

June 13, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 10, 2025 the following resolution regarding support of advocacy to the Federal Government for 'disability without poverty' was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-345**

**DATE: June 10, 2025**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Branderhorst**

**WHEREAS one in four Ontarians lives with a disability; and**

**WHEREAS the median household income in Prince Edward County (\$75K) is already well below both the Basic Living Income and the Ontario Median Household Income (\$84K); and**

**WHEREAS persons with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty and would already require an average of 30% more income just to reach the poverty line; and**

**WHEREAS the new federal benefit for people with disabilities (about \$200/month) and called the Canada Disability Benefit) is about to be rolled out; and**

**WHEREAS the Federal government has yet to exempt this new federal benefit from being considered income for federal tax purposes,**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Mayor be requested to communicate with Prime Minister Carney that the Council of the County of Prince Edward calls on the Government of Canada to commit to exempting the Canada Disability Benefit from income tax and work towards supporting Canadians with a disability to live without poverty;**

**THAT Prime Minister Carney be requested to publicly confirm his government's commitment to making that legislative change as soon as possible; and**

**THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the federal Minister of Finance, the federal Minister of Health, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Branderhorst, and Adam Goheen, Interim CAO

