



**REPORT OF GOVERNANCE & CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

*For City Council – October 24, 2022*

**From:** Office of the City Clerk  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
**Title:** Guaranteed Livable Basic Income

**Description:**

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The Governance & Civic Engagement Committee, at its meeting held on October 6, 2022, considered a presentation from members of Basic Income New Brunswick which requested Council pass a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to work together towards implementing a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income.

The purpose of their presentation was to share with Council the benefits and potential impacts of Basic Income in the community. Such resolutions have been passed by the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia, the Halifax Regional Municipality, and the City of Moncton in recent months. Council was encouraged to take a leading role in basic income advocacy in the province by engaging with New Brunswick Municipal Associations and its Regional Service Commission.

Accordingly, the Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

**WHEREAS** the growing social crisis and impacts of poverty have downstream effects on our municipality, putting unsustainable pressure on our limited resources to deliver necessary public services and social supports as we struggle to keep up with downloaded responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS** Basic Income addresses key social determinants of health, such as income and housing, it can alleviate pressures on municipalities to address poverty and fill gaps in social supports, such as shelter, housing, food security and mental health. Research and pilots show that when people have a sufficient and secure income their mental and physical health improves; they have the capacity to secure more affordable, suitable, and safe housing, childcare, healthy food, and transportation; and poverty rates decrease; and

**WHEREAS** the provision of a guaranteed livable basic income would benefit individuals, families and communities and protect the most vulnerable in society, it would also support community resilience by facilitating the transition to a local economy that responds to the climate crisis and other major challenges. Evidence shows that a federally funded basic income that improves people’s financial stability is possible, as successful income transfer

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programs already exist in Canada for seniors (Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement) and for parents (Canada Child Benefit (CCB)).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fredericton write a letter to the Prime Minister, New Brunswick Members of Parliament, and the Premier of New Brunswick, calling on these orders of government to work towards implementing a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs."