

Approved by Windsor City Council at its meeting held December 20, 2021:

Moved by: Councillor Holt

Seconded by: Councillor Kaschak

Decision Number: CR568/2021 CSPS 168

That the Windsor Essex 2021 Homelessness Enumeration Report **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

WHEREAS The Windsor Essex 2021 Homeless Enumeration Report has noted an increasing number of persons experiencing homelessness in Windsor and Essex County; and,

WHEREAS the endorsement of resolutions passed by the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Council of Huron County add weight to the importance of support from upper levels of government for homelessness, mental health, and addictions programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City Council **ACKNOWLEDGE** the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada for their contributions under *Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy*, *Social Services Relief Fund* and the *Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative* that have supported COVID and homelessness responses. This funding has assisted Windsor Essex County to provide the necessary capital funding to expand much needed supportive housing options for people experiencing homelessness and operating funding to keep people safe throughout the pandemic; and,

THAT City Council **ENDORSE** the resolution supported by the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Council of Huron County attached as Appendix B; and,

THAT City Council **REQUEST** the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to identify homelessness as a provincial and national crisis across the Province of Ontario and Canada; and,

THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada **ACKNOWLEDGE** that the lack of resources to support addiction and mental health programs to be a leading cause of homelessness; and,

THAT the City of Windsor **REQUEST** the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to provide further financial support for housing and homelessness programs, in addition to increasing funding to support mental health and addiction services; and,

THAT the resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), as well as the Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) of Windsor-Essex.

--Carried.

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