

Council Memorandum

Date:	November 4, 2025
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Warren
Re:	Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addictions

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Warren, **regarding Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addictions**, be received;

That the resolution from Niagara Region to advocate for a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness, and addiction, including identifying gaps in programs and services that support housing, addiction treatment, and mental health in vulnerable populations, be supported;

That a copy be forwarded to the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and local M.P.P. Laurie Scott; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

There is a growing gap in available housing for individuals and families that cannot afford the ballooning rental and real estate costs for accommodations. The pace of housing inflation far exceeds the income of our lower-income residents and is causing a strain on municipal resources when those individuals and families can no longer afford to live where they are. There is clear evidence that the housing supports which exist in Kawartha Lakes are strained and there is need for more provincial support to help municipalities across the province in addressing this very serious concern.



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Resolution