

DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Subject: Proposal for a 1% levy that would contribute \$13 million towards homelessness alleviation in YR

Spokesperson: Yvonne Kelly

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

The Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region (AHCYR) exists to promote Housing as a Human Right, to take leadership on sharing information and increasing understanding about the steps and resources necessary to increase safe, affordable housing options for residents of York Region and to facilitate capacity building and networking among coalition members (community leaders, organizations and individuals with lived experience of homelessness or who require affordable housing) toward these ends.

At this time, the AHCYR would like to speak in support of Chair Emmerson's Proposal for a 1% tax levy to address homelessness, housing and mental health. The housing crisis in York Region has left increasing numbers of individuals and families completely vulnerable particularly since the pandemic. An additional \$25 per household in YR, which is what the tax will amount to, will go a long way to alleviate the suffering of residents who have been left behind due to the housing crisis and inflation. It is certainly not the only solution to this crisis but it is one thing we can implement at the present moment to provide essential supports to those who are housing insecure and/or homeless.

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