

Dominique/ Ken:

REF: 'I feel like I'm sitting right on the edge of homelessness'

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1. As we worry about the enjoyment of the community who can afford the cost of living, let us focus on the health and safety of our most vulnerable whose enjoyment of house and home is about to become a suffering under HOMELESSNESS.
2. Of course we all know that the "official government line" is that homelessness is a choice, just like mental illness, addictions, suicides, criminal behaviour to ignore the need to invest in affordable housing, mental health facilities, addiction prevention, suicide prevention and crime prevention.
3. Please do not forget that "intimate partner violence" is also a choice to NOT invest in addressing root causes of such violence to merrily accept and tolerate the normal epidemic of intimate partner violence that is often rooted upon poverty of wages and incomes to stress cohabitation, especially with children, to the breaking points we are seeing in the statistics.
4. Your choice is to make wise budget choices to prevent further deterioration of the social, economic and environmental infrastructures in Guelph that will be exacerbated by taxation, be it municipal, provincial and federal, to live within and below our means.
5. Another choice is to plan health & safety of people before things to forget about making our city more attractive and beautiful for those who can afford the cost of living and instead invest in downsizing the GROWING blight of poverty/ homelessness on our streets by inadequate wages & incomes, hunger/ starvation for more food banks, more REPEAT mental illness outbreaks, more REPEAT addiction/ overdosing outbreaks, more REPEAT suicides if it does not succeed, more REPEAT criminal behaviour while on bail or out of jail for another go at criminal behaviour.
6. It is time to ACT upon the lessons we learned to stop ignoring the important and urgent necessities, essentials, priorities for securing health

and safety of the the MOST VULNERABLE In the community/ city and FORGET those that are able to afford the cost of living to look after themselves with their extra money.

7. Governance is about managing risks to PREVENT, not reacting by emergency response of police, fire services and paramedics (the least supported in a deteriorating healthcare system) that are reporting the GROWING numbers, like watching a train wreck happen.

8. I am encouraging budgetary wisdom towards PREVENTION of risks and their epidemics to stop rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic/ GUELPH to focus on the ICEBERG/ RISKS to avoid further holes in our social, economic and environmental infrastructures to sink our living.

Sincerely,

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