

Minute Item No. 5.1

COM 7-2023

Homelessness Prevention Plan Investment Plan 2023-24

That Report COM 7-2023, dated March 7, 2023, respecting Homelessness Prevention Plan Investment Plan 2023-24, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Ministry mandated Homelessness Prevention Plan (HPP) investment plan for the 2023-24 funding allotment **BE APPROVED**.

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COM-C 22-2023

Councillor Appointment to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) Steering Committee

That Correspondence Item COM-C 22-2023, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated March 7, 2023, respecting Councillor Appointment to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) Steering Committee, **BE RECEIVED**;

That two (2) Regional Councillors **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy Steering Committee; and

That Councillors Bateman and Ip **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy Steering Committee for the remainder of this term of Council.

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PHD 2-2023

Extension of Ministry of Health Dedicated Offload Health Care Provider Funding Initiative

That Report PHD 2-2023, dated March 7, 2023, respecting Extension of Ministry of Health Dedicated Offload Health Care Provider Funding Initiative, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to write to the Ontario Minister of Health, Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy Minister for Health Integration & Partnerships, and the Assistant Deputy Minister for Emergency Health Services, to express disappointment that the Ministry will not consider the question of whether the Emergency Department Technician (ED Tech) is an acceptable health care provider to receive funding in accordance with the Offload Health Care Provider program, and to urge reconsideration of this decision.

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PHD 1-2023

Emergency Management Year End Report

That Report PHD 1-2023, dated March 7, 2023, respecting Emergency Management Year End Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPOINT** a member of Council as a representative on the Niagara Region Emergency Management Program Committee.

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COM 9-2023

Asylum Seekers Transferred to Niagara Falls – Request for Immediate Temporary Funding

That Report COM 9-2023, dated March 7, 2023, respecting Asylum Seekers Transferred to Niagara Falls – Request for Immediate Temporary Funding, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, requesting one-time provincial funding of \$5,959,200, for the delivery of Ontario Works (OW) and discretionary client benefits to address the critical services pressures associated with the provision of social assistance to Asylum Seekers currently placed in Niagara by the federal government;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship requesting financial support to offset the local impacts of the growing number of asylum seekers who are being located to Niagara, as well as urging the minister to take all appropriate steps to ensure the impact of asylum seekers entering Canada are being distributed across the country; and
3. That a copy of the letter **BE SENT** to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and local area MPPs.

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COM-C 23-2023

Motion Respecting A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

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

WHEREAS underinvestment and policy choices of successive provincial governments are significant contributors to the homelessness crisis;

WHEREAS the Auditor General's 2021 report found that the funding allocation model for homelessness is incorrect and results in several municipalities, including Niagara Region, being underfunded by the province to address homelessness;

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 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 provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **CALL** on the Provincial Government to urgently:
 - a) Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
 - b) Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
 - c) Work with 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
2. That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and local area MPPs.

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2024 Eclipse**

That Correspondence Item PHD-C 2-2023, being a memorandum from P. Martel, Manager, Emergency Management, dated March 7, 2023, respecting 2024 Eclipse, **BE RECEIVED** for information.