

York Region's Response to Provincial Consultations on Supportive Housing

On November 19, 2020 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council endorse the following recommendations to the Province of Ontario in response to the consultation to improve the supportive housing system, including that the province:
 - a) Strengthen and clarify existing roles in the system to address fragmentation, including establishing a lead ministry that would be responsible for strategic oversight and ongoing work to improve coordination, share best practices, plan for the future, and allocate provincial funding
 - b) Identify entities, in consultation with Service Managers, Ontario Health Teams and other stakeholders, to lead local system coordination and streamline access to provincial supportive housing to address challenges in system navigation
 - c) Provide dedicated funding for rent subsidies for provincial supportive housing programs to address the lack of supply and need for more affordable units
 - d) Maintain new and existing rent supplement programs to ensure funding is available to support residents in need, taking into account local market conditions
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local Members of Provincial Parliament.