

June 29, 2012



The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
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**RE: MOTION REGARDING PROVINCIAL CAP ON HEALTH
RELATED DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS OUR FILE: S00-25**

The Regional
Municipality
of Durham

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Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on June 27, 2012 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"WHEREAS in the March 27, 2012 Provincial Budget it was announced that the Province would introduce a more restrictive "cap" on subsidy on discretionary benefits spending by municipalities for social assistance recipients; and

WHEREAS in the Region of Durham approximately 80% of discretionary benefits spending is on health related items such as emergency dental care, wheelchairs, and hearing aids; and

WHEREAS this Provincial reduction in subsidy was announced after the Region of Durham's 2012 budget was approved by Regional Council; and

WHEREAS the rates for financial assistance and rates for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support are below the Low Income Cut Off (or poverty line) set by Statistics Canada;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Region of Durham request that the Province not implement any intended changes to the "cap" on subsidy for discretionary benefits spending scheduled to take effect July 1, 2012; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province consult with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding this "cap" and all other plans that reduce critical supports to the most vulnerable and economically disadvantaged citizens of the Province of Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Critics for the Opposition Parties, all Durham Region area MPPs, OMSSA, AMO and all Consolidated Municipal Service Managers."

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- c: The Honourable D. Duncan, Minister of Finance
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- H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services