

Resolution

Agenda Number: 22.1

Date: November 26, 2020

Moved by Councillor Santos

Seconded by Councillor Damerla

Whereas, at the November 26, 2020, Regional Council meeting the report titled, “Additional Immediate Actions to Address Concerns about Homelessness in Downtown Brampton” is being presented to highlight proposed service and program enhancements to support the homeless in downtown Brampton and to work towards addressing the concerns of business owners and local residents;

And whereas, a disproportionate number of social support services are concentrated in the downtown Brampton area;

And whereas, Cooksville has also seen a significant increase in homeless population residing in public areas;

And whereas, a “do not turn away” policy is implemented for all social support services offered by the Region, regardless of where the person is from;

And whereas, the issues facing homeless individuals have been exacerbated by COVID-19;

And whereas, it is believed that individuals experiencing homelessness in downtown Brampton and Cooksville are causing challenges, including property damage and vandalism, human defecation, garbage, etc. particularly for local business owners;

Therefore be it resolved, that Regional staff investigate and report back to Regional Council by early second quarter of 2021, on the feasibility of a granting program administered by the local Business Improvement Area (BIA) in downtown Brampton and Cooksville, that would subsidize local business owners with services to include but not limited to additional garbage collection and graffiti clean-up;

And further, that the report provide information on the details, logistics, accountabilities, funding sources and risks related to such a program;

And further, that any further service enhancements being contemplated or provided in downtown Brampton or Cooksville to the vulnerable population be done only after meaningful consultations with the local BIA.

Regional Chair