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## **Councillor Paul Ainslie requests Toronto City Council declare a “homelessness emergency”**

Toronto, ON – Today, City of Toronto Councillor Paul Ainslie requested Toronto City Council declare a “homelessness emergency” in the City of Toronto.

During consideration of a “Review of policies and procedures related to Warming Centres” at the Economic and Community Development Standing Committee including tools and policies in place which were trying to deal with homeless people in Toronto, there was a consensus more needed to be done. Councillor Ainslie moved a motion and was unanimously supported by his colleagues who were present, requesting the City of Toronto declare a “homelessness emergency”.

“Every Torontonian should be very concerned with the homelessness crisis many are experiencing in the City of Toronto. We need to do everything in our power, with the attention of all three levels of government, to help those the most in need,” stated Councillor Ainslie,

“It is time the city acknowledges the escalating homelessness crisis and declare a Homelessness Emergency in the City of Toronto. This is not a “Toronto only” problem, but one being experienced across the GTA. Homelessness itself is a complex, many-layered emergency, so unfortunately is the failure to respond to it” Said Councillor Ainslie.

Councillor Ainslie’s motion comes just weeks after Hamilton City Council, on April 12, 2023, voted unanimously to declare a state of emergency related to homelessness, opioid addiction and mental health.

Toronto City Council will consider the request on May 10, 2023.

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