

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - 079

DIVISION LIST	YES NO	DATE: June 6, 2023
Councillor G. ASHFORD		MOVED BY:
Councillor J. BELESKEY Councillor P. BORNEMAN		BKERL
Councillor <b>B. KEITH</b> Councillor <b>D. McCANN</b>		SECONDED BY:
Councillor <u>C. McDONALD</u> Mayor J. McGARVEY		
CARRIED: DEFEAT	ED: P	ostponed to:

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound recognizes that challenges of mental health, addictions, specifically opioids, and homelessness are complex issues that have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents of Parry Sound;

WHEREAS addressing and responding to these issues has placed extreme stress on all levels of municipal and non-municipal programs and services, including various not-for-profit organizations and provincially funded health services within Parry Sound and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS mental health, opioids and homelessness trends are, in recent years, at an all-time high and such prevalence is impacting the overall wellbeing of the people of Parry Sound and the surrounding communities;

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound acknowledges that approaches to addressing and responding must include diverse and inclusive approaches to these issues, and should not be viewed as a single solution response;

WHEREAS Council of the Town of Parry Sound accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with community stakeholders, partners, residents, as well as federal and provincial government and agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the provincial and federal governments for additional resources to combat the opioid crisis, mental health and homelessness; and THAT Council of the Town of Parry Sound recommends to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit that a regional coalition of public health, relevant community agencies and others as appropriate be established in order to amplify regional concerns and investigate potential strategies and resources, and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, all municipalities in Ontario, First Nations communities within Parry Sound District, MP Scott Aitchison, MPP Graydon Smith, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Mayor Jamie McGarvey