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

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on July 15, 2021, the following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS the current affordable housing crisis in Canada and the quality of life implications caused by addiction, drug and opioid use, and mental health issues are impacting communities in Canada and around the world;

AND WHEREAS citizens in many communities are alarmed by the increase in homelessness, needles discarded in public spaces, visible signs of illegal activities, and are disillusioned with the justice system response;

AND WHEREAS policing and the justice system is not the solution to homelessness and addiction or an effective use of public funds;

AND WHEREAS Public health initiatives and programs aimed at addiction are provided by multiple Ministries and agencies and are clearly inadequate and new long-term solutions are required;

AND WHEREAS many of the programs and attempts from different agencies, government organizations, and Ministry service providers have created a disjointed delivery system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Woodstock City Council calls on the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario to bring together the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to immediately work together on both short and long term solutions, complete with funding, to take proper responsibility and action to address the affordable housing, homelessness, and addictions crisis;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.”

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alysha Dyjach".

Alysha Dyjach, Deputy City Clerk

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- The Ministry of the Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
- The Honourable Christine Elliott – Minister of Health - christine.elliott@ontario.ca
- The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - steve.clark@pc.ola.org
- The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton – Minister of Children, Community and Social Services – MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca
- The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP - ernie.hardemanco@pc.ola.org
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- All Ontario Municipalities