

To: Public Health & Social Services Committee

From: Councillor Siscoe

Subject: Motion Respecting Alternative Housing Plans and Service Restriction Notifications

WHEREAS municipalities across the province, including those in the Niagara Region, face growing challenges related to homelessness, including but not limited to tent encampments that affect community health and safety as well as the local economy;

AND WHEREAS addressing these issues places significant pressures on Local Area Municipalities (LAMs) as the services required to deal with these pressures (created by service gaps of other levels of government) utilise LAM tax levy support;

WHEREAS LAMs are having issues cleaning up encampments in public spaces as some of the individuals in these encampments are restricted from shelter and cannot be moved into an available shelter bed due to these restrictions;

WHEREAS individuals that have service restrictions from shelter and therefore are deemed to be unsafe to be housed in the shelter system, should also be considered to be unsafe to be housed within public spaces in the community;

AND WHEREAS it is the Niagara Region's responsibility to deal with homelessness across the Region,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That, when a client is being restricted from Regionally operated or funded shelter, that staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop alternative housing plans for the client and;
2. That alternative housing plans be uploaded to HIFIS and that local area municipalities and Niagara Regional Police are notified about the service restrictions and alternative housing plans for each individual who is restricted.