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**Subject:** New Response Completed for Council Delegation Form  
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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Form has been submitted at Tuesday October 15th 2024 9:49 AM with reference number 2024-10-15-001.

- **Date:**  
10/15/2024
- **Meeting Date:**  
11/4/2024
- **Subject:**  
Suggestions related to 2025 Budget and the Strategic Plan
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- **Do you require any Accessibility Accommodation?**

No

- **Detailed statement of what you are seeking from Council.**

There are two parts to my suggestions.

The first is simple and is that you support the motion of the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign.

The second part is more complex and involves a commitment to fund efforts to further the concept of having the senior levels of government take responsibility for essential social programs that cannot be supported by property taxes and fees for service.

The Simple Part

I believe it is in the best interest of members of our community to support the Ontario Big City Mayors' Solve the Crisis campaign.

The crisis described in their documents describes the same crisis that can be seen in our area.

The statement, "Municipalities have done everything we can, but we don't have the resources or expertise to take this on alone." is as true for us as it is for big cities.

Two of the requests of the Province address the main issue that all municipalities face.

- Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary

- Commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community where there are gaps in the system.

I don't believe I know any members of any Council who would say that they have so many resources that they can find homes and adequate care for the homeless people in their communities.

I see no downside to supporting this resolution.

The Complicated Part

This campaign provides an example of what I believe municipalities must do if we are going to build communities where all our children and or grandchildren have the opportunity to reach their full potentials. I am not a qualified researcher. You will be the judges of whether my observations are worthy of further consideration.

I am asking you to put money in the 2025 budget to explore opportunities to work with other organizations and/or individuals to persuade senior levels of government to acknowledge their financial responsibilities.

I am asking you to include the goal of working with other organizations to secure a fair deal for municipalities in your next Strategic Plan.

Reaching out to the School Board for example could be useful.

Receiving compensation for the negative impact on municipalities of the Bank of Canada's inflation target could be explored.

- **Do you have any documentation (i.e. Powerpoint presentation, letter, memo, photo etc.) that you would like to provide/make to Council**

Yes

- **Please include any documentation/presentation (i.e. images, brochures, correspondence etc.) material that will be attached to your deputation.**

1. [Municipal Motion in Support of SolvetheCrisis.ca Campaign .pdf](#)  
[\[152.0 KB\]](#)

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**MOTION : *[insert name of your municipality or organization here]* supports the SolvethCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario**

**Whereas** there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario

**Whereas** the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023<sup>1</sup> and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas** the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

**Whereas** municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

**Whereas** this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

**Whereas** there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

**Therefore, be it resolved that *[insert name of your municipality here]* supports the SolvethCrisis.ca Campaign;**

**And** calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

**AND** that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

**AND** appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

**AND** that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023. [PDF] .  
<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

<sup>2</sup> [Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario. July 2024 -](#)

**AND** that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

**AND** that the federal government is included in these conversations.

**AND** that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

**And** that this **[Council or Board]** calls on the residents of **[insert name of your municipality, region or organization here]** to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;

**AND further that a copy of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors