

March 20, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office,
Room 281, Legislature Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A1

Sent by email to: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Call to Action: Homelessness Open Letter

Dear Premier Ford,

Homelessness is a crisis in every part of Ontario. The homelessness crisis is harming people and families and communities. It is undermining the social fabric and economic prospects of our province. It imposes unnecessary costs on our health care and justice systems, and on our institutions, community agencies and government. It limits opportunity for economic participation. It reveals a lack of progress on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. It is putting Ontario's broader prosperity at risk.

The Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis and it possesses the leadership and capability to solve the problem. It is not an insurmountable problem. It requires systemic changes by government to address the root causes and bring to bear housing, health, and social and economic solutions.

Municipal governments and partners in the social, health, education, business, labour and justice sectors stand ready to assist with the task. Our organizations are calling on you and the Government of Ontario to urgently:

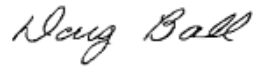
1. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
2. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
3. Work with a broad range of municipal, community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this important goal.

You have the opportunity and the resources to end homelessness in Ontario. We are here to help you succeed.

Sincerely,



Cathy Cousins
President



Doug Ball
Executive Director