



October 3, 2022

TO: County of Essex
Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk
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Email: mbirch@countyofessex.ca
And delivered by hand.

Re: City of Windsor Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Report from the September 7, 2022, County Council Meeting

At its Regular Council Meeting held on September 19, 2022, Deputy Mayor Bjorkman provided an update to Council in respect to the County Council meeting held on September 7, 2022. In particular Deputy Mayor Bjorkman advised Council of the City of Windsor Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Report which discussed the allocation of government grant funding for Housing and Homelessness applications and how the funding is allocated throughout the County of Essex. He stated that the funding that is occurring predominately is allocated to agencies and groups in the City of Windsor and that is based on the reported location of the homeless individuals. It is being reported that 90% or more of homeless individuals are in the City of Windsor. He further stated that at the County Meeting Mayor Meloche challenged this data at the by stating that if 50% of residents are in the County then the measuring or allocation process does not appear to be reliable. Deputy Mayor Bjorkman stated that in order to be counted in these statistics homeless individuals would need to be on a list which is compiled by staff that attend to shelters, kitchens, and welfare offices. He further stated that this list is compiled by the City of Windsor but there appears to be limited contact with organizations in the County.



As a result of that discussion Council requested a list of all appropriate agencies and organizations to be compiled and sent so as to ensure homeless individuals in the County are being identified and placed on the appropriate list for consideration for Housing and Homelessness funding.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R22-09-567

Moved by: Deputy Major Bjorkman

Seconded by: Councillor Bowman

That the minutes of the Regular County Council Meeting held August 10, 2022 be received;

That Council direct Administration to prepare a letter to the County of Essex asking for a list of all appropriate agencies and organizations and list of contacts be compiled including names, phone numbers, and emails and sent to those food banks, social workers and aid groups in the County so as to ensure homeless individuals in the County are being identified and placed on the appropriate list for consideration for Housing and Homelessness funding; and

That Council further directs the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to bring this letter to County Council so as to make sure homeless individuals in the County are counted in those surveys such that more opportunities for funding are provided for those organizations and groups in the County.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.



Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger".

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