



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

OBCM Endorsement of FCM Resolutions

OBCM voted at a meeting held on Friday June 16th to endorse the FCM resolutions below that were passed at their annual conference in May 2023. OBCM members voted to include a summary of some additions they would like to see added to coincide with OBCM's key priorities in these areas.

In the resolution – *Establishing an Urgent Intergovernmental Platform on Mental Health* - OBCM would like to see a timeline for developing a national mental health strategy – we request a framework for this strategy to be completed in less than 12 months, in time for the FCM National Conference in June 2024. OBCM requests to also add that this national strategy will be in partnership with the municipal sector. We would also like to see work being done on the mental health act when developing this strategy, especially at the provincial level as it needs to be amended to get things done.

In the resolution – *Urgent Action Needed to Address the Crisis of Homelessness* - OBCM would like to add that the request is for emergency long term funding.

1. *Establishing an Urgent Intergovernmental Platform on Mental Health*: This resolution calls on the federal government to acknowledge mental health as a national emergency, to commit to tripartite policy discussions aimed at making mental health an integral part of Canada's healthcare system and developing a comprehensive national mental health strategy.
2. *Urgent Action Needed to Address the Crisis of Homelessness*: This resolution mandates FCM to call on the federal government to provide long-term funding and resource supports for local governments as they address homelessness, to ensure the sustainability of new supportive housing by urging provinces and territories to provide wraparound services, and to create a national strategy to support local efforts to scale up programs such as the Rapid Housing Initiative and Reaching Home.
3. *New Growth Framework For Municipalities*: This resolution firmly declares that Canada needs a modernized fiscal framework for municipalities, that FCM shall lead the development of a Municipal Growth Framework that links municipal financial capacity to factors such as national population growth and economic growth, and that FCM shall call on the federal government to engage with FCM in the development of that framework with a focus on new sources of municipal revenue.

Full versions of these FCM resolutions can be found on their website:

1. <https://data.fcm.ca/home/fcm-resolutions.htm?lang=en-CA&resolution=3d031195-4a01-ee11-b59e-005056bc2614&srch=%mental%20health%&iss=&filt=false>
2. <https://data.fcm.ca/home/fcm-resolutions.htm?lang=en-CA&resolution=42a708e4-4a01-ee11-b59e-005056bc2614&srch=%homelessness%20crisis%&iss=&filt=false>
3. <https://data.fcm.ca/home/fcm-resolutions.htm?lang=en-CA&resolution=c0134dc2-4a01-ee11-b59e-005056bc2614&srch=%fiscal%20framework%&iss=&filt=false>