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## **Greater Moncton Action Plan on Homelessness and Downtown Security**

**(Moncton, New Brunswick)** – The Joint Action Plan on Homelessness and Downtown Security was released today by the Task Force on Homelessness and Downtown Security, the Greater Moncton Homelessness Steering Committee (GMHSC) and the Codiac Regional RCMP.

The Joint Action Plan outlines several commitments towards the reduction of homelessness and issues related to security in Greater Moncton.

“Homelessness and downtown security are the most pressing issues facing our community today,” says Task Force Chair John Wishart. “Mental health and addiction issues, lack of affordable housing, crime, and downtown vagrancy and panhandling can only be solved through a collective effort.”

The action plan includes commitments around shelter operations, mental health and addictions support, the launch of a complex needs pilot and increased presence and resources around law enforcement in Moncton’s downtown core.

“The actions included in this plan will require additional and ongoing support from the Province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada to ensure we can address these issues effectively and as quickly as possible,” says GMHSC Chair, Dr. Susan Crouse. “For the welfare of the vulnerable in our society, and for the protection of our residents, our business community and Moncton’s reputation, we need a focused effort involving all stakeholders to respond to this urgent need.”

“The challenge we are facing is not unique to Moncton,” says Moncton Mayor Dawn Arnold. “Every growing city in North America is searching for answers to address this challenge. What’s become clear is that there is no single answer, or one size fits all solutions to solve the problem. The answers will come

by working together to address the specific challenges while not losing sight of the safety and security of our community and the wellbeing of those most vulnerable.”

The Joint Action Plan is available at <https://ccgm.ca/homelessness/>. The group is looking for public input and for citizens willing to commit to becoming more involved in addressing the important issue.

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