

May 21, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Send electronically via email premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

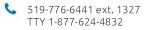
Re: Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program

At its May 15, 2024 meeting, Essex County Council received the enclosed correspondence from the Town of Essex dated April 24, 2024 regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates. Essex County Council resolved to support the Town of Essex letter and as such, calls upon the Provincial Government to implement the following changes:

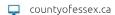
- At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation answering calls already made by "Raise the Rates" campaign and the "Income Security Advocacy Centre";
- Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen; and
- Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

144-2024 Moved By Kimberly Verbeek Seconded By Tony Gaffan







Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program

May 21, 2024

That Essex County Council receive and support the correspondence from the Town of Essex, regarding Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program financial assistance rates.

Carried

Should you require further information, please contact me by email at macdonald@leamington.ca or by phone at 519-613-3925.

Regards,

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Hilda Mac Donald

Hilda MacDonald Essex County Warden

Encl:

Letter from the Town of Essex dated April 24, 2024

CC:

- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
- Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services <u>Michael.Parsaco@pc.ola.org</u>
- Ontario Municipal Support Services Association <u>info@omssa.com</u>
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario <u>amo@amo.on.ca</u>
- Local MPPs
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- Local Municipal Partners



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April 24, 2024

BY EMAIL

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Re: Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 4, 2024, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated February 16, 2024 from the County of Prince Edward regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates. Council calls upon the Provincial Government to implement the following changes:

- At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation answering calls already made by "Raise the Rates" campaign and the "Income Security Advocacy Centre";
- Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen; and
- Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R24-03-083

Moved By Councillor Allard Seconded By Councillor Verbeek



That the correspondence by the correspondence from the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated February 16, 2024 requesting support for a review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to Ontario Municipal Support Services Association, Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, AMO, and local municipalities.

Carried

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

cc: Ontario Municipal Support Services Association

Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

County of Essex

Town of Amherstburg

Town of Kingsville

Municipality of Lakeshore