

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Moved By: Deb Gilvesy

Seconded By: Bernia Wheaton

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

Whereas Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners and residents as well as federal and provincial governments and agencies;

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

Therefore be it resolved that Council of the County of Oxford call on the federal and provincial governments to urgently:

1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
3. Work with Association of Municipalities of Ontario (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 further, that a copy of this motion be sent to 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, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the MP of Oxford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all area municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior