

Councillor Brock McGregor

Re: Access to Federal Funding for Encampments and Homelessness

"That Council endorse a request for funding to Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities to access funding from the 2024 federal budget earmarked to address encampments and homelessness, and currently unavailable due to a lack of a cooperation and action by the Province of Ontario."

The notice of motion would support the following area(s) of strategic focus:



<u>Administration Response – Notice of Motion</u>

Topic: Encampments and Homelessness Funding

Requesting Councillor: Brock McGregor

Name of staff completing this form: Josh Myers

Council meeting date NOM presented: November 4, 2024

Council meeting date to be voted on: November 18, 2024

1. Has this request come before Council previously?

Yes

No

If so, when and what was the Council decision?

If so, the notice of motion would support the following area(s) of strategic focus:



3. What is the cost/ budget implication (at a high level), if any: None

Explanation of cost estimate

The NOM is seeking funding from the Federal Government which previously expected cost matching from the Province. It is unclear whether this expectation would be extended to Municipalities. Since there are currently no details associated with the funding announcement, potential costs associated with the receipt of Federal funding cannot be estimated at this time.

4.	Is it already in the queue wit	h administration?	☐ Yes	☑ No
	If yes, date expected to come to Council:			
5.	Should a report from administration be completed? Yes No Why?			
	Type of Report?	Information Report		nmendation Report
6.	What is the estimated time to complete this request? Not applicable Date expected to return to Council:			
7.	What items, if any, are needed to be put on hold in order to complete this task? Not Applicable			

8. General or other comments:

Administration continues to advocate to both the Province and Federal governments for additional funding to support our housing needs. Several grant applications have been submitted to both levels of government to request funding to support a variety of housing needs. Funding from the Province and Federal governments are needed as soon as possible to offset the Municipality's costs associated with encampments and homelessness. Funds received directly from the Federal government would be welcomed.