



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

Motion Requesting the Government of Ontario Declare a State of Emergency

December 5, 2025

Moved by Mayor Kevin Davis

Seconded by Mayor Josh Morgan

Whereas approximately one year ago, Ontario's Big City Mayors unanimously endorsed the Solve the Crisis Campaign and its associated asks of the province to provide additional supports to address the growing impacts of homelessness, addictions and mental health crises and to support municipal interventions; and

Whereas the province has instituted various interventions, including the launch of 28 HART Hubs, increasing funding to the homelessness prevention program, and other investments in the mental health and addictions sector; and

Whereas these interventions are welcome, yet they remain insufficient to address this growing community safety and humanitarian crisis. Further interventions are needed.

Therefore it be resolved that Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) urgently request the Government of Ontario to declare a state of emergency to address homelessness caused by addictions and mental health that has created a community safety and humanitarian crisis across the province.

And that the province provides municipalities at both levels with the necessary assistance and funds to address combined challenges of the ongoing addictions, mental health and homelessness crisis occurring across our province;

And that the province engages with OBCM and relative partners to fulfil the Solve The Crisis campaign action steps presented unanimously by the caucus in August 2024.