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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Support the City of Mississauga requesting a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 14, 2026 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Mississauga regarding a Provincial Review of Benchmarking, Funding Formulas, and Length-of-Stay Standards for Emergency Shelters Serving Women and Children Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region  
Local MPPs – Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens  
All Ontario Municipalities



## MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

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0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

| <b>Recorded Vote</b>   | YES | NO | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
|------------------------|-----|----|--------|---------|
| Mayor C. Parrish       |     |    |        |         |
| Councillor S. Dasko    | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor A. Tedjo    | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor C. Fonseca  | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor J. Kovac    | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor N. Hart     | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor J. Horneck  | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor D. Damerla  | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor M. Mahoney  | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor M. Reid     | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor S. McFadden | X   |    |        |         |
| Councillor B. Butt     | X   |    |        |         |

Carried (11, 0)