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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Motion to Call on Province for Funding of Housing, Shelters,  
and other Social Services**

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	May 01, 2024 11:15 am
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At its meeting of March 12, 2024, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand considered correspondence received from the Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness, regarding calling on the Province for an increase in funding for housing, shelters and other social services and passed the following resolution:

**RES:240312-014**

Moved by Councillor Mary Catherine O'Neill, seconded by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover;

*The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand enacts as follows:*

*That the correspondence from the Housing and Homelessness Task Force be received; and*

*That the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the motion as amended to delete and replace "municipalities of Northumberland County" with "Township of Alnwick/Haldimand"; and*

*That the resolution be circulated to all member municipalities of Northumberland County as well.*

CARRIED.

Please find attached the correspondence from the Northumberland Inter-Municipal Task Force on Housing and Homelessness, as amended by the above noted resolution.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Emily Cartlidge, AOMC, Dipl. MA, MLIS  
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland – Peterborough South  
All Ontario Municipalities

'Whereas Ontario is experiencing a housing crisis, with housing costs far exceeding affordable levels by any standard, including in Northumberland County; and

Whereas the prevalence of homelessness is quickly increasing beyond the capacity of local governments to create new emergency, transitional, or affordable housing; and

Whereas homelessness is a condition that can largely be prevented with adequate resources, but that nonetheless puts an increasing number of residents at risk of considerable harm or death; and

Whereas insufficient housing and social services fail not only to provide for those experiencing homelessness, but also cause significant economic costs to lower and upper tier municipalities as well as to the province in the form of higher policing, first responder, healthcare, and economic development costs, among others; and

Whereas insufficient housing and social services fail not only to provide for those experiencing homelessness, but also cause significant social costs in communities that experience social estrangement, insecurity, and fear associated with increased crime and visible drug use, all of which causes considerable social and political unrest; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario dictates the requirement for social services including emergency shelters, but limits their operation through insufficient funding, thereby causing said economic and social costs at the upper and lower tiers of municipal governance; and

Whereas the Township of Alwicks/Haldimand recognize our moral and legal obligation (according to the mandates of our respective tiers) to provide adequate shelter and public safety for all residents, but are limited in our capacity to unilaterally do so by constrained finances; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested a social and economic prosperity review, in recognition of these and other challenges faced by municipal governments as a result of insufficient funding;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Alwicks/Haldimand call upon the Province of Ontario to significantly increase funding for housing, shelters, and other necessary social services to ensure adequate levels of service to meet the needs of our residents; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to AMO; to all Ontario municipalities; to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister for Municipal Affairs and Housing; and to the Honourable David Piccini, MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South.'