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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Date:** May 8, 2023  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk  
**Report #:** COU23-065  
**Attachments:** Three Draft Letters submitted by the United Way and Huron Perth Public Health

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**Title:** Request for Endorsement of Letters Regarding Basic Income for Income Security and Social Assistance Rates to Address Food Insecurity

**Objective:** To consider endorsement of the draft letters provided by United Way Huron-Perth (United Way) and Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH).

**Background:** At the April 24, 2023, Regular Council meeting, representatives from the United Way and HPPH provided a presentation on food insecurity. At the meeting, the representatives requested endorsement of a letter to the Federal Government regarding basic income for income security. During the meeting, Council discussed other letters being drafted, specifically a letter regarding basic income for income security to be sent to the Provincial Government and a letter regarding increasing social assistance rates to address food insecurity.

**Analysis:** Attached to this report are the three draft letters prepared by representatives from United Way and HPPH. Endorsement of the letters has been requested.

**Financial Implications:**

**Not applicable:**

There are no financial implications to be reported as a result of this report.

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

**Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships**

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

**Developing our Resources**

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

**Widening our Economic Opportunities**

Strengthening Stratford's economy by developing, attracting and retaining a diversity of businesses and talent.

**Alignment with One Planet Principles:**

**Health and Happiness**

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

**Equity and Local Economy**

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

**Staff Recommendation: THAT the letters drafted and attached to Report COU23-065 related to providing basic income in Canada and increasing social assistance rates to address food insecurity, be endorsed.**

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