

## Motion

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**Moved by** Councillor Vicente  
**Seconded by** Councillor

Whereas the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

And whereas, the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment of successive provincial governments;

And whereas, homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

And whereas, homelessness is in part driven by a lack of housing affordable to low- and middle-income households;

And whereas, homelessness is felt most at the municipal level of government and the residents that they serve;

And whereas, in the Region of Peel shelter use increased by 26.9 per cent in 2021, 50 per cent of demand for persons with need for supportive housing continues to go unmet, and 70 per cent of low income households are living in unaffordable housing;

And whereas, municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge;

And whereas, leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Provincial government urgently acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis; and
2. That the Provincial government commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
3. That the Provincial government increase the supply of housing affordable for low- and middle-income households; and
4. That the Provincial government work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal; and
5. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Minister of Health; Peel Members of Provincial Parliament, and to AMO.

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Regional Chair