

Waterloo resolution, passed Aug 30, 2023

**The Region of Waterloo's Council voted unanimously (12-0, with four members missing from the vote) in favour of a resolution supportive of basic income (see item 17.2 on the agenda).**

Their Council voted resolved:

- (a) That the Region of Waterloo asks the provincial government to increase Social Assistance rates for both OW and ODSP to reflect the costs of living and to tie these rates to inflation.
- (b) That the Region of Waterloo supports the concept of a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income to combat poverty, income inequality, and economic insecurity.
- (c) That the Region of Waterloo calls on the provincial and federal governments to collaborate to implement a national Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income program.
- (d) That the Regional Council directs the Regional Chair to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament, and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and through their representatives ensure everyone in Canada has sufficient income to meet their basic needs.
- (e) That the Region of Waterloo encourages other cities and regions to advocate for a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income to their MPs and MPPs and at both Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).