



Memorandum

TO: Krista Power, City Clerk **FILE:**

FROM: Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee

DATE: 03/21/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT: A Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness in Ontario

MEETING & DATE: Committee of the Whole - xx/xx/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) presented its Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. The submission focused on increasing the supply of housing and tackling the homelessness crisis in Ontario brought on by decades of failed provincial social and economic policies.

AMO called on the government to work with the municipal sector on increasing housing supply, provide immediate clarity on the province’s commitment to offset the cost impacts of Bill 23 on property taxpayers, and commit to reverse legislative measures that are creating unintended consequences.

AMO also highlighted homelessness across the province as a “made-in-Ontario” crisis created by the policy choices, underinvestment and indifference of successive provincial governments in areas such as income assistance, affordable housing, and mental health and addictions supports. AMO called for urgent, integrated and collaborative action.

To assist with advocacy on this issue, the following motion is presented for Council’s consideration.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated March 13, 2023, we recommend that Council support the passing of a resolution calling for the provincial government to work more collaboratively with municipalities on efforts to increase the supply of housing, and for it to tackle the homelessness crisis in Ontario and

to support the Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness from the AMO, in advance of the provincial budget.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification.