

March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

During the February 27, 2023 regular meeting of council, the AMO request calling on the province to calling on the province to end homelessness was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Chad Hyatt Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;
WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;
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 District Social Administration Boards 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 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 Town of Petrolia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with 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; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Lambton Social Services.

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

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