

Date: June 24, 2026**Moved by:** Margie Hart**Seconded by:** Chris Fournier

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

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Moved by: [Signature]

Seconded by: Chris Fonseca

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish			✓	
Councillor S. Dasko	✓			
Councillor A. Tedjo	✓			
Councillor C. Fonseca	✓			
Councillor J. Kovac	✓			
Councillor N. Hart	✓			
Councillor J. Horneck	✓			
Councillor D. Damerla	✓			
Councillor M. Mahoney	✓			
Councillor M. Reid	✓			
Councillor S. McFadden	✓			
Councillor B. Butt	✓			