

RESOLUTION OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has implemented the Ontario Child Benefit with monthly payments scheduled to begin in July 2008;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit will restructure the basic needs for children, the Back-to-School and the Winter Clothing allowances and eliminate them from the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program client benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Back-to-School and Winter Clothing allowances serve a specific need for families receiving social assistance;

AND WHEREAS the families receiving social assistance do not have adequate finances or notice period to save money to address these particular needs;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit aims to enable low income families, including those on social assistance, to improve their financial situation, therefore helping to decrease family and child poverty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Regional Municipality of York:

1. Request the Province of Ontario to issue the Back-to-School and Winter Clothing allowance for 2008, paid 100% by the Province of Ontario;
2. Request that the Province of Ontario review the Ontario Child Benefit on a yearly basis to ensure it is achieving the desired outcome of addressing child poverty;

AND THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), and all York Region M.P.'s.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2008