



Thorold

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 14.6 Actions to Address Mental Health, Addiction and Homelessness – City of Thorold Council Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on February 25, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and the following resolution was passed:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council for the City of Thorold **CONDEMNNS** the discrimination of people living with mental illness, people who are unhoused, homeless and/or people living with addiction;
2. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare and make publicly available a collection of resources for the assistance of addition and mental health support and treatment;
3. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to contact the Canadian Mental Health Association to express interest in hosting a safe beds program in the City of Thorold;
4. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to request the following from the Regional Municipality of Niagara:
 - a) Increased delivery of preventative drug education in our community;
 - b) Creation of an Indigenous homeless and housing action plan;
 - c) A staff report on the subject of the Indigenous Mobile Crisis Unit; and
 - d) Hosting of a public summit for mental health, homelessness and addiction.
5. That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to request from the Province of Ontario, access to alternative revenue streams other than property taxes, for the purpose of addressing social housing funding requirements; and
6. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the following, with a request for support and call to action:

- a) all Niagara region school boards, all Niagara region municipalities, all Niagara region Members of Provincial Parliament, all Niagara region Members of Parliament, the Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services, the Federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Ontario Solicitor General, and Ontario Minister of Health; and
- b) the Canadian Mental Health Association, Brock University, Niagara College, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, Niagara Regional Native Centre, Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board, Niagara Aboriginal Health Centre, Niagara Chapter of Native Women, and Niagara Region Métis Council.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

- cc. Niagara region School Boards
- District School Board of Niagara
 - Niagara Catholic District School Board
 - Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
 - Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
- Niagara region Municipalities
- Niagara Falls
 - Port Colborne
 - St Catharines
 - Welland
 - Grimsby
 - Lincoln
 - Niagara-on-the-Lake
 - Pelham
 - Wainfleet
 - West Lincoln
 - Fort Erie
- Niagara region Members of Provincial Parliament
- Sam Oosterhoff
 - Jennifer Stevens
 - Wayne Gates



- Jeff Burch

Niagara region Members of Parliament

- Dean Allison
- Chris Bittle
- Tony Baldinelli
- Vance Badawey

Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Honourable Gary Anandasangaree

Federal Minister of Indigenous Services – Honourable Patty Hajdu

Federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions – Honourable Ya'ara Saks

Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Honourable Paul Calandra

Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs – Honourable Greg Rickford

Ontario Solicitor General – Honourable Michael S. Kerzner

Ontario Minister of Health – Honourable Sylvia Jones

Canadian Mental Health Association

Brock University

Niagara College

Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre

Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres

Niagara Regional Native Centre

Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area Management Board

Niagara Aboriginal Health Centre

Niagara Chapter of Native Women

Niagara Region Métis Council

Steven Soos, Member of the Public

