Hamilton Calls for Provincial Poverty Strategy

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The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction is highly supportive of the Government of Ontario's commitment to a provincial poverty reduction strategy.

Last month, the Roundtable issued a Policy Brief with four recommendations for the Government of Ontario, including:

- Establish an inter-ministerial secretariat on poverty reduction
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- Establish a multi-sector provincial panel on poverty reduction
- Develop measurable targets and a timeline to reduce poverty
- Invest the resources and create the necessary policies to reduce and prevent poverty

Hamilton and the other Ontario Vibrant Communities are thrilled that steps are being taken to address the unacceptable levels of poverty in the province.

"Many families are trapped in poverty because of weaknesses in policies and systems, and that's where a broad, provincial approach can create sustainable change," says Mark Chamberlain, Chair of the Roundtable.

"From our Hamilton experience, we know that a collaborative, cross-sector approach is needed if we want to truly reduce and prevent poverty, and not just alleviate it."

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- Visit the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction's website
- Learn more about the strategy to make Hamilton the best place to raise a child
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