

COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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TO OUR FILE NO. _____

February 24, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held February 10, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR56/2025

That Given the significant challenges municipalities across Ontario including the City of Windsor, face in addressing Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in the communities we serve; and, Recognizing the major obstacles faced by municipalities including Windsor to provide supportive housing and the resulting Homelessness and Encampment crisis in municipalities across Ontario; and,

Noting that the Auditor General of Ontario has recently concluded that the Government of Ontario's Opioid Strategy does not have efficient, effective or adequate processes in place to address the crisis, an analysis accepted by the Ontario Ministry of Health; and,

Given the comprehensive, robust, objective, inclusive and data-driven analysis undertaken by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), representing over 400 municipalities across Ontario, on the full suite of issues cited above including the unprecedented proliferation of Encampments across the province of Ontario:

That Windsor City Council **ENDORSE** the AMO Policy Update on Encampments and the Opioid Crisis along with the supporting documents: Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective and The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective; and further,

That Council **CALLS UPON** the Government of Ontario **TO ADDRESS** the issues cited above by implementing the recommendation proposed by AMO in the documents referenced in this motion; and,

That Council **DIRECT** Administration to apprise through direct correspondence the Premier and all relevant Provincial Ministers, as well as, all local representatives elected to Senior Levels of Government, the County of Essex and the Municipal Councils in Essex County of the passing of this motion; and,

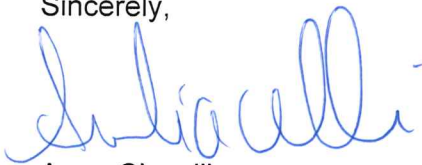
That the Province **BE REQUESTED** to establish a Ministry of Homelessness to allow for oversight; and,

That the report of the Executive Initiatives Coordinator dated January 24, 2025, entitled "AMO Reports on the Opioid Crisis & Homeless Encampments: A Municipal Perspective – City Wide" **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



Anna Ciacelli
Deputy City Clerk and Supervisor of Council Services
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cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
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