

Dear Colleagues,

In the spirit of transparency and collaboration, I wanted to provide you with an update on my recent government advocacy efforts in support of our Whole of Community System Response to Homelessness.

Over the last four weeks, I have personally met with more than 20 members of the Federal and Ontario governments to build awareness and support for the transformational System unanimously endorsed by Council on March 7th, 2023. Engagements with the following elected officials have taken place at various locations including Parliament Hill, Queen's Park, and London City Hall:

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Minister Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions of Canada

Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance of Ontario

Minister Bill Blair, Minister of Emergency Preparedness of Canada

Minister Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario

Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health of Canada

Minister Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion of Canada

Minister Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health of Ontario

Minister Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada

Minister Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada

Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada

Minister Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Ontario

MPP Rob Flack, Elgin-Middlesex-London

Member of Parliament Peter Fragiskatos, London North Centre

Member of Parliament Arielle Kayabaga, London West

MPP Teresa Armstrong, London-Fanshawe

MPP Terence Kernaghan, London North Centre

Member of Parliament Lindsay Mathysen, London-Fanshawe

MPP Peggy Sattler, London West

Member of Parliament Karen Vecchio, Elgin-Middlesex-London

I am pleased to report the feedback received thus far has been overwhelmingly positive. Our provincial and federal partners have been significantly impressed by the unprecedented degree of community partnership involved, in addition to the sophistication and level of innovation associated with the System's design. Several members expressed to me that this work was "inspiring," "like nothing they've seen before," and "could serve as a model for other cities" throughout the province, and across the country.

As part of these discussions, I have made significant asks of our government partners which reflect the significant nature of local investments already made in support of this System. I am optimistic there is

genuine interest from the federal and provincial governments to support the life-changing and lifesaving work underway in London, and we are actively engaged in follow-up on multiple fronts to maintain the momentum and goodwill generated by these initial engagements. I will continue to work strategically and relentlessly to ensure our Whole of Community approach receives the Whole of Government support it ultimately requires to function at full capacity.

I would like to thank Members of Parliament Arielle Kayabaga and Peter Fragiskatos for their advocacy efforts and helping to arrange a variety of meetings with federal cabinet ministers in Ottawa. Similarly, MPP Rob Flack and Minister Monte McNaughton have been strong partners in working with us to schedule direct conversations with their provincial government counterparts.

Let me also acknowledge local community leaders for their invaluable assistance and participation at a number of these recent engagements, including: City Manager Lynne Livingstone; Deputy City Manager Kevin Dickins, Social Health and Development; Adam Thompson, Manager, Government and External Relations, City of London; Jackie Schleifer Taylor, President and CEO, LHSC; Brad Campbell, Corporate Hospital Administrative Executive, LHSC; Roy Butler, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Health Care London; Neal Roberts, Chief, Middlesex-London Paramedic Service; Scott Courtice, Executive Director, London InterCommunity Health Centre; Beth Mitchell, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association Thames Valley; Anne Armstrong, Executive Director, London Cares; Mike Wallace, Executive Director, London Development Institute; Jan Martin, Director of Indigenous Relations, Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre; Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health, MLHU.

Most of all, thank you to the hundreds of Londoners who continue to selflessly devote their time and expertise in support of the ongoing implementation of this System. I am honoured to champion this work, and I am humbled to serve alongside you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Morgan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josh Morgan, Mayor