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**Re: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**

At its Regular Council Meeting held on June 16, 2025, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated June 6, 2025 from the City of Pickering regarding rising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Council calls upon the Provincial Government to increase the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program to reflect the upcoming Provincial Budget and to align with inflationary costs. Thereby, decreasing the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

**R25-06-294**

Moved By Councillor Allard  
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

**That** the correspondence from City of Pickering dated June 6, 2025 regarding Raising Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program be received and supported; and



**That** a letter from the Town of Essex be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Honourable Raymond Sung Joon Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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