs and housing options along with community partners and other stakeholders, advocating for funding that might be provided from other levels of government but is never consistent and never enough. We cannot tackle this alone, the federal and provincial governments' must come to the table.

We launched the [SolvethetheCrisis.ca](https://www.solveethecrisis.ca) Campaign with a press conference at Queen's Park including a video that can be shared and found here: [OBCM You Tube Channel](#), a social media campaign that is still underway, and a website [www.solveethecrisis.ca](https://www.solveethecrisis.ca) where your residents/networks/councils & staff can watch our video, join our call to action by filling out a letter to the Premier, various Ministers, local MPPs and MPs.

### **How Can You Help?**

There are so many ways!

- Follow us on our socials & like and reshare our posts:
  - X (formerly Twitter) [@SolvethetheCrisis\\_](#) and [@ONBigCityMayors](#),
  - LinkedIn [Ontario's Big City Mayors \(OBCM\)](#) and
  - Facebook [Ontario's Big City Mayors](#)
  
- Pass the draft motion attached, a more personalized version of the attached motion, or create one of your own!
  
- Share this call to action with your Council, Board of Directors, Membership, Networks and the public
  
- Share your motion and support of the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign on social media and tag our accounts:
  - X (formerly Twitter) [@SolvethetheCrisis\\_](#) and [@ONBigCityMayors](#),
  - LinkedIn [Ontario's Big City Mayors \(OBCM\)](#) and



- Facebook [Ontario's Big City Mayors](#)
- Use the hashtags #solvethecrisis and tag Solve the Crisis and OBCM's socials if you can to help us track and report on engagement
- Ask residents, staff, councillors, supporters, members and even your Mayor / Warden / Chair / Head of Council to visit [www.solvethecrisis.ca](http://www.solvethecrisis.ca) fill out the letter to send the message to their local representatives stating that they want action now.
  - Encourage them to share it with their networks as well.
- Read through our attached backgrounders and key messages and include them in any advocacy efforts you may undertaking on this issue
- Draft an op-ed or article specific to your municipality or region to push out to your local media (see OBCM Chair Meed Ward's Op-Ed here - [Toronto Star - August 17th](#))
- Contact us at [solvethecrisis@obcm.ca](mailto:solvethecrisis@obcm.ca) for more information



**MOTION : *[insert name of your municipality or organization here]* supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario**

**Whereas** there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario

**Whereas** the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023<sup>1</sup> and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas** the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

**Whereas** municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

**Whereas** this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

**Whereas** there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

**Therefore, be it resolved that *[insert name of your municipality here]* supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign;**

**And** calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

**AND** that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

**AND** appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

**AND** that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023. [PDF] .

<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

<sup>2</sup> [Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario. July 2024 -](#)

**AND** that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

**AND** that the federal government is included in these conversations.

**AND** that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

**And** that this **[Council or Board]** calls on the residents of **[insert name of your municipality, region or organization here]** to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;

**AND further that a copy of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors