

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE  
RESOLUTION*

Date: 7 November 2023

58/2023

MOVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** Committee of the Whole at their meeting held on October 17, 2023 considered Staff Report CS-14-23 regarding the Inter-Municipal Working Group on Housing / Homelessness - Next Steps;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council identifies the two (2) Council Members being Councillor Holloway Wadhvani and Deputy Mayor Attridge to participate in the Inter-Municipal Working Group on Housing and Homelessness, as outlined in the Municipality of Brighton's motion (attached hereto as Appendix A);

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the appointed Port Hope representatives be directed to provide regular updates to Port Hope Council with respect to the developments of the Working Group on Housing and Homelessness;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the appointed Port Hope representatives be directed to advocate that the Working Group give consideration to mandate, reporting relationships, timelines, staff resourcing requirements and secretariat responsibilities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** development of the terms of reference and further details of the Housing Committee, as requested by Council on May 2, 2023 through Resolution 24/2023, be referred to the Inter-Municipal Working Group on Housing and Homelessness for further discussion;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution, along with Report CS-14-23, be circulated to all Northumberland Municipalities.

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Mayor Olena Hankivsky

## **Municipality of Brighton**

### **Resolution No. COU-2023-356 (September 18, 2023)**

**Moved by** Councillor Jeff Wheeldon

**Seconded by** Councillor Byron Faretis

Whereas affordable housing is in short supply, and prohibitively expensive for many residents in Brighton and Northumberland County more broadly; and

Whereas the number of residents who are precariously housed or experiencing homelessness is increasing, along with issues associated with homelessness such as drug use, drug poisoning, and petty crime; and

Whereas the social costs of homelessness are borne primarily by those who are experiencing homelessness, but are also shared by the community through impacts on community safety and well-being, tourism and economic development, and more; and

Whereas the institutional costs of homelessness and related issues are spread between the province, upper-tier municipalities, and lower-tier municipalities, with no one level taking responsibility for the issue or response and with no concerted collaboration between jurisdictions toward more robust solutions; and

Whereas there is a clear need to provide a more coordinated approach to this worsening crisis, as the County Social Services team alone cannot carry an issue that has both causes and impacts beyond their jurisdiction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton initiate an inter-municipal ad hoc committee to examine lower-tier expenditures and bylaws related to homelessness, to identify opportunities for better alignment with County housing and homelessness programs, and invite participation in this group by representatives of other Northumberland municipalities and the County, to report back to respective councils before the end of 2023; and

Further, be it resolved that the Municipality of Brighton call upon Northumberland County Council to initiate increased efforts toward the issue of housing and homelessness, including increasing the number and diversity of shelter spaces in recognition of the sharp rise in local need and the many barriers to accessing shelter, and accelerating the timeline of the Housing and Homelessness Plan; and

Further, be it resolved that this motion be circulated to all other Northumberland municipalities.

**Carried**