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**Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update: New AMO Advocacy on Homelessness, Opioids, and Water Infrastructure Demonstrate a Critical need for Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 15, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated July 2, 2024, from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) regarding the critical need for a Social and Economic Prosperity joint review. Council discussed how municipalities are impacted by the homeless crisis, the opioid crisis, and water and wastewater infrastructure. The Council of the Town of Essex continues to call upon the Provincial Government to work with municipalities on a joint review at the upcoming AMO conference to address revenues, costs, and financial risks, as well as an analysis of Ontario's Infrastructure investment and service of delivery needs.



Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R24-07-313**

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Shepley

**That** the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario dated July 2, 2024 regarding the new advocacy on homelessness, opioids, and water infrastructure demonstrate the critical need for social and economic prosperity review be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**Carried**

We are looking to the provincial government to move forward in addressing these important issues in an appropriate and expeditious manner.

We 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 "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance