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Subject: Call for additional resources to combat opioid, mental health and homelessness

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To: Dr. Carol Zimbalatti <carol.zimbalatti@healthunit.ca>

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Dear Dr. Zimbalatti,

Attached, please find a copy of Town of Parry Sound Council Resolution 2023 – 079, which calls upon additional resources from the provincial and federal governments to combat opioid addiction, mental health problems and homelessness.

Additionally, the resolution recommends that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit create a regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies and others as appropriate, in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources.

Town Council looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - 079

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: June 6, 2023
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	
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WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Parry Sound;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Parry Sound and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Parry Sound and the surrounding communities;

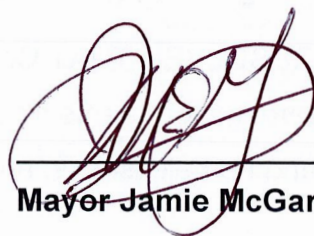
WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the provincial and federal governments for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis, mental health and homelessness; and

THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound recommends to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit that a regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies and others as appropriate be established in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources, and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, all municipalities in Ontario, First Nations communities within Parry Sound District, MP Scott Aitchison, MPP Graydon Smith, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. McGarvey', is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey