

**The Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Community and Health Services Committee
Summary of Recommendations to Council**

That the following recommendation from the Community and Health Services Committee be approved:

1. WHEREAS the Canada Disability Benefit Act received royal assent in June, 2023 with a commitment to begin providing payments for the Canada Disability Benefit to eligible Canadians starting in July 2025, following successful completion of the regulatory process and consultations with persons with disabilities.

WHEREAS the Canada Disability Benefit is expected to be \$200/month to eligible recipients.

WHEREAS the Low Income Measure (LIM) is used by Statistics Canada to define the poverty line was \$2,330/month in 2022.

WHEREAS the average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Waterloo Region in 2023 was \$1,359/month.

Be it resolved that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo call on the Province of Ontario to raise, or at least maintain, ODSP rates for qualified individuals once the new Canada Disability Benefit begins in 2025.

And that the motion be circulated to area municipalities and AMO.

November 5, 2024