



## Legal and Legislative Services

September 24, 2024

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Chair  
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
602400 Dundas Street West  
Mississauga, ON L5K 2R8  
[chair@obcm.ca](mailto:chair@obcm.ca)

Dear Ms. Ward

**Re: City of Welland Resolution – Endorse and Promote the Solve the Crisis Project**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of September 23, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the City of Welland dated September 3, 2024 endorsing the promoting the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis Project.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 3, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Todd", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk  
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Attach

c.c: Michelle Baker, Executive Director [michelle@obcm.ca](mailto:michelle@obcm.ca)  
Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk [tara.stehens@welland.ca](mailto:tara.stehens@welland.ca)  
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September 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Chair  
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
602400 Dundas Street, West  
Mississauga, ON L5K 2R8

Dear Marianne:

At its meeting on September 3, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“Whereas, There’s a homelessness and mental health crisis happening on our streets;  
Whereas, Ontario’s cities cannot solve it alone;  
Whereas, At last count there were over 1,400 encampments in Ontario, and that figure is rising; Whereas, Ontario’s cities have been left to deal with this crisis without adequate resources and support—even though mental health care, addiction treatment and housing are provincial responsibilities;  
Whereas, It’s time for all levels of Governments to work together to take immediate action to solve the homelessness and mental health crisis gripping our communities;  
Whereas, Residents and businesses are being impacted, and people need to feel safe in our downtowns and public spaces;  
Whereas, There are programs that work, but they require all levels of government to step up and work with municipalities and community partners to prioritize these solutions. “I, Frank Campion, Mayor for the City of Welland, request Council to endorse and promote the Solve the Crisis Project put forward by the Big City Mayors of Ontario.”**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'T. Stephens'.

**Tara Stephens**  
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

c.c.: - Michelle Baker, Executive Director, sent via e-mail  
- Local Municipalities, sent via e-mail

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