

Motion

Impact of Homelessness COVID-19

Date: April 27th 2020

Moved by: Councillor Maurice Brenner

Seconded by: Councillor Shaheen Butt

Whereas: All levels of Government have recognized that Homelessness poses a health risk to the homeless and to the community that will increase the number of positive cases of COVID-19

Whereas: With-in Durham West there are not adequate facilities for the homeless that would ensure that the recommended 2 m(6ft) physical distancing necessary to combat this virus.

Whereas: The need for such a facility is best suited in a segregated location that has the required space necessary amenities such as an arena.

Whereas: With-in the City of Pickering there are homeless persons living in unacceptable and unhealthy conditions.

Whereas: Durham Region has been reaching out to both the City of Pickering and the Town of Ajax to consider a co-ordinated approach to address homelessness during the COVID-19 crisis

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation City of Pickering recognizes this as a crisis requiring immediate action and hereby gives direction through the Office of the CAO to notify Durham Region that the City of Pickering is offering the Chestnut Hills Development Area as an interim Shelter Space during the COVID-19 crisis and is agreeable to work with in partnership with Durham Region and the Town of Ajax to take steps for a co-ordinated approach to its implementation including redeployment of Municipal staff as permitted under the April 16th 2020 Provincial Order Subsection 7.0.2(4) Work Redeployment Measures for Municipalities