

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Council Report**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**TITLE: A CALL TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO END  
HOMELESSNESS IN ONTARIO**

**FROM:**

Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco

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**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

**WHEREAS** the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

**WHEREAS** homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;

**WHEREAS** homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

**WHEREAS** municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the City of Vaughan calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:
  - a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
  - b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
  - c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.
2. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.