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December 19, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of December 12, 2023  
Motion 10.1 – Councillor Gilliland; Re: Homelessness Crisis**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on December 12, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the homelessness crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, and that Council accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, and residents as well as regional, federal, and provincial governments and agencies; and**

**Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the challenges of mental health, addictions, and homelessness, which are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of the Town of Aurora and surrounding areas within Ontario; and**

**Whereas addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of regional, municipal, and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within the Town of Aurora and surrounding areas;**

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  - c. **Provide a long-term financial commitment to assist in the creation of more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, in York Region, including people with substance use disorders; and**
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4. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Minister of the Solicitor General; the Minister of Finance; the Chief Medical Officer of Health; Town of Aurora local MPs and MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Jaclyn Grossi

Deputy Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, MPP  
Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora  
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



## 10. Motions

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**Moved by** Councillor Gilliland

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (7 to 0)**