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**After 30-years the Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries  
Announces Closure in 2020**

*Cambridge, Ontario, Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020* – Due to a lack of available sustainable funding sources the Board of Directors of the Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries (SPCCND), in consultation with the Executive Director, have made the difficult decision to cease operations effective Thursday, April 30, 2020. As is the case for many small non-profits in our community and across the province, the decrease in available grant programs as well as cutbacks from other key funding sources, have unfortunately led to questions about the long-term sustainability of the organization.

“Of course, this is very disappointing and the void that will exist in terms of data and research provision to agencies on the front lines, that work tirelessly to address poverty, addiction and social wellbeing issues, is regrettable,” said Jake Kiefer, President of the Board of Directors of the SPCCND. “Nevertheless, as a non-profit organization, we have a duty to our community to make responsible fiduciary decisions.”

We as an organization are proud to have provided community-based research, policy analysis and recommendations, community engagement, community development initiatives, as well as information and referral services to the community. For a brief history of our organization please click [here](#).

“Over the past 30 years, the SPCCND has had the privilege to provide leadership, education and advocacy with the goal of bettering the lives of those in poverty in the communities of Cambridge, North Dumfries and Waterloo Region,” remarked Linda Terry, Executive Director of the SPCCND.

We thank the entire community for all their support and collaboration over these many years. Please join us on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5-7 pm to celebrate 30 years of service with board members and staff of the SPCCND. Find registration information for our closing event [here](#).

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