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On March 20, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Chair write a letter to Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing formally requesting funding increases and policy adjustments to alleviate income insecurity in York Region, including:
 - a. Implement living wage and basic income policies.
 - b. Increase and index Ontario Works rates with inflation to meet life's basic needs.
 - c. Include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies.
 - d. Provide permanent long-term and predictable benefit programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit beyond 2029 along with multi-year and sustained funding to expand access to affordable housing of all types.
 - e. Work collaboratively with Service Managers to develop a comprehensive and sustainable community housing funding model, with increased and predictable Provincial funding for new supply and capital repairs.
2. Council include information about socio-economic, health and well-being trends and service pressures when meeting with provincial ministries and elected officials to raise awareness of the need.
3. Council direct staff to work with Human Services Planning Board, other community

partners and municipal counterparts to identify innovative and collaborative solutions and advocate to senior levels of government for poverty reduction and housing stabilization initiatives and funding.

4. Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of the local municipalities, City of Toronto, Region of Peel, Durham Region, Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Children, Community and Social Services, York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, York Regional Police Services Board, Human Services Planning Board and United Way Greater Toronto.
5. The Region work with Local Municipalities to distribute this report and Attachment 1 to local non-profit and community organizations.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Mary Boushel, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78389 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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