



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: **Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income**

Date: November 20, 2023

Moved by: **Councillor A. Hilson**

Seconded by: **Councillor C. Garneau**

Item No.

WHEREAS the Canadian livable wage for the Greater Toronto Area for 2023 was determined to be \$25.05. This was \$16,511.25 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee;

AND WHEREAS Town of Halton Hills residents on programs such as Ontario Works receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of up to \$733, and ODSP recipients receive up to \$1308;

AND WHEREAS at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,679.03 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS the median rent (MMR) for a one bedroom apartment in the Town of Halton Hills as of 2022 was \$1100.00 a month, and average market rent (AMR) for the same was \$1215.00;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable when it is less than 30% of income. In the Town of Halton Hills, rent is approximately 150% of Ontario Works, 84% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 41% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 82% of minimum wage part time;

AND WHEREAS an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$60.50 monthly;

AND WHEREAS the recent 2022 State of Housing Report from the Region of Halton determined that the Region of Halton has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

AND WHEREAS this resolution is in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills circulates correspondence to all Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage these same municipalities to join the Town of Halton Hills in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data,

AND FURTHER THAT other levels of government continue to promote affordability and work to align government support programs, such as Ontario Works and ODSP, with the cost of living and average market rent (AMR), including looking into a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Mayor Ann Lawlor