



Office of the City Clerk

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December 18, 2015

***Via Email***

To all Municipalities in Ontario:

**RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 15, 2015 – New Motion 2**

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2015, unanimously approved the attached resolution with respect to the Basic Income Guarantee.

Kingston City Council has directed that I send this resolution to you with the request that your municipality consider supporting this most important initiative.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



John Bolognone  
City Clerk

/s/  
Attachment - Resolution



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**I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, being New Motion 2 unanimously approved by Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2015:**

**Whereas** the 2011 National Household Survey confirmed that 14.9% of the population live in low income circumstances, a percentage exceeded in the City of Kingston where the percentage of the population living in poverty has been documented at 15.4%; and

**Whereas** income insecurity and inequality continue to increase as a result of precarious employment; and

**Whereas** existing income security programs have not proved sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all; and

**Whereas** insufficient income, income insecurity and inequality have well-established, strong relationships to a range of adverse public health outcomes, and are root causes of many social ills such as illiteracy and short-fall of educational attainment, chronic stress, alienation, and criminal activity, all of which undermine the social fabric; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would reduce income insufficiency, insecurity, and inequality and ensure everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live in dignity regardless of work status; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would provide an income floor for those doing socially essential but unpaid work, supporting the choices of those who engage in it; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would provide additional direct personal income which would be spent locally, thereby revitalizing local economies; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would enable individuals to pursue educational, occupational, social and wellness opportunities relevant to them and their families; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would support entrepreneurship and job transition for those trying to establish a new productive role for themselves in response to a persistently changing economy; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee would resemble income guarantees already provided in Canada for seniors guarantees which have contributed to health and quality of life improvements in this age group; and

**Whereas** basic income has been studied in Canada for approximately forty years and has demonstrated improved physical and mental health and educational outcomes; and

**Whereas** a basic income guarantee program would involve the redistribution of the administrative functions of existing income support programs to the nation as

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a whole and to senior government partners in the same manner as Medicare and the existing seniors and children's programs;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the City of Kingston endorse a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians; and

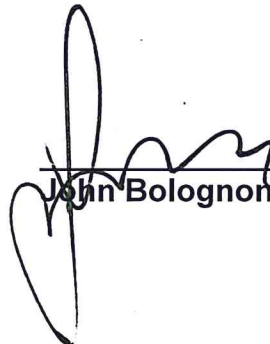
**That** the City of Kingston encourage the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the Ontario Deputy Minister in Charge of Poverty Reduction, to work together to consider, investigate, and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians; and

**That** this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with the request that they consider indicating their support for this most important initiative; and

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, including the Big City Mayors' Caucus, with the request that they include proposing a Basic Income Guarantee in their respective engagements with the provincial and federal governments; and

**That** copies of this resolution be shared with the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, and all opposition leaders at both levels of government.

**Dated at Kingston, Ontario  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of December,  
2015.**

  
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John Bolognone, City Clerk