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Toronto City Council declares “homelessness emergency”

Toronto, ON – Today, Toronto City Council declared a “homelessness emergency”, recognizing the urgent need to address the crisis facing thousands of individuals and families in the city who are struggling to find stable and affordable housing.

Councillor Paul Ainslie moved adoption of this Motion, which was approved today. Ainslie stated emphatically “homelessness is a growing crisis in our city, and we need to take bold action to address it. By declaring homelessness an emergency, we are sending a clear message that we are committed to working with all levels of government, community partners, and stakeholders to find solutions to this urgent issue.”

The declaration has the City stand with other municipalities across Ontario who are looking for much needed additional funding from the Federal and Provincial governments to address homelessness and its root causes. Additional resources will allow Toronto to expedite the development and implementation of innovative solutions to provide emergency shelter, affordable housing, and support services to those in need.

The City of Toronto has already taken steps to address homelessness, including the creation of new shelter spaces, the implementation of a rent bank to provide emergency loans to those at risk of eviction, and the development of new affordable housing units. However, more needs to be done to address the root causes of homelessness and ensure that all individuals and families in the city have access to safe and affordable housing.

The declaration of homelessness as an emergency is a critical step towards achieving this goal. The City of Toronto will continue to work with its partners to develop and implement effective solutions to address this crisis.

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