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Re: Municipal Support for the Town of Ajax – Solve the Crisis Campaign and Winter Homelessness Response

Dear Mayor and Members of Ajax Council,

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is writing to formally express its support for the resolution adopted by the Town of Ajax regarding the Solve the Crisis campaign and the urgent need for enhanced provincial and federal action to address homelessness, mental health, and addictions across Ontario.

The Town of Kearney recognizes that the pressures described in Ajax's resolution reflect challenges faced by municipalities across the province. Communities of all sizes are experiencing increased strain on local services, rising numbers of residents in crisis, and widening gaps in available supports. As winter approaches, the urgency becomes even more pronounced, with unsheltered individuals facing heightened risks to their health and safety. These realities reinforce the need for a coordinated provincial response that provides municipalities with the resources and authority required to address homelessness effectively and compassionately.

Kearney Council commends Ajax for its leadership in supporting the Ontario Big City Mayors' SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign and strongly supports the calls for a dedicated ministry, a provincial task force, improved municipal tools, sustainable funding for essential services, and investment in 24/7 community hubs or crisis centres. We also support the request for a 2025/2026 Winter Homelessness Response Plan to ensure municipalities can protect vulnerable residents during extreme weather.

The Town of Kearney Council stands with the Town of Ajax in urging the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to take decisive action on the outstanding recommendations of the Solve the Crisis campaign.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cheryl Philip