

December 9, 2021

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REFERRAL TO **Health Services and Human Services**
RECOMMENDED

DIRECTION REQUIRED _____

RECEIPT RECOMMENDED _____

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Re: Homeless Health Peel Opportunities

The following recommendations of the Committee of Council Meeting of November 17, 2021 were approved by Council on November 24, 2021:

CW510-2021

That the delegation from Ameek Singh, Registered Nurse and Director of Communications and Government Relations, Homeless Health Peel, to the Committee of Council Meeting of November 17, 2021, re: **Homeless Health Peel Opportunities**, be received.

CW511-2021

Whereas as during the Covid-19 pandemic, new innovative practices were established for providing healthcare for residents experiencing homelessness, delivered by Homeless Health Peel with temporary/short term funding;

Whereas Brampton and Peel Region at large are in need for medical stabilization and nursing care for seniors and medically fragile individuals that are experiencing homelessness;

Whereas the lack of access to a primary health provider for individuals experiencing homelessness leads to avoidable hospitalization, costing \$5,067-\$5,604 a day which is significantly higher compared to a cost of occupancy and the medical stabilization for low income seniors and medically fragile individuals at \$250 per day under the Homeless Health Peel model;

Whereas the positive health outcomes for individuals that sought health care and nursing care at the Nelson Street Drop In, Covid Isolation Centres and HHP shelter outreach resulted in but were not limited to:

- fewer loitering complaints from businesses;
- lower frequency of police interactions;
- better access to healthcare and longer term health outcomes;
- lower re-admissions to hospital;
- and cost effective continuity of care;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Brampton advocate to the Region of Peel and the Provincial Government, that the innovative best practices demonstrated by Homeless Health Peel be maintained as an ongoing solution to help address chronic homelessness faced particularly by seniors and medically fragile individuals; and

That the City of Brampton ask the Region of Peel and the Ministry of Health to financially sustain these innovative best practices and make Homeless Health Peel a recognized Health Service Provider with the Ministry of Health.

By copy of this correspondence to the B. Lucas, Director, Corporate Projects and Liaison, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, he is requested to carry out the direction in the Recommendation above.

Yours truly,

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