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Subject: 2024 Provincial Budget Funding Request for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on January 22, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the bulk of government funded programs for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) end at age eighteen in the Province of Ontario;

And Whereas, families supporting a loved one with ASD are often forced to make the difficult decision between expensive private day programs and leaving the workforce to provide care;

And Whereas, getting out of the home and connecting with others can alleviate social isolation, improve mental and physical health, and lead to an overall better quality of life;

And Whereas, Autism Home Base, based in Bowmanville, provides weekly drop-in supports and services at the McLean Community Centre in Ajax, for 191 Durham Region families, or more than 450 participants, five days a week;

And Whereas, Footprints 4 Autism, based at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church in Pickering, provides respite and social programs for youth and adults up to the age of twenty-one;

And Whereas, by supporting programs for adults with ASD, the Government of Ontario can achieve its goal of keeping patients healthy in their communities and out of hospitals, as noted in the Ministry of Health's 2022-2023 Strategic Plan;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering requests:

1. That the Government of Ontario provide core funding for organizations providing programs, care, and services for adults with ASD, including organizations that serve Pickering residents such as Footprints 4 Autism and Autism Home Base, as part of the 2024 Provincial Budget; and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, all Durham Region MPPs, the Regional Municipality of Durham, all lower tier Durham municipalities, local school boards, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Autism Ontario, Autism Home Base and Footprints 4 Autism.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

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Copy: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health;
The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions;
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, MPP, Durham;
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Lorne Coe, MPP, Whitby;
Jennifer French, MPP, Oshawa;
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock;
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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Autism Ontario;
Autism Home Base;
Footprints 4 Autism;
Chief Administrative Officer