

MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON
GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES MEETING

RESOLUTION #

DATE: May 6, 2024

MOVED BY Councillor Rang

SECONDED BY Councillor

Whereas the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, and that Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, and residents as well as regional, federal, and provincial governments and agencies; and

Whereas the Municipality of Clarington recognizes the challenges of mental health, addictions, and homelessness, which are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of the Municipality of Clarington and surrounding areas within Ontario; and

Whereas addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of regional, municipal, and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within the Municipality of Clarington and surrounding areas;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Municipality of Clarington acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic and health crisis, including people with substance use disorders;

That the Municipality of Clarington commits to ending homelessness in the community in collaboration with the Region, and both the Provincial and Federal governments; and

That the Municipality of Clarington call on the Region, the Province, and Federal governments to increase action and supports on the following:

- Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- Work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal;
- Provide a long-term financial commitment to assist in the creation of more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, in Durham Region, including people with substance use disorders; and

- Increase investments in evidence informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood; and

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 Minister of the Solicitor General; the Minister of Finance; the Chief Medical Officer of Health; local MPs and MPPs; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.