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NOTICE OF MOTION

The Plaintiffs, Dana Bowman, Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, Susan Lindsay and Tracey Mechefske, will make a Motion to a Judge on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 and Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon after that time as the Motion can be heard at the court house, 440 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 6K2.

PROPOSED METHOD OF HEARING: The Motion is to be heard:

☒ orally.

THE MOTION IS FOR:

- (a) an order certifying the within proceeding as a class proceeding pursuant to *The Class Proceedings Act*, S.O. 1992, c.6, as amended;

- (b) an order defining the "Class" or "Class Members" as:

All persons who were enrolled by the Defendant in the Basic Income Pilot Project as part of the Payment Group.

- (c) an order appointing Dana Bowman, Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, Susan Lindsay and Tracey Mechefske as the representative plaintiffs;
- (d) stating the common issues for the Class to be the list of the issues appended to this Notice of Motion as **Appendix "A"**;
- (e) settling the form and content of the Notice of Certification and approving the method of dissemination of the Notice of Certification;
- (f) specifying that:
- (i) a person may opt out of this class proceeding by sending written election by regular mail to be received within a date to be determined following the date the Notice of Certification is sent;
 - (ii) no person may opt out of this class proceeding after the above-noted date; and,
 - (iii) a person who opts out in accordance with the directions of this court shall not be a Class Member on or after the date that such a person opts out of the proceeding;
- (g) approving the plaintiff's proposed litigation plan, attached hereto as **Appendix "B"**;

- (h) specifying that the defendants shall be responsible for all costs associated with the Notice of Certification in this action;
- (i) the costs of this motion; and,
- (j) such further and other Relief as to this Honourable Court may deem just.

THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTION ARE:

- (a) The Statement of Claim in this action discloses a reasonable cause of action against the defendant;
- (b) There is an identifiable class of two or more persons which will be represented by the representative plaintiffs;
- (c) The claims of the Class Members raise common issues;
- (d) A Class Proceeding is the preferable procedure for the just and efficient resolution of the common issues;
- (e) The representative plaintiffs:
 - (i) will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class;
 - (ii) have a plan which sets out a workable method for advancing the proceeding on behalf of the Class, including the notification of Class Members; and,

- (iii) do not have an interest in conflict with the interests of other Class Members.
- (f) Rules 1.04(1), 12, and 37 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*;
- (g) *The Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.6 and in particular, sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 8(1), 9, 12, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 34(1) thereof;
- (h) The *Ministry of Community and Social Service Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 20, as amended by S.O. 1993, c. 2, s. 23, 24, S.O. 1994, c. 27, s. 67, S.O. 1997, c. 25, s. 4(4), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. C, s. 1 (1), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 11, S.O. 2006, c. 34, s. 35, S.O. 2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 69, and S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 4, s. 21;
- (i) The *Ontario Disability Support Program Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. B, as amended to S.O. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 8, s. 4;
- (j) The *Ontario Works Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. A, as amended to S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 4, s. 24;
- (k) The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*; and,
- (l) Such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may deem just.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE will be used at the hearing of the Motion:

- (a) The Statement of Claim and Notice of Constitutional Question in this proceeding;
- (b) This Notice of Motion;
- (c) The Affidavit of Tracey Mechevske, sworn August 21, 2019;
- (d) The Affidavit of Dana Bowman, sworn August 23, 2019;
- (e) The Affidavit of Susan Lindsay, sworn August 21, 2019;
- (f) The Affidavit of Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, sworn August 23, 2019;
- (g) The Affidavit of Susan Paskoski, sworn August 20, 2019;
- (h) The Affidavit of Sheila Regehr, sworn May 23, 2019;
- (i) The transcripts of cross-examinations on affidavits, if any; and,
- (j) Such further and other evidence as the lawyers may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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APPENDIX "A"**PROPOSED COMMON ISSUES**

(the Capitalized terms are taken from the Statement of Claim)

Breach of Contract

1. Did the Defendant enter into a contract with the Class Members for the provision of BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period commencing on the date each Class Member received their first payment or, alternatively, for a three-year period associated with the operation of the BI Pilot?
2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, did the Defendant owe contractual duties and/or a duty of good faith to ensure that the Class Members were provided with BI Payments during the salient three-year period?
3. If the answers to question 1 and 2 are "yes", did the Defendant breach any of its contractual duties and/or a duty of good faith? If so, how?

Breach of Undertaking

4. Did the Defendant undertake to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period commencing on the date the Class Member received their first payment, or, alternatively, to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period associated with the operation of the BI Pilot?

5. If the answer to question 4 is "yes", did the Defendant fail to fulfil its undertaking?

Negligence

6. Did the Defendant owe the Class Members a duty of care in administering the BI Pilot?

7. If the answer to question 6 is "yes", then what is the content of the duty of care owed?

8. If the answer to question 6 is "yes", did the Defendant breach that duty of care?

Breach of a Public Law Duty

9. Did the Defendant owe the Class Members a public law duty to in administering the BI Pilot?

10. If the answer to question 9 is "yes", then what is the content of the public law duty of care owed?

11. If the answer to question 9 is "yes", did the Defendant breach that public law duty of care?

Breach of Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

12. By its operation or management of the BI Pilot, did the Defendant breach the Class Members' *Charter* rights under s. 7?

13. If the answer to question 13 is "yes", can the breach be saved by s. 1 of the *Charter*?

14. If the answer to question 13 is "yes" and the answer to question 14 is "no", are the Class Members entitled to damages pursuant to s. 24(1) of the *Charter*?

Damages and Administration Issues

15. Can the court make an aggregate assessment of damages suffered by all class members as part of the common issues trial?

16. Should the Defendant pay the cost of administering and distributing recovery to the Class?

APPENDIX B

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LITIGATION PLAN

Pursuant to s. 5(1)(e)(ii) of the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992 ("CPA")*, the Plaintiffs propose that this Litigation Plan be followed with respect to these proceedings, subject to the Court's approval.

CAPITALIZED TERMS

1. All Capitalized terms found in this Litigation Plan are defined in the Statement of Claim. The term "Parties" means the Plaintiffs and Defendant, together.

CLASS COUNSEL

2. The Plaintiffs are represented by:

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("Class Counsel")

3. Class Counsel possesses the requisite knowledge, skill, experience, personnel and financial resources to prosecute the present class action.

PROPOSED CLASS DEFINITION

4. The Plaintiffs propose the following class definition:

All persons who were enrolled by the Defendant in the Basic Income Pilot Project as part of the Payment Group. (the "Class")

COMMUNICATING WITH THE CLASS

5. Class Counsel has experience communicating with class members in large scale class proceedings. In combination with the required court ordered notices, Class Counsel has established an email address to facilitate communication with class members.

6. Class Counsel has also taken the initiative of creating a web page that offers details and updates on the progress of the litigation:

www.cavalluzzo.com/basicincomeclassaction.

7. Potential class members can locate the web page through an internet search or through links established on Class Counsel's website. Through this website, class members may become aware of this class action and are kept apprised of the progress of the litigation. Email contacts are also available on the website to allow interested parties to contact Cavalluzzo LLP with inquiries.

PRESENT STATE OF THE PLEADINGS

8. The Defendant has advised that it is not prepared to deliver a Statement of Defence before the hearing of the certification motion.

9. The Plaintiffs expect to make minor amendments to the Statement of Claim and will either propose that the anticipated Amended Statement of Claim be issued prior to the certification motion or as part of the relief sought at that motion.

PRESENT STATE OF THE LITIGATION SCHEDULE

10. The case management judge set the following litigation schedule in relation to the Plaintiffs' motion for certification:

- (a) The Plaintiffs' Record will be delivered by August 30, 2019;
- (b) The Defendant's Record will be delivered by November 29, 2019;
- (c) The Plaintiffs' Reply Record, if any, will be delivered by December 31, 2019;
- (d) Cross-examinations will be completed by February 28, 2020.
- (e) The Plaintiffs' factum/authorities will be delivered by April 24, 2020.
- (f) The Defendant's factum/authorities will be delivered by May 26, 2020; and,
- (g) The Plaintiffs' Reply factum/authorities, if any, will be delivered by June 8, 2020.

11. The Parties may ask the case management judge to amend the litigation schedule from time to time, as required.

12. The Parties, through counsel, have put in place practices to ensure timely communications with the case management judge.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND OPT OUT

13. If the Court grants the Plaintiffs' motion for certification, notice of certification will be delivered pursuant to s. 17 of the *Class Proceedings Act* in a form and manner approved by this Court.

Draft Notice

14. A draft of the form of Notice of Certification ("Draft Notice") is attached as Schedule "A" and is subject to the Court's approval. Upon certification of this proceeding and court approval of the Draft Notice, the Notice of Certification ("Approved Notice") will be disseminated.

15. The Draft Notice provides the web page address established for this class action (www.cavalluzzo.com/basicincomeclassaction), a contact email address, and Class Counsel's mailing address and phone number to allow for newly identified class members to make any inquiries regarding the class action.

Notice Program

16. The Plaintiffs request that the Approved Notice be disseminated at the Defendant's expense.

17. The Plaintiffs request that the Court order that the following specific methods of distribution of the Approved Notice be implemented within thirty (30) days of the certification order, or by a date to be determined by the Court:

- (a) Using the records of the Defendant, the Approved Notice shall be sent by regular mail to the last known address of all class members;
- (b) Using the records of the Defendant, the Approved Notice shall be sent by email to the last known e-mail address of all class members;
- (c) Using the email records developed by Class Counsel, the Approved Notice shall be sent by email to the email addresses supplied by alleged class members to Class Counsel;
- (d) the Approved Notice will be sent by email or mail to any person who may request it;
- (e) Class Counsel will post the Approved Notice on the Basic Income class action web page already created by Class Counsel;
- (f) Class Counsel and/or the Defendant will communicate the Approved Notice in an official News Release;
- (g) Class Counsel will communicate the Approved Notice to community groups, legal clinics, and other advocacy groups involved with the implementation of the Basic Income Pilot Program and request that these post and/or disseminate the Approved Notice in a manner they seem fit. Such groups and clinics include,
 - (i) the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction;
 - (ii) the City of Kawartha Lakes;

- (iii) the Basic Income Canada Network;
 - (iv) the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre;
 - (v) the Thunder Bay District Office of Legal Aid Ontario;
 - (vi) the Community Legal Clinic of Legal Aid Ontario serving, among other communities, the City of Kawartha Lakes; and,
 - (vii) the Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic.
- (h) The Approved Notice will be published in the Globe and Mail, the National Post, the Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal, the Lindsay Advocate, the Hamilton Spectator, and other Canadian national and Ontario regional newspapers, in an amount and frequency to be determined.

18. In addition to responding to individual inquiries, Class Counsel will continue to update the Basic Income class action webpage following certification. The e-mail address for inquiries provided on the webpage will continue to operate until the class action is finally resolved.

Opt-out

19. The Plaintiffs submit that the Court should agree to set an opt-out deadline of ninety (90) days after the date of the order certifying the class action.

20. The Draft Notice outlines the significance of opting out and explains that those members of the Class who choose to opt out within the stipulated deadline will not recover any monies in this action. Further, the Draft Notice makes clear that affected persons

who do not opt out will be considered class members and will be bound by the Court's judgment or the terms of any settlement.

21. "Opt-Out" forms (a draft of which is attached as Schedule "B"), to be approved by the Court, will be made available by Class Counsel upon request and will be posted on the Basic Income class action web page.

22. The Opt-Out form can be returned by mail, fax, or e-mail.

23. Class Counsel will maintain a list of those opting out for delivery at the Court's request or order.

PLEADINGS AND DOCUMENTARY DISCOVERY

24. If the action is certified as a class proceeding, the Court will be asked to order the Defendant to deliver its Statement of Defence no later than 45 days following the date on which the Court issues the certification order. The Plaintiffs will request that they be given 21 days following service of the Statement of Defence to serve a Reply, if any.

25. Within 120 days following certification, it is proposed that the parties meet and agree upon a discovery plan pursuant to Rule 29.1 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* and agree on a method and timeline for productions of documents and for e-discovery.

26. A case conference will be sought following certification to establish a litigation timetable for the remaining litigation steps leading to trial.

27. The Parties anticipate that the Defendant possesses most of the documents relating to the common issues such as application forms, payment statements, information booklets, consent forms, reminder notices, cancellation notices, and communications with relevant third parties. These documents will be produced to Class Counsel through the normal discovery processes, subject to any terms and conditions entered into as part of the aforementioned discovery plan.

28. Class Counsel anticipate and are able to handle the intake and organization of the large number of documents that will likely be produced by the Defendant. Class Counsel will use data management systems to organize, code, and manage the documents.

EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY

29. Examinations for discovery will commence pursuant to the agreed upon discovery plan.

30. Subject to refusals and undertakings, the Plaintiffs anticipate that the examinations for discovery of the Defendant's representatives will take approximately three to four days, which would occur over the course of two to three months, subject to the parties' availability.

EXCHANGE OF EXPERT OPINIONS

31. The exchange of expert reports, if necessary, shall be governed by the timetable agreed to between the parties and ordered by the Court.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

32. The Plaintiffs are willing to participate in mediation or non-binding alternative resolution efforts if the Defendant is prepared to do so. Class Counsel will conduct settlement negotiations with the Defendant's counsel from time to time, as circumstances dictate.

COMMON ISSUES TRIAL

33. The trial of the certified common issues will take place on a timeline agreed to by the parties or as ordered by the Court and shall be set after the conclusion of discoveries and all preliminary motions.

34. A full list of the witnesses the parties intend to call will be provided in accordance with a trial management timetable agreed to between the parties.

35. If the common issues pertaining to liability are resolved to the Plaintiff's benefit, the Plaintiff will request that the Court make an order under s. 24 of the *Class Proceedings*

Act awarding the amount of aggregate damages determined by the Court to the class members and ask that a common determination of class members' damages be made.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

36. After the common issues are determined, the process for the distribution of any aggregate award of damages is determined, and the process for determinations of any individual issues has been approved, if necessary, the Plaintiffs will request that the Court approve the form and content of a notice program giving class members notice of the resolution of the common issues, notice of any aggregate award of damages, and the method for distributing such damages, and/or the method for determination of any individual issues ("Notice of Resolution").

37. The Notice of Resolution will require eligible class members to file their claim on an approved claim form ("Claim Form") by a fixed date with the agreed upon Class Action Administrator (the "Class Action Administrator"). This form will allow the class members to establish their membership in the Class and could be checked against the Defendant's records.

38. The Notice of Resolution and Claim Form will be disseminated in the same manner as the Approved Notice set out above in paragraph 17.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGGREGATE DAMAGES

39. The Plaintiffs propose that an aggregate damages award shall be placed in a fund for the class members, and claims shall be administered by the Class Action Administrator.

40. The Plaintiffs understand that the total number of class members, their names and contact information, and the amounts paid by the Defendant to the class members as part of the BI Pilot, is all information that is readily accessible and ascertainable by the Defendant.

41. Using that information, along with information from the Canada Revenue Agency (relating to the Class Members' income tax returns), the aggregate damages awarded (be it for all heads of damages or some) can be distributed to the class members based on their specific entitlements based on the length of time in the BI Pilot and monthly amounts paid while enrolled in the BI Pilot.

42. The Plaintiffs propose that any amounts not specifically awarded to a class member through this process shall be distributed to all class members on a *pro rata* basis.

43. Alternatively, the Plaintiffs may bring a motion to the Court for directions on a formula for distributing any aggregate award.

INDIVIDUAL ISSUES DETERMINATIONS - IF NECESSARY

44. If the Court does not order an award under s. 24 of the *Class Proceedings Act* and/or determines that individual issue determinations are necessary, then the Plaintiffs will attempt to come to an agreement with the Defendant to reach a mutually acceptable method for determining individual issues.

45. Alternatively, the Plaintiffs will request that the common issues judge approve a procedure to resolve individual issues pursuant to s. 25 of the *Class Proceedings Act*. The approved procedure will be disseminated to the class in the Notice of Resolution.

46. Given the information the Defendant possesses relating to each class member, including their names and contact information, and the amounts paid by the Defendant to the class members, there is a limited number of individual issues that might be required to be determined on an individual basis.

47. Given the nature of individual issues that may need to be addressed and the quantum of each class members' claim, a simplified process for individual issues determinations is proposed. The Plaintiffs propose a process in the following paragraphs.

48. A Claim Form will be drafted and approved, the structure and content of which will depend upon the findings made at the common issues trial.

49. A mutually agreed-upon administrator, the Class Action Administrator, will be approved by the Court.

50. The Defendant shall be required to provide the Class Action Administrator the following information for each class member:

- (a) Name and last known contact information;
- (b) Length of time each class member was enrolled in the BI Pilot; and,
- (c) Amounts paid by the Defendant, including dates of payment.

51. Class members will be required to submit the following information in the Claim Form:

- (a) Their name and current contact information;
- (b) Their BI Reference Number; and
- (c) Their income tax returns for the years they would have been enrolled in the BI Pilot.

52. In addition to the above, class members must indicate on the Claim Form whether they feel they are entitled to any damages due to, for example, any health problems arising out of the BI Pilot's cancellation, and/or any expenses they incurred as a direct result of their enrolment in the BI Pilot and/or the BI Pilot's administration.

53. The class members will be permitted to complete and submit the Claim Form by fax, email, or mail or through a secure website operated by the Class Action Administrator.

54. The class members will have to submit their Claim Forms by a fixed date ("Claim Submission Date").

55. For all class members who indicate a belief on the Claim Form that they are entitled to additional damages, they will be granted a one hour interview with a third party Assessor. This interview will be held in a location easily accessible to the Thunder Bay, Hamilton/Brantford, and Lindsay communities.

56. The third party assessor will send these class members a Notice indicating the time and place of their interviews. This Notice will also advise class members to bring any medical documents supporting a claim for damages relating to mental or physical health, and any receipts or records regarding costs incurred as a result of the cancellation of the BI Pilot. These might include, for example, receipts for prescription medication, or a bill for the early cancellation of a mobile phone contract.

57. The third party assessor will then issue a decision on damages for each individual within thirty (30) days of the interview (the "Decision Date").

58. The Defendant will have 60 days after the Decision Date, or for class members who do not claim special damages, the Claims Submission Date, to advise the Class Action Administrator of which claims it intends on disputing and the specific basis for those disputes.

59. For any claims that the Defendant does not dispute, the Class Action Administrator will assess and determine the damages owing based on a pre-determined formula.

60. For any claims the Defendant disputes, individual assessments will be conducted pursuant to the following proposed non-exhaustive principles:

- (a) The Claim Form and supporting documents will be treated as the claimant's affidavit;
- (b) to dispute a claim, the Defendant must file an affidavit setting out the basis of the dispute for each claim disputed within 60 days of the Claims Submission Date;
- (c) A mutually agreed upon Referee will be appointed to conduct the hearings;
- (d) Prior to conducting individual assessments, the Referee will meet with the parties and their counsel to receive submissions and directions on the issues that will arise in the individual adjudications process;
- (e) The Referee will review the Claim Form and responding affidavit, and will determine whether a decision on the issues in dispute can be made based on the evidence presented, or whether a hearing will be required;
- (f) A hearing will be held only if the Referee determines such to be necessary. The hearing shall be held in the least expensive, most efficient manner, and the Referee will be given such powers agreed upon by the parties or as directed by the Court;
- (g) Offers to settle will be permitted until the day of the hearing;
- (h) Each hearing will last a maximum of two (2) hours each;
- (i) Cross-examinations will only be permitted on the Claim Form and on any defence affidavits, and no other oral testimony will be permitted without leave of the Referee;

- (j) Each party will be provided an opportunity to make submissions orally or in writing;
- (k) Hearings can be conducted by telephone or video;
- (l) Hearings and decisions shall not be public;
- (m) This process is intended for the self-represented claimant, but the claimant may retain counsel if desired;
- (n) Decisions shall be provided in writing within 15 days of the hearing;
- (o) There will be no right of appeal from the Referee's decisions;
- (p) There will be no costs liability for the claimants or for the Defendant with respect to a hearing before the Referee;
- (q) The standard of proof shall be the standard employed in civil courts; and,
- (r) The Defendant shall bear the cost of the Referee and the hearings.

61. Once final individual issue determinations, including liability and damages, are completed, individual damages awards would then be distributed to the class members.

FUNDING

62. The Plaintiffs' legal fees are to be paid on a contingency basis based on success on the common issues, as provided for in the *Class Proceedings Act*, and are subject to the Court's approval.

63. More particularly, the Court will be asked to fix the amount of Class Counsel fees, disbursements, and applicable taxes. Class Counsel will ask the Court to direct the Class

Action Administrator and Defendant to pay these amounts out of the monies recovered or owing as a first charge.

64. Class Counsel will continue to provide the funding of all disbursements necessary to properly prosecute this action to successful completion.

REVIEW OF THE LITIGATION PLAN

65. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Litigation Plan will be subject to regular review by Class Counsel, and may be revised and/or modified at any time during the litigation process as required, under the continuing case management authority of the Court.

SCHEDULE "A"

BASIC INCOME CLASS ACTION PROPOSED NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

THE NATURE OF THE LAWSUIT

On March 28, 2019, Cavalluzzo LLP commenced an action on behalf of four Plaintiffs, Dana Bowman, Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, Susan Lindsay, and Tracey Mechefske, in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against numbered Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario.

The action was brought on behalf of a class consisting any person who was a recipient of payments from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project, and who received monthly payments from the Ontario government until the Pilot was cancelled in March 2019.

The lawsuit claims the Ontario government breached its contractual and common law duties to the class by failing to honour its promise to provide them with three years of Basic Income.

By order dated ►, the Honourable Justice ► certified the action as a class proceeding and appointed the four Plaintiffs as representative plaintiffs for the class.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CLASS ACTION

If you were paid a basic income from the Basic Income Pilot and fall within the class definition, you are automatically included as a member of the class unless you opt out. All members of the class will be bound by the judgment of the Court,

or any settlement reached by the parties and approved by the Court.

At this juncture, the Court has not taken a position as to the likelihood of recovery for the representative plaintiffs or the Class, or with respect to the merits of the claims or defences asserted by either side.

FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

You do not need to pay any legal fees out of your own pocket. A retainer agreement has been entered into between the representative plaintiff and Cavalluzzo LLP with respect to legal fees. The agreement provides that the law firm has been retained on a contingency fee basis, whereby it will only be paid its fees in the event of a successful result in the litigation or a Court approved settlement. The fees payable to the lawyers for the class will be paid out of any judgment and will not be paid directly by the class members. Any fee paid to lawyers for the class is subject to the Court's approval.

You will not be responsible for the Government of Ontario's costs if the class action is unsuccessful.

OPT OUT

If you wish to exclude yourself from this class proceeding ("opt out"), you must complete and return the "Opt Out" form by no later than ► (90 days after the Certification Order). The Opt Out form

may be downloaded at <https://www.cavalluzzo.com/basicincomeclassaction>. A person will typically wish to opt out if they would prefer bringing their own claim against the government at their own expense.

If you choose to opt out within the above noted deadline, you will not recover any monies in the event the representative plaintiff is successful in this action. If you do not choose to opt out by the prescribed deadline, you will be bound by any judgment ultimately obtained in these proceedings, whether favourable or not, or any settlement if approved by the court. You may wish to obtain independent legal advice with respect to this matter.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns about the matters in this Notice or the status of the Basic Income Class Action, please visit <https://www.cavalluzzo.com/basicincomeclassaction>.

You may contact Cavalluzzo LLP in a number of ways

By email at the following address (please indicate Basic Income Class Action in the re: line) basicincome@cavalluzzo.com.

By mail at the following address:

474 Bathurst Street,
Suite 300
Toronto, Ontario M5T 2S6

Or by fax or telephone:

Phone: (416) 964-1115
Fax: (416) 964-5895

SCHEDULE "B"

Notice of Opting Out

**TO: Cavalluzzo LLP
474 Bathurst Street,
Suite 300
Toronto, Ontario M5T 2S6**

ATTN: [Administrator to be Appointed]

I do not want to participate in the class action known as Dana Bowman, Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, Susan Lindsay and Tracey Mechefske v Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, regarding the claims relating to the cancellation of the Basic Income Pilot project. I understand that, by opting out, I will not be eligible for the payment of any amounts awarded or paid in the class action.

Dated: _____

Signature

Print Name

Address

City, Province, Postal Code

Telephone

Email



Court File No.

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

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Lindsay

**DANA BOWMAN, GRACE MARIE DOYLE HILLION, SUSAN LINDSAY
and TRACEY MECHEFSKE**

Plaintiffs

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO

Defendant

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

PROCEEDING UNDER the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992

TO THE DEFENDANT

A LEGAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED AGAINST YOU by the Plaintiff. The Claim made against you is set out in the following pages.

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must prepare a Statement of Defence in Form 18A prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure, serve it on the Plaintiff's lawyer or, where the Plaintiff does not have a lawyer, serve it on the Plaintiff, and file it, with proof of service in this court office, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS after this Statement of Claim is served on you, if you are served in Ontario.

If you are served in another province or territory of Canada or in the United States of America, the period for serving and filing your Statement of Defence is forty days. If you are served outside Canada and the United States of America, the period is sixty days.

Instead of serving and filing a Statement of Defence, you may serve and file a Notice of Intent to Defend in Form 18B prescribed by the Rules of Civil Procedure. This will entitle you to ten more days within which to serve and file your Statement of Defence.

IF YOU FAIL TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING, JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND THIS PROCEEDING BUT ARE UNABLE TO PAY LEGAL FEES, LEGAL AID MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CONTACTING A LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE.

TAKE NOTICE: THIS ACTION WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISMISSED if it has not been set down for trial or terminated by any means within five years after the action was commenced unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Date March 28, 2019 Issued by "Electronically Issued"
Local Registrar

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TO: Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario
As Represented by Crown Law Office (Civil Law)
Ministry of the Attorney General
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Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

CLAIM

A. DEFINITIONS

1. The following terms used throughout this Statement of Claim have the meanings indicated:

- (a) **"Basic Income Pilot Project"** or **"BI Project"** means the Basic Income Pilot Project created and administered by the Defendant to study the potential impact of providing a basic income;
- (b) **"BI Payments"** means payments of money to the Class made pursuant to the Basic Income Pilot Project;
- (c) **"Bowman"** means Dana Bowman, one of the Plaintiffs;
- (d) **"Class"** and **"Class Members"** mean all persons who were enrolled by the Defendant in the Basic Income Pilot Project as part of the Payment Group;
- (e) **"Control Group"** means the group of individuals who were enrolled in the Basic Income Pilot Project but who did not receive BI Payments and who, for greater certainty, do not form part of the Class;
- (f) **"Defendant"** means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario;
- (g) **"Hillion"** means Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, one of the Plaintiffs;
- (h) **"Final Payment Date"** means March 25, 2019, the date BI Payments ceased;

- (i) "**Lindsay**" means Susan Lindsay, one of the Plaintiffs;
- (j) "**Mechefske**" means Tracey Mechefske, one of the Plaintiffs;
- (k) "**MCCSS**" means the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services established by the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.20, as amended by S.O. 1993, c. 2, s. 23, 24, S.O. 1994, c. 27, s. 67, S.O. 1997, c. 25, s. 4(4), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. C, s. 1 (1), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 11, S.O. 2006, c. 34, s. 35, S.O. 2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 69, and S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 4, s. 21, and whose authority and role and particularized more fully below;
- (l) "**Minister**" means the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services who at all times material presided over and had charge of the MCCSS and the BI Pilot;
- (m) "**ODSP**" means the Ontario Disability Support Program administered by the MCCSS;
- (n) "**OW**" means Ontario Works, a program administered by the MCCSS; and,
- (o) "**Payment Group**" means the group of individuals who were enrolled in the Basic Income Pilot Project and who were approved for the payment of BI Payments and who thereafter received BI Payments until the Final Payment Date.

B. RELIEF AND REMEDIES REQUESTED

2. The Plaintiffs claim on their own behalf and on behalf of all Class Members:

- (a) an order certifying this proceeding as a class proceeding and appointing the Plaintiffs as representative plaintiffs for the Class Members;
- (b) special damages for breach of contract, breach of undertaking, negligence, breach of public law duty, and breach of s. 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
- (c) \$200 million in general damages for the Class, or such other sum as this Honourable Court deems just;
- (d) an order, pursuant to s. 24 of the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 6 ("Class Proceedings Act") directing an aggregate assessment of damages;
- (e) pre-judgment and post judgment interest pursuant to the *Courts of Justice Act*;
- (f) costs of this action on a substantial indemnity basis, together with HST or other applicable taxes thereon;
- (g) the costs of administering the plan of distribution of the recovery in this action; and,
- (h) such further and other relief as this Honourable Court may deem just.

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8. The Class thereafter received monthly BI Payments. The BI Payments exceeded the income the Class previously received from various sources, including from work, employment, ODSP, and OW.

9. On or about July 31, 2018, the Defendant announced that it was terminating the BI Pilot early. In the month following, the Defendant further announced that the Final Payment Date would be March 25, 2019.

10. All Class Members ceased receiving BI Payments on or about the Final Payment Date.

11. The Defendant's early termination of BI Payments amounts to a breach of contract, a breach of undertaking, negligence, a public law tort, and, further or in the alternative, a breach of s. 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

12. The Class has and will suffer injury and damages as a result of the cessation of BI Payments and the cessation of the Basic Income Pilot Project. Particulars of such injury and damage are outlined in Section H., below.

D. THE PARTIES

1. Dana Bowman

13. Bowman was, at all times material, a resident of Lindsay.

14. Bowman was born on August 17, 1961.

15. Bowman received ODSP benefits beginning in or around December 1997 until the Defendant approved her application for enrolment in the BI Program as part of the Payment Group. Bowman received BI Payments from December 2017 until the Final Payment Date.

16. The BI Payments Bowman received were more than the ODSP monies she had been receiving prior to January 2018, monies she would have continued to receive had the Defendant not accepted her into the Payment Group.

17. Bowman benefited significantly as a result of her enrolment in the BI Program. Particulars of such benefit included, *inter alia*:

- (a) no longer having to respond to the many inquiries made of her by officials regarding her ODSP benefits;
- (b) being able to afford proper food;
- (c) being able to afford basic clothing, including undergarments;
- (d) taking care of bills;
- (e) being able to afford to pursue her long-held career goal of enrolling in college to become a social services worker; and,
- (f) being able to afford transport so as to assist her daughter with the care of grandchildren.

18. Bowman continued to receive BI Payments until the Final Payment Date.

19. Bowman complied with all of the obligations she agreed to discharge as a recipient of BI Payments under the BI Pilot including, *inter alia*, by disclosing personal information, agreeing to complete surveys, and preparing and filing income tax documentation, and by foregoing ODSP benefits.

20. On or about July 31, 2018, or shortly thereafter, Bowman learned that the Basic Income Pilot Project was being cancelled. In October 2018, she received a letter confirming same and advising her that she would receive a final BI Payment on the Final Payment Date.

21. When Bowman learned that the BI Pilot was being cancelled and that her BI Payments would cease, she experienced a manic episode from which she has not, as of the date of this Claim, fully recovered.

2. Grace Marie Doyle Hillion

22. Hillion was, at all material times, a resident of Lindsay or, while in school, a resident of Oshawa.

23. Hillion was born on September 5, 1998.

24. The Defendant approved Hillion's application for enrolment in the BI Program as part of the Payment Group. Hillion received BI Payments from April 2018 until the Final Payment Date.

25. The BI Payments Hillion received increased her income.

26. Hillion benefited significantly as a result of her enrolment in the BI Program. Particulars of such benefit included, *inter alia*, being able to purchase suitable clothes for work and enrol in a broadcasting program at Durham College.

27. Hillion continued to receive BI Payments until the Final Payment Date.

28. Hillion complied with all of the obligations she agreed to discharge as a recipient of BI Payments under the BI Pilot including, *inter alia*, by disclosing personal information, by agreeing to complete surveys, and by preparing and filing income tax documentation.

29. On or about July 31, 2018, or shortly thereafter, Hillion learned that the Basic Income Pilot Project was being cancelled. In October 2018, she received a letter confirming same and advising her that she would receive a final BI Payment on the Final Payment Date.

30. Shortly after Hillion learned that the BI Pilot was being cancelled and that her BI Payments would cease, she experienced increased anxiety and depression, including an episode that lasted approximately two (2) weeks and that resulted in her being confined to bed during much of that time.

3. Susan Lindsay

31. Lindsay was, at all times material, a resident of Lindsay.

32. Lindsay was born on November 2, 1964.

33. Lindsay was approved for the receipt of ODSP benefits beginning in or around February or March 2018. Shortly thereafter, the Defendant approved her application for enrolment in the BI Program as part of the Payment Group.

34. The Defendant approved Lindsay's application for enrolment in the BI Program as part of the Payment Group. Lindsay received BI Payments from April 2018 until the Final Payment Date.

35. The BI Payments Lindsay received increased her income. The BI Payments Lindsay received were more than the ODSP monies she would have received had the Defendant not accepted her into the Payment Group.

36. Lindsay benefited significantly as a result of her enrolment in the BI Program. Particulars of such benefit included, *inter alia*, no longer having to respond to the many inquiries made of her by officials regarding her social assistance payments.

37. Lindsay continued to receive BI Payments until the Final Payment Date.

38. Lindsay complied with all of the obligations she agreed to discharge as a recipient of BI Payments under the BI Pilot including, *inter alia*, by disclosing personal information, agreeing to complete surveys, and preparing and filing income tax documentation, and by foregoing ODSP benefits.

39. On or about July 31, 2018, or shortly thereafter, Hillion learned that the Basic Income Pilot Project was being cancelled. In October 2018, she received a letter confirming same and advising her that she would receive a final BI Payment on the Final Payment Date.

40. The cancellation resulted in Lindsay losing her sense of self-worth and increased her fear and anxiety.

4. Tracey Mechefske

41. Mechefske was, at all times material, a resident of Lindsay.

42. Mechefske was born on March 10, 1972.

43. Mechefske was in receipt of ODSP benefits at the time the Defendant approved her application for enrolment in the BI Program as part of the Payment Group. Mechefske received BI Payments from November 2017 until the Final Payment Date.

44. The BI Payments Mechefske received were more than the ODSP monies she was receiving prior to November 2017, monies she would have continued to receive had the Defendant not accepted her into the Payment Group.

45. Mechefske benefited significantly as a result of her enrolment in the BI Program. Particulars of such benefit included, *inter alia*:

- (a) no longer having to respond to the many inquiries made of her by officials engaged to adjudicate on her ODSP benefits;

- (b) having an income so that her spouse could take a brief period off of work to undergo a surgical procedure;
- (c) being able to pay for supplies, equipment, fees, and other expenses to enable her to start or grow a business; and,
- (d) being able to afford transport so as to visit with family in Northern Ontario.

46. Mechefske continued to receive BI Payments until the Final Payment Date.

47. Mechefske complied with all of the obligations she agreed to discharge as a recipient of BI Payments under the BI Pilot including, *inter alia*, by disclosing personal information, agreeing to complete surveys and preparing and filing income tax documentation, and by foregoing ODSP benefits.

48. On or about July 31, 2018, or shortly thereafter, Mechefske learned that the Basic Income Pilot Project was being cancelled. In October 2018, she received a letter confirming same and advising her that she would receive a final BI Payment on or about the Final Payment Date.

49. When Mechefske learned that the BI Pilot was being cancelled and that her BI Payments would cease, she experienced increased anxiety and a series of panic attacks, from which she has not recovered.

5. The MCCSS, the Minister, and the Defendant

50. At all material times, the Minister and the MCCSS presided over and had responsibility for the implementation and administration of the Basic Income Pilot Project.

51. At all material times, the Minister and the MCCSS had responsibility over ODSP, OW, and other social assistance programs, including responsibilities granted to the Minister and the MCCSS under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. B and the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. A.

52. The Defendant, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, is named in this Action pursuant to the provisions of the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 27, as amended to the date of this Action.

53. The Defendant was at all material times responsible for the actions of the Minister, the MCCSS and, where applicable, the agents, servants, employees, and assigns of the Defendant, the Minister, and/or the MCCSS.

6. The Class

54. The Plaintiffs bring this Action pursuant to the *Class Proceedings Act, 1992* on their own behalf and on behalf of the Class Members as defined in paragraph 1(d), above.

E. THE DEFENDANT ANNOUNCES THE CREATION OF A BASIC INCOME PILOT PROJECT

55. In its 2016 budget, the Government of Ontario announced its intention to establish a pilot project to study the value of implementing a basic income for residents of Ontario.

56. The Defendant hired Hugh Segal, a former Senator and well-known advocate for basic income in Canada, to advise the Defendant on how to implement a pilot project.

57. On or about August 31, 2016, Mr. Segal delivered a discussion paper to the Premier and the Minister containing advice and recommendations for the design and implementation of a basic income pilot project. Particulars of his advice and recommendations include, *inter alia*, that:

- (a) a pilot should replace the policing, control, and monitoring elements associated with ODSP and OW with a basic income "disbursed automatically" in order to determine the net effect of doing so on certain measurables such as poverty reduction, the reduction of stigmatization, health, work productivity, housing outcomes, educational outcomes, and net economic and community outcomes in a targeted area;
- (b) a pilot should be managed by arm's length persons or organizations;
- (c) a pilot should be overseen key groups utilizing best governance and organizational practises and models;
- (d) the pilot should be divided into three phases, being a planning phase, distribution phase, and an evaluation phase;

- (e) during the second (distribution) phase, basic income payments should be distributed for a period of at least three years, with the pilot adopting an operational duration or period to enable the payment of monies to the Payment Group over three (3) years; and,
- (f) participants should be extensively surveyed and their data collected for study in a manner that respects certain privacy norms.

58. Following further consultations, Ontario's Premier announced, on or about April 24, 2017, the commencement of the BI Pilot. More particularly, on the same day, the Premier delivered a speech in Hamilton introducing the BI Pilot as a three-year project during which the Payment Group "will receive a minimum amount of income each year – a basic income, no matter what".

59. During the Premier's speech or shortly thereafter, the Mayor of Thunder Bay, who was in attendance, asked:

Can you assure us that in this one, it's a three-year pilot, that the evaluation will be ongoing and in the event it proves what we all think it will prove, that an announcement will be made prior to the end of the three years of not only the continuation for those people who are part of the pilot, but as well as expansion?

60. In response, the Premier stated:

Some of the outcomes of job retention, retention in education, better health outcomes, those will take a little bit of time to demonstrate, if we see those ... that's why it's three years. If we could figure it out in six months, we would figure it out in six months, but it takes a bit longer than that. By the end of the three years, we will have a good idea of where it is going and be able to talk about what comes next.

61. On or about April 24, 2017, the Defendant, and more particularly the MCCSS, issued a news release describing the BI Pilot. The news release stated, *inter alia*, that:

- (a) Mr. Segal's report had been used to engage in public consultations;
- (b) the BI Pilot would be implemented in three locations, namely,
 - (i) Hamilton, Brantford, and Brant County,
 - (ii) Thunder Bay and surrounding area, and,
 - (iii) Lindsay, Ontario;
- (c) the BI Pilot is a "three-year" program, with the Defendant investing \$50 million "per year ... for each of the three years of the pilot";
- (d) the Defendant took seriously the BI Pilot, for example, in hiring a third-party research consortium and the hiring of an advisory group "to ensure the [BI Pilot] is conducted with the utmost integrity, rigour and ethical standards";
- (e) the BI Pilot "will ensure that participants" (the Payment Group) "receive" certain fixed amounts "per year", with the amounts specified; and,
- (f) a Control Group would be formed of persons who would not receive BI Payments so that a proper comparison with the Payment Group could be conducted.

62. On or about April 24, 2017, the Defendant published a webpage entitled "Ontario Basic Income Pilot" on its Ontario.ca website. The Defendant updated this webpage on at least one occasion. On the webpage, the Defendant announced, *inter alia*, that:

- (a) it regarded basic income as a "payment ... that ensures a minimum income level";

- (b) persons in the Payment Group "are receiving monthly basic income payments for up to a three-year period" and these monies "will ensure a minimum level of income", with the amounts being paid set out explicitly;
- (c) the Control Group has been established for comparison purposes, with persons who will be compensated for completing surveys but who "will not receive" BI Payments; and,
- (d) the Defendant will test how BI Payments might help people with their basic needs while improving outcomes in, for example, food security, stress and anxiety, housing stability, and labour market participation.

63. On or about May 2, 2017, the Honourable Bill Mauro, the Defendant's Minister of Municipal Affairs, speaking in the Legislature, described the Basic Income Pilot Project as something that "will be trialed for three years".

64. On or about September 20, 2017, the Honourable Peter Z. Milczyn, the Defendant's Minister of Housing and Minister responsible for "Poverty Reduction", speaking in the Legislature, described the Basic Income Pilot Project as "the three-year basic income pilot".

65. The Plaintiffs plead, and the fact is, that the Defendants repeatedly represented that the Basic Income Pilot Project would ensure that the Class would receive BI Payments for a fixed period of three years or, further or in the alternative, that the Basic Income Pilot Project would ensure that the Class would receive BI Payments for a fixed period of time coincident with a three-year period generally.

F. MATERIAL FACTS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE BI PILOT

66. Consistent with the Defendant's consistent and repeated announced intention that the BI Pilot would ensure the payment of BI Payments for the three-year period or periods described above, the Defendant, throughout the course of implementing and administering the BI Pilot, repeatedly represented to potentially eligible participants that, if chosen to be part of the Payment Group, those participants would be guaranteed the receipt of BI Payments over a three-year period.

67. The Plaintiffs plead, and the fact is, that the Defendant made consistent, clear representations to that effect and, further or in the alternative, that they gave consistent and clear undertakings to that effect and, further or in the alternative, that they made consistent and clear offers to that effect.

68. The Plaintiffs plead, and the fact is, that such representations, undertakings, and offers were made to the Class and that, on the strength of such representations, undertakings, and offers, the Class applied to be a part of the BI Pilot and, in the case of the Payment Group, to receive the promised BI Payments.

69. Particulars of the implementation and administration of the BI Pilot in a manner consistent with the aforesaid representations, undertakings, and offers include, *inter alia*:

- (a) statements by the MCCSS to community representatives, stakeholders, and others the MCCSS was consulting to assist implement and administer

- the BI Pilot to the effect that payments to the Payment Group would take place over a three-year period;
- (b) the establishment, by Order-in-Council, on or about June 28, 2017, of a Ministers' Advisory Council to advise the MCCSS regarding the BI Pilot, which was established for a three-year period;
 - (c) the establishment, by Order-in-Council, on or about June 28, 2017, of a Research and Evaluation Advisory Chair to advise the MCCSS regarding the BI Pilot, which was established for a three-year period;
 - (d) the appointment of a Research and Evaluation Advisory Chair by Order-in-Council on or about June 28, 2017, for a three-year period;
 - (e) the appointment of a Chair and Members to the aforesaid Ministers' Advisory Council by letter for a fixed period of time; and,
 - (f) the delivery by MCCSS of Terms of Reference to the aforementioned Ministers' Advisory Council and the Research and Evaluation Advisory Chair with similar representations.

70. Employees, agents, and other representatives of the MCCSS, in 2017 and 2018, met with individuals to persuade them to apply for acceptance into the Basic Income Pilot Project.

71. During the course of these meetings, these employees, agents, and other representatives of the MCCSS represented to potentially eligible participants that, if chosen to be part of the Payment Group, those participants would be guaranteed the receipt of BI Payments over a three-year period.

72. Further, or in the alternative, during the course of these meetings, these employees, agents, and other representatives of the MCCSS used information booklets and application forms that consistently represented to potentially eligible participants that, if chosen to be part of the Payment Group, those participants would be guaranteed the receipt of BI Payments over a three-year period.

73. Further to paragraph 72, in or about May 2017, the MCCSS developed an information booklet for use by MCCSS representatives in its interactions and meetings with eligible participants. This booklet and, further or in the alternative, the application forms and materials that accompanied it or, further or in the alternative, the application forms and materials utilized during such interactions and meetings, contained the same promise, undertaking, and offer of three years of BI Payments.

74. At all times material, each Class Member signed an application form to apply for enrolment into the BI Pilot and, if chosen, to receive BI Payments as part of the Payment Group.

75. At all times material, the persons presenting the application form and the BI Pilot more generally to the Class had authority from the MCCSS to execute a contract with the Class Member for their enrolment in the BI Pilot and to provide for BI Payments to such Class Member if such Class Member was chosen to be part of the Payment Group.

76. As a result of the MCCSS's efforts, over 4,000 Class Members were enrolled into the BI Pilot as part of the Payment Group.

77. Further, as a result of the MCCSS's efforts, by April 2018, approximately 2,000 additional individuals were enrolled into the BI Pilot as part of the Control Group.

78. Consistent with the MCCSS's promises, undertakings, and offers, which are particularized above, the MCCSS or, further or in the alternative, the Defendant, sent a letter to each Class Member to advise them that they had been selected for enrolment and that they "will receive" BI Payments in the amount specified in the letter.

79. Consistent with the MCCSS's promises, undertakings, and offers, all of which are particularized above, the MCCSS or, further or in the alternative, the Defendant, paid the Class Members their promised BI Payments beginning shortly after the Class Member's accepted enrollment into the BI Pilot and continued making these payments on a regular basis.

80. In 2018, the MCCSS contracted with Veritas IRB to obtain their services as an external Research Ethics Board. The Plaintiffs plead that an external Research Ethics Board was established because the Class Members were human research subjects and, as a result, ethical standards associated with such research had to be adhered to.

81. During the course of its interactions with Veritas IRB, the MCCSS stated, in writing, that it projected May 27, 2021 as a final date of the BI Pilot, being just over three (3) years after the last Class Member was admitted into the BI Pilot.

82. The Class experienced significant benefits by virtue of being part of the BI Pilot's Payment Group. In addition to receiving consistent BI Payments that increased their income, the Class Members, *inter alia*:

- (a) did not need to report their activities as they did if enrolled in ODSP or OW;
- (b) could plan their future;
- (c) could afford more basic goods to satisfy their basic needs, including food, clothing, drugs, therapy, medical supplies, and improved housing;
- (d) enrolled in courses of study;
- (e) took steps to build or establish businesses;
- (f) undertook independent responsibility for their own finances;
- (g) made key purchases or investments to improve their life circumstances more generally; and,
- (h) could feel pride in being part of a novel, significant experiment whereby the sharing to their personal information and activities could provide them and others with hope that the delivery of social services in Ontario might thereafter be set on a very different, and perhaps more positive, footing.

83. Further to paragraph 82, the amounts paid in BI Payments were greater than the amounts the Class would have received but for their acceptance into the BI Pilot. For instance, Bowman's income increased by approximately \$13,000-\$14,000 per year as a result of her acceptance into the BI Pilot.

84. On or about July 31, 2018, the Defendant announced that it was terminating the Basic Income Pilot Program early.

85. The Defendant made this announcement primarily through a news release before writing to the Class more than two months later to advise them that the BI Pilot and the BI Payments were ending.

86. As particularized above, the cancellation of the BI Pilot had significant and negative impacts on and caused harm to the Plaintiffs.

87. The cancellation of the BI Pilot likewise had significant and negative impacts on and caused harm to the Class as a whole.

88. As of March 25, 2019 (the Final Payment Date), all BI Payments ceased.

G. CAUSES OF ACTION

1. Breach of Contract

89. By virtue of the facts pleaded above, the Defendant and Class entered into a contract for the provision of BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period commencing on the date each Class Member received their first payment.

90. Further, or in the alternative, the Defendant and Class entered into a contract for the provision of BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period associated with the operation of the BI Pilot.

91. More particularly, the Defendant offered the Class the benefit of BI Payments in exchange for their acceptance by way of signature, which acceptance was given, resulting in the formation of a contract.

92. Further, the Class accepted the offer of BI Payments by agreeing to assume a number of obligations, including agreeing to, *inter alia*,

- (a) complete surveys at a rate of pay, per survey, that was lower than the amounts given to those in the Control Group;
- (b) disclose of their tax and other financial information on an ongoing basis;
- (c) expose their personal and private lives to scrutiny through surveys;
- (d) forego ODSP and OW benefits; and,
- (e) make themselves human subjects in a major scientific experiment.

93. By virtue of the exchange of BI Payments for the assumption by the Class of the obligations set out above, consideration for the contract was exchanged between the Parties.

94. The Plaintiffs plead, and the fact is, that the Defendant breached the terms and conditions of the aforesaid contract by ceasing BI Payments early.

95. As particularized in Section H. below, the Plaintiffs and Class have suffered and will suffer damages as a result of this breach of contract.

2. Breach of Undertaking

96. By virtue of the facts pleaded above, the Defendant undertook to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period commencing on the date the Class Member received their first payment.

97. Further, or in the alternative, the Defendant undertook to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period associated with the operation of the BI Pilot.

98. By cancelling the BI Pilot early, the Defendant failed to fulfil its undertakings.

99. As particularized in Section H. below, the plaintiffs and Class have suffered and will suffer damages as a result of this breach of undertaking.

3. Negligence

100. At all material times, the Defendant owed a duty of care to the Class Members that was breached by its negligent conduct in administering the Basic Income Pilot Project including, notably, by cancelling BI Payments early.

101. It was foreseeable by the Defendant that ceasing the BI Payments early would cause the Class Members to suffer damages and to suffer injury due to the frustration and emotional upset associated with being told that BI Payments were ceasing prematurely.

102. The Class Members were in a relationship of proximity to the Defendant. They entered into a special relationship with the Defendant by agreeing to become human

research subjects under the BI Pilot on the strength of clear, consistent promises that certain BI Payments would be made for the fixed period and/or periods pleaded above. The Class entered into such a relationship with the assurance that the BI Pilot would be administered and monitored with all proper controls in place.

103. The Defendant communicated directly, specifically, and repeatedly with each Class Member in respect of their entitlements to BI Payments.

104. Further, all Class Members were in a position of reliance upon the Defendant and the representatives, agents and employees of the MCCSS that the Defendant and the MCCSS would administer the BI Pilot with reasonable diligence, especially as all members of the Class were persons in vulnerable positions as low income earners and as persons living with disabilities.

105. The Defendant breached its duty of care owed to the Class to pay BI Payments until the promised and agreed-upon final date of payment and to not cease payments early.

106. As particularized in Section H., below, the Plaintiffs and Class have suffered and will suffer damages as a result of the Defendant's negligence.

4. Breach of a Public Law Duty

107. By virtue of the facts pleaded above, the Defendant undertook to the Class to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period commencing on the date the Class Member received their first payment.

108. Further, or in the alternative, the Defendant undertook to the Class to provide BI Payments to each Class Member for a three-year period associated with the operation of the BI Pilot.

109. By cancelling the BI Pilot early, the Defendant has failed to fulfil its undertaking.

110. The Defendant's conduct was unreasonable and unfair and, further or in the alternative, created a legitimate expectation to the payment of the promised and offered BI Payments. The Defendant's actions in ceasing payments failed to fulfil these legitimate expectations in a manner that was unreasonable on any standard of public law accountability. The Defendant's actions, in creating the aforesaid expectation and then cancelling payments early, were of an operational nature, amounting to promises and breaches to a limited, defined segment of the population.

111. As particularized in Section H., below, the Plaintiffs and Class have suffered and will suffer damages as a result of this breach of a public law duty to the Class.

5. Breach of Section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

112. By virtue of the facts pleaded above, the Defendant violated the basic essential human needs of the Class Members and, as such, interfered with their life and security

of the person in violation of their rights under Section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

113. The BI Payments were essential to the Class Members to meet their basic daily needs. Further, the BI Payments were paid with the goal of potentially altering the Class Members' lives by supporting them as they met their basic needs.

114. The denial of BI Payments, violated the right of the Class to life, liberty and security of the person, contrary to section 7 of the *Charter*.

115. As particularized in Section H., below, the Plaintiffs and Class have suffered and will suffer damages as a result of the Defendant's breach of their rights under s. 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

116. The Plaintiffs plead that the Class is entitled to damages pursuant to Section 24(1) of the *Charter*. There are no countervailing considerations that would render damages in this case inappropriate or unjust.

H. DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THE CLASS

117. The Plaintiffs claim damages measured as the amount of BI Payments they and the Class have lost or of which they and the Class have been improperly denied.

118. Further, the Plaintiffs claim damages on account of expenses incurred and amounts paid that will have to be foregone due to the early cancellation of the Basic Income Pilot Program including, *inter alia*, amounts paid:

- (a) in tuition, for re-training, for courses, for outplacement counselling, and related expenses which cannot be recouped and for which the Class Member will not benefit because, for instance, they can no longer afford to continue the services or program;
- (b) for therapy, drugs, or medical equipment where the drugs or therapy will have to be put to an end prematurely; and,
- (c) to purchase property, equipment, vehicles, leases, and other items for use in investing in a business, venture, or re-employment, where such amounts are now lost because the re-employment or business or venture can no longer be pursued.

119. Further, the plaintiffs claim general damages for inconvenience, loss of time, frustration, anxiety, mental distress, psychological injury, and emotional upset related to the early cancellation of the BI Pilot and the early cessation of the BI Payments. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Class Members suffered, *inter alia*:

- (a) panic attacks;

- (b) depression;
- (c) anxiety;
- (d) nervous shock;
- (e) manic episodes;
- (f) suicidal ideation;
- (g) feelings of low or no self-worth;
- (h) sleeplessness;
- (i) nightmares;
- (j) nervousness, restlessness or tension;
- (k) sensations of impending danger, panic or doom;
- (l) an increased heart rate;
- (m) heart palpitations;
- (n) hyperventilation;
- (o) sweating;
- (p) trembling;
- (q) feeling weak or tired;
- (r) trouble concentrating or thinking about anything other than their present worries and difficulty controlling worry generally;
- (s) gastrointestinal (GI) problems;
- (t) isolation;
- (u) heart attack; and,
- (v) stroke.

I. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

120. The Plaintiffs plead and rely upon:

- (a) the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 27;
- (b) the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.20, as amended by S.O. 1993, c. 2, s. 23, 24, S.O. 1994, c. 27, s. 67, S.O. 1997, c. 25, s. 4(4), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. C, s. 1 (1), S.O. 2006, c. 19, Sched. D, s. 11, S.O. 2006, c. 34, s. 35, S.O. 2006, c. 35, Sched. C, s. 69, and S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 4, s. 21;
- (c) the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. B, as amended to S.O. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 8, s. 4
- (d) the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997, c. 25, Sched. A, as amended to S.O. 2017, c. 14, Sched. 4, s. 24
- (e) the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
- (f) the *Class Proceedings Act*, S.O. 1992, c. 6;
- (g) the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O, 1990, c. C.43; and,
- (h) the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 194.

J. PLACE OF TRIAL

121. The Plaintiffs propose that this Action be tried in Lindsay.

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NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

The Plaintiffs intend to claim a remedy under subsection 24(1) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* in relation to an act or omission of the Government of Ontario.

The question is to be argued at a time and date to be assigned by the Court at 440 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 6K2.

The following are the material facts giving rise to the constitutional question:

1. See the Statement of Claim, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A".
2. Without limiting the generality of what is outlined in this Statement of Claim, the material facts are, that,
 - (a) the Government of Ontario promised the Plaintiffs and a Class of persons the Plaintiffs propose to represent the payment of consistent "basic income"

payments for a fixed period of time, all pursuant to what is known as the Basic Income Pilot Project; and,

- (b) the Government of Ontario prematurely terminated said payments and the Basic Income Pilot Project.

The following is the legal basis for the constitutional question:

1. See the Statement of Claim, a copy of which is attached as Schedule "A".
2. Without limiting the generality of what is outlined in this Statement of Claim, the legal basis for the constitutional question involves,
 - (a) alleged violations of section 7 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;
 - (b) an allegation that a s. 24(1) remedy is appropriate to remedy the aforesaid violations.

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(This notice must be served as soon as the circumstances requiring it become known and, in any event, at least 15 days before the question is to be argued, unless the court orders otherwise.)

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AFFIDAVIT OF TRACEY MECHEFSKE

I, Tracey Mechefske, of the City of Kawartha Lakes, in the Province of Ontario,
AFFIRM THAT:

1. I am one of the proposed Representative Plaintiffs in this proceeding and was a participant in the Basic Income Pilot (the "BI Pilot"). As such, I have knowledge of the matters contained in this affidavit. Where my knowledge is based on information and belief, I have identified its source and verily believe it to be true.

A. My Background

2. I was born on March 10, 1972. I have lived in Lindsay for over ten years. I first moved to the Kawartha Lakes area in 2000 because my husband got a job at the Tim Hortons in Bobcaygeon. We moved to the community of Lindsay sometime around 2008.

3. Prior to moving to Kawartha Lakes, I studied psychology and history at Nipissing University. Around this time, I began suffering from Inflammatory Bowel Disease ("IBD") and migraines. As a result, I could only finish one year of my four year degree program.

4. I then enrolled in a legal assistant program at Canadore College. Unfortunately, I continued to have significant health problems and I had to drop out of this program after only one year.

5. Around this time, I applied for Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits. I qualified as a person with a disability and began receiving monthly payments sometime around 1994.

6. I am still not well enough to work full-time. I continue to suffer from migraines and IBD. More recently, some time around 2010, I was diagnosed with situational anxiety. I started experiencing anxiety in 2009 when both of my parents were diagnosed with terminal cancer. They died within a few months of each other in late 2009 and 2010.

7. Although I cannot work, I do my best to stay active in my community. I was the President of my Tenant Association for two years, which involved attending regular meetings and organizing programming. As well, I volunteered with Community Care, a local organization that engages with the community in a variety of different ways, such as by providing Meals on Wheels, respite care, medical transportation, and other similar services. I was most active as a medical transportation volunteer, which meant I drove people to their appointments at hospitals and clinics.

8. In addition to my work with Community Care, I gave workshops on healthy living for Reach for Recovery and I was Program Chair for Soroptimist International for Kawartha Lakes—an organization for women and girls in the community—from 2012 to 2015.

9. Although I was never able to return to school due to health and financial constraints, I have educated myself about nutrition and chemical sensitivities, and how these things affect my health. For example, I have an allergy to sulphates that makes many common household products, including soaps, detergents, and shampoos, unsuitable for me. Through extensive research, I have learned how to make effective products that are free of these harmful materials. Similarly, I've researched various food sensitivities and other allergies that impact my chronic IBD and migraines.

B. Applying for the Basic Income Pilot Program

10. I first heard about the BI Pilot through my friend, Samantha Negus. Sometime around September 2017, I was speaking with Samantha about the Lindsay Fair, when she mentioned that someone at the Fair had been handing out little postcards advertising something called the Basic Income Pilot Program.

11. I did not attend the Fair because the admission fees were too expensive.

12. However, after learning about the BI Pilot from Samantha, I decided to attend an information session to learn more. I attended this session sometime around October 2017.

13. I recall that the session was held in the basement of the Annex. There were a number of people sitting at different stations, some filling out paperwork, and some speaking with government employees. The atmosphere was very quiet and serious.

14. When I entered the Annex, a greeter at the door welcomed me and explained the signup process. She told me that there were four different stations, each serving a different purpose.

15. The first station seemed designed to ensure I was informed about the BI Pilot. I was given an information booklet and asked to sit and read through it. The greeter told me that if I had any questions about the information in the booklet, I could ask an employee for help. A copy of the booklet I reviewed is attached as **Exhibit "1"**.

16. Once I finished reading the booklet, I proceeded to the second station. This station involved speaking one-on-one with a government employee to discuss financial eligibility for the BI Pilot. The employee at this station determined that I met the financial eligibility criteria and told me to proceed to the third station. I recall that there was a questionnaire at this station that I had to fill out, but I was not allowed to keep it and had to hand it in at the final station.

17. At the third station, I was required to fill out a survey independently. I remember that the questions on this survey were very involved and personal. It took me a long time to fill out. Some of the questions that I remember involved topics like how much do you spend on clothes, entertainment, bills, and food. Other questions asked about income level and educational background. I also remember questions about food security, such as a question about how often I needed to go to a food bank.

18. The final station involved another interview with a Ministry employee. I handed him the questionnaire I had completed at the second station, and he reviewed my application form to ensure I had filled it out properly. He then gave me a number and a card. The card

indicated that the next survey would take place in October 2018. I kept this card and attach a copy of it as **Exhibit "2"**.

19. Unfortunately, when I reached this last station, I could not fully complete my application because I did not have all my income tax information for my husband with me. So, I asked if I could send this information once I received it from the CRA. The person I spoke to told me I could but that both my husband and I would need to sign a declaration. I returned later that day with the signed form and the Ministry employee accepted my application.

20. The Ministry employee then informed me that I would get a letter in the mail that would tell me whether or not I had been accepted into the BI Pilot and whether I was in the "control" group (i.e. the non-payment group) or the "payment" group. I later learned there was no control group in Lindsay, and that everyone who was accepted into the BI Pilot here was put in the payment group.

21. By correspondence dated November 2, 2017, the BI Pilot advised me that I was eligible to participate in the BI Pilot. The correspondence included an estimate of the amount of my basic income payment. My husband and I were to receive \$2,803.09 per month. A copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit "3"**.

22. I was very excited to be a part of the BI Pilot. I was eager to be a part of a study that might make a difference in the lives of low income Ontarians, and I was really looking forward to the improvements I knew I would see in my life once I started receiving the basic income payments.

23. Despite this, I did have some reservations before signing up for the study. For example, I remember that I was initially very concerned about how the BI Pilot would end and how difficult it would be to return to ODSP. Although I understood that the BI Pilot would last for three years because I read about a three-year period in the booklet, I did not know if I would need to reapply for ODSP at the end of the three years.

24. I asked about this when I applied for the BI Pilot. The Ministry employee told me that there would be a "smooth transition", or words to that effect, for those on ODSP. He explained to me that it all depended on the results of the study, but that one of two outcomes would happen: either a basic income would continue or I would be transitioned back to ODSP without being required to requalify.

25. This assurance quelled my concerns and I felt confident in signing up. At no point did I think the government was going to cancel the study early. Even when the Conservative Party was elected, the thought never crossed my mind because the Conservative Party had promised to continue the program.

26. As a result, until I learned the BI Pilot would be cancelled, I lived my life and spent my income as though I would be on the BI Pilot for the full three years.

C. My Experience on the BI Pilot

27. As soon as I got the letter informing me that I would start to receive basic income payments, I immediately thought, "I'm going to start a business". At that time, I had already been making my own skincare products for quite some time due to my sulphate allergies. Sometimes, I would give these products to friends as gifts, and I always received positive feedback.

28. Starting a business had long been a dream of mine, but before the BI Pilot, I never had enough money to afford start up materials. My dream was to offer affordable , natural skincare products and cleaning solutions that everyone, including low-income customers, could afford. This was important to me because I think everyone should be able to access quality products free from harmful chemicals.

29. By correspondence dated November 11, 2017, the BI Pilot confirmed the payment amount. A copy of the correspondence dated November 11, 2017 is attached and marked as **Exhibit "4"**.

30. I received my first basic income payment on November 25, 2017.

31. When I received my first basic income cheque, I immediately started work on my new business. The first thing I did was buy a number of ingredients in bulk. This would save me money in the long term, as buying in bulk was significantly less expensive than buying in smaller quantities.

32. Around this time, I started advertising my products in Lindsay and the surrounding areas. For example, I gave a workshop through Reach for Recovery where I taught people how to make their own products using my ingredients. In doing these types of workshops, I hoped to get the word out about my business and attract potential customers.

33. As well, I contacted a lawyer and started the process of incorporating my business. This involved a title search and registering my business name. My legal fees for this

process were \$299.58. Attached as **Exhibit "5"** is a copy of a bill I received from the lawyer.

34. I also needed to get commercial insurance for my product to cover liability from accidents or adverse reactions. This insurance cost \$52.21 per month. Even though my business is no longer active, I continue to pay this monthly fee because my products are still being used by consumers, and so I am still liable for them.

35. Finally, I also signed up for several trade shows. This involved paying fees for a table, and of course ensuring I had enough product to sell at the event. I attended my first trade show on June 16, 2018.

36. In addition to starting my own business, the BI Pilot meant I could afford a better quality of life more generally. For example, I could afford to buy supplements for the first time. These are especially important to me because I am not always able to get the necessary nutrients from the food I can eat. For example, I cannot digest red meat, nuts, or seeds because of my IBD. As a result, I am always low on B12 and iron. While on the BI Pilot, I could afford to buy Super B vitamins to supplement my diet, and I also started taking Vitamin C and an anti-oxidant.

37. As well, I could afford a monthly pass to the local pool. I have always loved to swim, but I could not afford a membership while I was on ODSP. While in the BI Pilot, I could. Swimming helped me lose weight, gave me more energy, and significantly helped with my anxiety.

38. After a few months in the BI Pilot, my mental and physical health were better than they had been in years. I felt really good about myself and about my future.

39. Believing that the BI Pilot would last for three years, I also took out a loan from the bank. I took out a \$15,000 line of credit to use for my business and for some necessary home repairs, and I paid off \$563 every month using my BI payments. I also used my credit card to purchase ingredients and containers for my business.

40. I thought my home business would allow me to work within my health restrictions and I hoped it could make us financially independent. I knew it would take time to grow a business, but I thought I could do it within the three years that I believed the BI Pilot was going to run.

41. By correspondence dated March 14, 2018, the BI Pilot reminded me that I had to complete and file my tax documents. A copy of the correspondence dated March 14, 2018 is attached and marked as **Exhibit "6"**.

42. We filed our 2017 income tax returns sometime in April 2018. I requested copies of them from our tax preparer. Attached are copies of correspondence dated October 11, 2018 from Cheryl Maxwell with enclosures attached and marked together as **Exhibit "7"**.

D. The Cancellation of the BI Pilot

43. On July 31, 2018, a friend phoned me and told me to check Facebook, because she told me she had seen some articles about the BI Pilot. I logged into my Facebook account and saw a number of people posting and sharing stories which claimed that the

BI Pilot had been cancelled. At first, I thought it must be a hoax. However, as I saw more and more posts about it, I realized it must be true.

44. I felt sick. All of the improvements my husband and I had made in our lives, including to our health and family relationships, and my hopes for the future, were ended.

45. I had put so much work and money into my business and I knew I would not be able to continue. I realized I had paid tradeshow fees for upcoming shows that I knew I would no longer be able to afford to attend as I did not have enough stock. I knew these fees would be wasted.

46. As well, the cancellation significantly exacerbated my existing anxiety disorder. Prior to enrolling in the Pilot, my anxiety was well controlled through cognitive behaviour therapy and meditation. However, since the cancellation, I have had to return to using medication to manage my condition. I have tried to stop, but I am unable to. I started seeing a counsellor at the Canadian Mental Health Association on a weekly basis. I continue to see her regularly. I do not believe that my anxiety is going to improve any time soon.

47. The Lindsay Advocate, a local newspaper, organized a huge rally in the park to protest the cancellation of the BI Pilot sometime around August 2018. I saw the rally advertised on Facebook and decided I would attend. Before going, I sat down and wrote a letter to Doug Ford, which I sent to him and others. A copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit "8"**. I felt that writing out my feelings was therapeutic and helped me organize my thoughts.

48. By correspondence dated October 4, 2018, the BI Pilot advised me that the BI payments would be ending in March 2019. A copy of the correspondence dated October 4, 2018 is attached and marked as **Exhibit "9"**.

49. I received my last basic income payment in March 2019. Since then, I have returned to the ODSP and I now receive monthly cheques. A copy of a recent ODSP paystub from July 2019 is attached as **Exhibit "10"**.

50. Every month, I have bills to pay that I cannot afford. I have a line of credit to pay down, as well as outstanding accounts relating to my business. For example, and although I was never able to finish the process of incorporating my business, I still have an outstanding legal bill to pay to the lawyer who started the process. As well, I continue to pay monthly insurance on my business.

51. In addition to the bills I can no longer pay, I can also no longer afford the supplements and healthy food I was eating, and my health has suffered as a result. I tried to keep up my membership at the Rec Centre because swimming helps me so much with my anxiety. I even cancelled my home phone line and cable to help pay for this membership. However, I recently needed to pay for some vehicle repairs, and had to cancel my membership to the Rec Centre as of August 15, 2019 because I needed the money to pay for the repairs. Unfortunately, and despite cancelling my membership, I still cannot afford these necessary repairs.

52. Every month, I have to choose which bills I am able to pay. For example, last month I made the monthly payment on my line of credit, but I couldn't pay my internet bill or my cell phone bill. This month, I will have to pay my cell phone bill so that it doesn't get

disconnected and I will have to pay my hydro bill. As a result, I won't be able to make the payments on my line of credit. The interest keeps mounting and I am getting deeper into debt.

The Application for Judicial Review

53. I was one of four applicants involved in an application for judicial review of the Government of Ontario's decision to cancel the BI Pilot (the "Application"). The purpose of the Application was to quash the government's decision to cancel the Pilot.

54. As part of the Application, I swore an affidavit about my experience on the BI Pilot and my involvement with the program. Lawyers representing the Ontario government cross-examined me on that evidence.

55. Several other people swore affidavits that were included in our Application Record. One such person was Drew Vanderduim, who swore in his affidavit that he was at key points the Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Deputy Minister for the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. A copy of his affidavit is attached, along with its accompanying exhibits, as **Exhibit "11"**.

56. Attached as **Exhibit "12"** is a copy of the Government of Ontario's responding factum filed in opposition to the Application.

57. The Application hearing was held in Toronto on January 28, 2019. I wanted to attend in person, but I was too sick to go.

58. On February 14, 2019, the Court released its decision dismissing the Application. Attached as **Exhibit "13"** is a copy of the reasons for its decision.

E. Actions Taken to Date

59. I have been involved in this proceeding as a proposed representative plaintiff since before the Statement of Claim was issued. I was directly involved in the decision to retain Cavalluzzo LLP ("Class Counsel") and I provided information for the preparation of the Statement of Claim. I reviewed the Statement of Claim before it was issued and served.

60. I assisted in the preparation of this affidavit in support of the certification motion. I have also been in contact with Class Counsel to provide instructions at each stage so far in the Action.

61. As well, I understand from speaking with Kaley Duff, a lawyer at Cavalluzzo LLP, that Cavalluzzo LLP has prepared a draft litigation plan and has included it with this Motion Record.

62. I have been in touch with various other class members and have reported on the progress of this Action to them.

63. I am also aware of the communications Class Counsel have had with the Class as a whole. Class Counsel have established a website where documents relating to the class action can be accessed and class members can be kept informed about the progress of the action.

64. Additionally, class members can input their contact information on the Cavalluzzo website to receive regular updates about the case.

F. My Responsibility as a Representative Plaintiff

65. I am prepared to act as a representative of a class comprising of:

"...all persons who were enrolled by the Defendant in the Basic Income Pilot Project as part of the Payment Group."

66. I understand that, in agreeing to seek and accept an appointment by the Court as a Representative Plaintiff, it is my responsibility, among other things:

- i. to become familiar with the issues to be decided by the court;
- ii. to assist in the preparation and execution of this affidavit in support of the motion for certification;
- iii. to attend, if necessary, with my counsel to be cross-examined on my affidavit;
- iv. to attend, if necessary, with my counsel for my examination for discovery when I will be asked questions;
- v. to assist, if necessary, in the preparation and execution of an affidavit listing relevant documents I have or previously had in my possession or control;
- vi. to attend, if necessary, with counsel at the trial and to give evidence;
- vii. to receive briefings from my counsel from time to time;
- viii. to express my opinions on strategy to Class Counsel;
- ix. to participate, if necessary, in a negotiated resolution of the issues before the court;

- x. to express my opinion to Class Counsel and to the court on settlement positions; and,
- xi. to assist in the preparation and to sign an affidavit in support of court approval of any settlement.

67. I do not have any interest on the common issues described in this case or any of the issues arising out of those issues which are in conflict with the interests of any other class member.

68. I believe that I can fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class and I am committed to fulfilling my responsibilities.

69. I have signed a retainer agreement with Cavalluzzo LLP jointly with the other plaintiffs that I believe will properly advance the Action. It includes a provision for a fee to Class Counsel if the matter is successfully concluded, and Class Counsel has agreed to indemnify me any costs should the matter result in costs to one or more of the Defendants.

G. Further steps

70. I intend to take the following steps to continue to fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class:

- i. I will continue to be available as a contact for members of the Class, to receive their input, and to provide information received from them to Class Counsel; and,
- ii. I will provide Class Counsel with instructions as required.

H. Additional documents

71. Ms. Duff, a lawyer at Cavalluzzo LLP, informs me and I verily believe, that Cavalluzzo LLP has gathered the names and contact information of over 500 individuals who have identified themselves as participants in the BI Pilot.

72. Ms. Duff further informs me, and I verily believe, that over one hundred (100) of these individuals have provided Cavalluzzo LLP with documents relating to their involvement in the BI Pilot.

73. By way of example, I have attached copies of documents from six (6) participants located in the Hamilton/Brantford region. Copies of all these documents are attached as **Exhibits "14" through "19"**. Although the names and personal information of these participants are all redacted, Ms. Duff informs me that each tab represents a single person from the Hamilton/Brantford region, with each individual document separated by a blue sheet.

74. Similarly, I have attached copies of documents from six (6) participants located in the Lindsay region. Copies of all these documents are attached as **Exhibits "20" through "25"**. Again, while the names and personal information of these participants are redacted, Ms. Duff informs me that each tab represents a single person from the Lindsay, with each individual document separated by a blue sheet.

75. In addition to the documents described above, I attach the following documents:

- i. As **Exhibit "26"**, a printout of the now archived discussion paper by Hugh D. Segal, entitled "Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot Project for

Ontario" published on the Ontario government's website on November 23, 2016, and last updated on April 8, 2019;

- ii. As **Exhibit "27"**, a news release from the Ontario Government titled "Ontario Seeking Input on Basic Income Pilot", and dated November 3, 2016;
- iii. As **Exhibit "28"**, a printout of the now archived "Basic Income consultations: What we heard" webpage, published on the Ontario government's website on March 16, 2017, and last updated August 2, 2019;
- iv. As **Exhibit "29"**, a news release from the Ontario Government titled "Ontario Releases Basic Income Consultation Feedback", and dated March 16, 2017;
- v. As **Exhibit "30"**, a news release from the Ontario Government titled "Giving More People an Opportunity to Get Ahead and Stay Ahead", and dated April 24, 2017;
- vi. As **Exhibit "31"**, a printout of the now archived "Ontario Basic Income Pilot" webpage, published on the Ontario government's website on April 24, 2017, and last updated April 8, 2019;
- vii. As **Exhibit "32"**, a copy of a news article published on TBnewswatch.com, titled "Thunder Bay to take part in basic income pilot" and dated April 24, 2017;

- viii. As **Exhibit "33"**, a news release from the Ontario Government titled "Ontario Basic Income Pilot Helping Provide More Security and Opportunity", and dated October 4, 2017;
- ix. As **Exhibit "34"**, a news release from the Ontario Government titled "Helping People Get Ahead and Stay Ahead: Enrollment in Ontario's Basic Income Pilot Now Successfully Completed", and dated April 24, 2018;
- x. As **Exhibit "35"**, a copy of four "tweets" from the Ministry of Community and Social Services' Twitter feed announcing that Ontario has successfully completed the enrolment phase of the BI Pilot;
- xi. As **Exhibit "36"**, a copy of one tweet dated April 25, 2018 from Peter Milczyn, then the Ontario Minister of Housing, announcing that Ontario has successfully completed the enrolment phase of the BI Pilot;
- xii. As **Exhibit "37"**, a copy of a Toronto Star article titled "Ontario Minister Admits She Broke Promise When She Axed Basic Income" and dated August 1, 2018;
- xiii. As **Exhibit "38"**, a copy of the Independent Review Board Communication from Veritas dated April 19, 2018, taken from our Application Record for the Application;
- xiv. As **Exhibit "39"**, a copy of the Independent Review Board Communication from Veritas, dated May 1, 2018, taken from our Application Record for the Application; and,

- xv. As **Exhibit "40"**, a copy of an excerpt from the 2016 Ontario Budget, taken from our Application Record for the Application.

76. I understand from speaking with Ms. Duff that Cavalluzzo also received a number of documents from Rod Sutherland, Director, Human Services at City of Kawartha Lakes. I understand from speaking with Ms. Duff and verily believe that Mr. Sutherland received these documents from the Ontario government in his capacity as a member of what the Basic Income Pilot Branch called its "Local Network". Some of these documents are attached as follows:

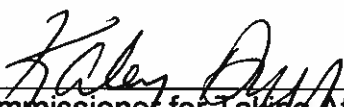
- i. As **Exhibit "41"**, an email from G. Minor to R. Sutherland and others, titled "Information Booth at the LEX", and dated September 22, 2017, with attachments; and,
- ii. As **Exhibit "42"**, an email from A. Buchan-Terral to the Local Network, titled "Basic Income – Local Network Update and Daily Tips – April 10, 2018", and dated April 10, 2018, with attachments.

77. I further understand from speaking with Ms. Duff that Cavalluzzo also received a number of documents from Gwen O'Reilly, Coordinator of the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre in Thunder Bay. I understand from speaking with Ms. Duff and verily believe that Ms. O'Reilly received these documents from the Ontario government in her capacity as a member of the Thunder Bay "Local Network". Some of these documents are attached as follows:

- i. As **Exhibit "43"**, an email from U. Amaechi to Local Network, dated October 31, 2017 and titled "Re: Recap of Teleconference on upcoming Basic Income Sessions in Thunder Bay (Nov 6 & 7)", with attachments; and
- ii. As **Exhibit "44"**, an email from U. Amaechi to Local Network, dated November 3, 2017 and titled "Re: Recap of Teleconference on upcoming Basic Income Sessions in Thunder Bay (Nov 6 & 7)", with attachment.

78. I make this Affidavit in support of the motion and for no other or improper purpose.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of
Kawartha Lakes, in the Province of Ontario
on August 21, 2019



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
(or as may be)



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This is Exhibit "1" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
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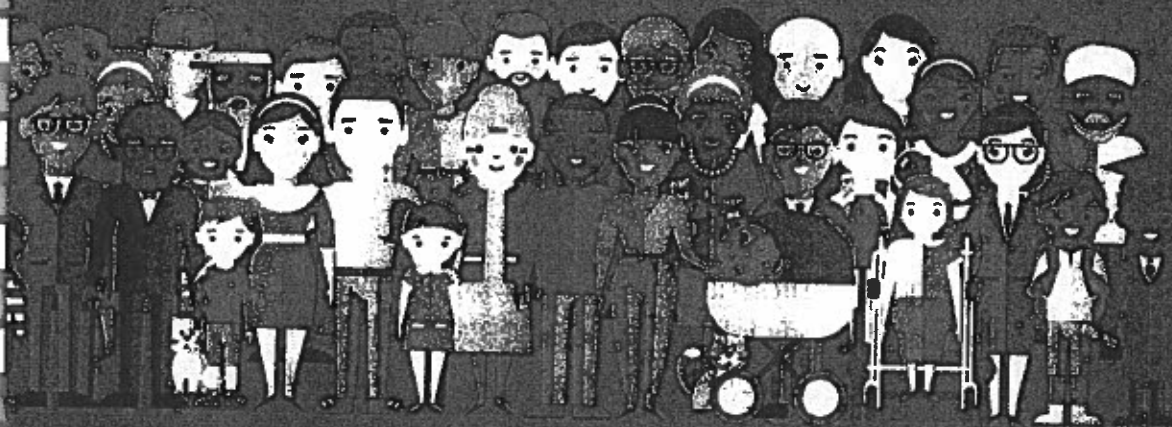
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Cette brochure d'information est disponible dans les deux langues officielles. Veuillez contacter les administrateurs du Projet pilote portant sur le revenu de base en composant le **1 844 806-6270** ou en envoyant un courriel à **applybi@ontario.ca** pour demander une copie en français.

BASIC INCOME PILOT: INFORMATION BOOKLET

This Booklet contains the information you need before deciding to apply to be a participant in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP). **Please read the entire Booklet carefully before completing the Application Form in your package as there are several steps to the application process.** If you are applying as part of a couple, your spouse or common-law partner should also read this Booklet.

The Booklet will help you learn

- if you may be eligible to participate and
- what you can expect if you submit your application and are accepted as a participant.

The OBIP is a research project to study the impact of Basic Income. Participants will be an active part of this research.

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SECTION 1: WHAT IS THE BASIC INCOME PILOT?

Ontario is exploring new ways to help people reach their full potential. Our economy is in a relatively strong position, however many people in the province are not feeling that growth in their everyday lives. People are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living and facing various barriers, such as "precarious work" with little job security or benefits. ~~The pilot will study whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers and give people the security and opportunity they need to achieve their potential. It will also study whether giving people a basic income can be a simpler and more economically effective way to provide Income security support to people living on low incomes.~~

Through the pilot, participants will receive a basic annual income, which will help people with their basic needs and improve health, education and job prospects. ~~Over the course of the pilot, researchers will work with participants to evaluate the pilot's impact on their lives.~~

Two Groups Participating in the Research Study

At the start, the Pilot will select two groups of eligible applicants who will be asked to participate in the research study:

1. ~~One group will receive monthly basic income payments for the duration of the pilot.~~ This group is called the **Basic Income Group**.
2. One group will **not** receive monthly Basic Income payments, but will actively participate in the research study. This group is called the **Control Group**.

These two groups are required because the study will follow what is called a randomized controlled trial (RCT) study. In this type of study, the people in both groups are compared to each other over time to see how the participants who receive Basic Income respond to it. The study will be done by Third Party Evaluators.

People in these two groups will be regularly asked about their health, employment, and housing through surveys.

You will also be asked to allow Third Party Evaluators to review your personal information. Your personal health information and information about the other services you receive from the Government of Ontario will help us understand the full impact of the Basic Income. Your consent will be required before personal information will be collected and shared with Third Party Evaluators. We will ask for this consent after you are determined to be eligible to participate, and this consent can be revoked at any time.

Comparing people in these two groups will tell the evaluators how Basic Income helps people living on low incomes better meet their basic needs and improve their education, employment, and health.

Who is eligible to participate in the Pilot?

If you received this package in the mail, you are invited to apply for the Basic Income Pilot. This package is unique to you and should not be copied or shared with others. At the top of your invitation letter you will find a **reference number**.

The first step in the process is to determine if you are eligible to participate in the Pilot. To be eligible to participate in the Pilot, you must meet all of the eligibility criteria below. If you will be applying as part of a couple, your spouse/common-law partner must also meet all of these criteria.

Even if you are eligible you may not receive Basic Income payments.

You will be asked to complete these surveys periodically during the pilot period.

People chosen for the Pilot are not required to participate and may opt out at any time.

Your reference number is unique to you and only you can use it. This number cannot be shared.

You must meet all of criteria here to participate. If applying as a couple, your spouse/common-law partner must also meet the eligibility criteria.

Age

Eligible participants for the Basic Income Pilot will be between the ages of **18-64 years of age as of April 24, 2017.**

Residency

You and if applicable, your spouse/common-law partner should have lived within your Pilot area including: Hamilton, Brant County, Brantford, Thunder Bay and area, or Lindsay for **12 months or longer as of April 24, 2017.**

Spousal/Common-law Status

If you have a spouse, he or she will also need to complete the Application Form and participate in the Pilot. To be considered as a couple in the Pilot, **you should have indicated that you had a spouse or common-law partner in your 2016 or previous T1 General Forms.**

Definition of spouse and common-law partner

Spouse

This applies only to a person to whom you are legally married.

Common-law partner

This applies to a person who is **not your spouse**, with whom you are living in a conjugal relationship, and to whom at least **one** of the following situations applies. He or she:

- a. has been living with you in a conjugal relationship, and this current relationship has lasted at least 12 continuous months

Note

In this definition, 12 continuous months includes any period you were separated for fewer than 90 days because of a breakdown in the relationship.

- b. is the parent of your child by birth or adoption, or
- c. has custody and control of your child (or had custody and control immediately before the child turned 19 years of age) and your child is wholly dependent on that person for support.

Financial Eligibility

To assess whether you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) are financially eligible to participate, we will use your and your spouse's/common-law partner's 2016 T1 General – Income Tax and Benefit Form and the 2016 Notice of Assessment. **You can submit a copy of these with your application.** If you are selected to receive monthly Basic Income Payments, it will be used to calculate the amount of these payments.

To be considered for participation in the Pilot you must have earned:

- a. less than \$33,978 if you are a single person
- b. less than \$48,054 if you are a couple
- c. less than \$45,978 if you are a single person with a disability
- d. less than \$60,054 if you are a couple where one of you has a disability
- e. less than \$72,054 if you are a couple where both of you have a disability.

Please note: Not everyone who is participating in the Pilot will get Basic Income payments.

If I don't have a copy of my 2016 tax return, how do I get a copy?

If you filed your taxes, you will be able to access this information through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). You should contact the CRA to receive this information. You can access most of your personal information, and other information the CRA holds, online through My Account (<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/myaccount/>) or by calling the CRA at 1-800-959-8281.

Can I still apply to the Basic Income Pilot if I have not filed my 2016 taxes?

Yes, if you did not file your 2016 taxes you can still apply to participate in the Basic Income Pilot. You can use your 2015 T1 General Form and Notice of Assessment if you have them. If you do not have your 2015 information, we have a process to get you started and enrolled in the Pilot – please contact us.

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Disability:

Basic Income Pilot participants may be eligible to receive an additional disability supplement of up to \$6,000 per year. You can receive this supplement if you or your spouse/common-law partner are currently determined to be disabled under at least one of the following programs provided by the provincial or federal governments:

- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario
- Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan – Disability.

If you or your spouse/common-law partner currently receive any of the above because of a disability, please send documentation with your application confirming your eligibility for one of the programs. Documentation can include:

- An ODSP payment stub or eligibility notices
- Proof of services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario
- A Canada Pension Plan – Disability (CPP-D) payment stub or eligibility notices.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be selected to be a participant in the Pilot.

The next section outlines what will happen after you submit your Application Form.

For ongoing financial eligibility and evaluation purposes you will be asked to complete your taxes in every year you are participating in the Pilot. We can help - ask us how.

SECTION 2: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM?

After you submit your Application Form, your information will be reviewed by Basic Income Pilot administrators for completeness and eligibility to participate in the Pilot.

Everyone who submits an Application Form will get a letter confirming whether or not they are eligible to participate in the Pilot.

This decision will be based on the information you provided in the Application Form.

If your application is determined to be ineligible, the letter will identify the reason(s) why.

What if I disagree with the eligibility decision?

If you would like to discuss your eligibility decision in more detail, please contact us at **1-844-806-6270** or email **applybi@ontario.ca**.

Eligible Applicants:

If you are determined to be eligible to participate, you will receive additional information and materials to complete before being accepted into the Pilot:

- A confirmation letter
- An estimate of how much your monthly Basic Income payments may be
- A survey: you will be asked to complete a survey and consent to the collection and disclosure of your personal information for the purposes of the research study and evaluation. **Note:** only eligible applicants will receive the survey.

What is the survey for?

This survey will collect personal information about you and your family. This information will be used to set a starting point for how things in your life change during the Pilot. This information may also be used to analyze the characteristics of pilot participants, such as age group, gender, and experience with social assistance. This information will be collected by Third Party Evaluators and will be used to support the administration and evaluation of the Pilot.

Completing the Survey

The survey may be completed and submitted by mail. To make enrolment into the Pilot smoother, you may be contacted by phone or email to see if you need assistance completing the survey. The sooner your survey is done, the sooner we can tell you if you will be receiving Basic Income payments.

After the surveys are received, participants will be selected and placed into one of two groups as part of the randomized controlled trial:

1. One group will receive monthly Basic Income payments (**Basic Income Group**)
2. One group will **not** receive monthly Basic Income Payments (**Control Group**). This group will actively participate in the research study.

Each group will have a maximum number of participants, and not all persons who submitted surveys will be selected to participate.

Study and Evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot

As part of the research study and evaluation of the Pilot, we will request additional consent for the sharing and/or collection of your personal information. Details regarding this additional consent will be shared with you if you are eligible to participate in the Pilot. This will be included in the baseline survey for you to review and complete. Participating in the study and evaluation means:

Completing Surveys: You will be asked to complete surveys periodically throughout the Pilot. These surveys will ask you questions about your experiences while in the Pilot, such as stress levels, work, family, health, education, and housing. Surveys may be done by mail, online, over the phone and/or in person.

You will be asked to complete surveys about your experiences while in the Pilot.

Questions in the surveys will be on things like:

- Food security
- Stress and anxiety
- Mental health
- Health and health care usage
- Housing stability
- Education and training
- Employment.

Are there any risks to answering questions in the surveys?

As you complete the surveys, you may experience some emotional discomfort when answering some survey questions. The surveys will ask you to reflect on your personal experiences while participating in the Basic Income Pilot.

Access to and Analysis of Data Collected by Government Institutions:

For the purposes of the study, we will be looking at personal information that is collected from other government services and programs. The Pilot will ask for your consent to collect and access your personal information from other government programs and services. Your consent may be needed for the evaluators to access and/or disclose your information that is held by third parties or other parts of the government, such as the following:

- The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), a not-for-profit research institute that holds health related information.
- The Ministry of Community and Social Services for the purposes of understanding the differences between social assistance and Basic Income.
- The Ministry of Housing and municipal service managers for the purposes of understanding the impact Basic Income may have on Rent-Geared-to-Income supports.
- The Ministry of Education and municipal service managers for the purposes of understanding the impact Basic Income may have on the Child Care Fee Subsidy.

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~~Research will be conducted by Third Party Evaluators. Details about data collection
to be shared with participants at a later date.~~

Privacy: What you need to know

Since this is a research study, participants in both the Basic Income Group and the Control Group will need to provide personal information to study how Basic Income has affected their lives.

Personal information will be disclosed, collected and used for four purposes:

- Reviewing eligibility for the Pilot
- Selection of Pilot participants, both to receive payments and to be in the Control Group
- Determining Basic Income payments for those chosen to receive payments
- Study and evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot.

Determining Eligibility and Selecting Participants

The Application Form asks you provide your personal information, which will be disclosed to and collected from third parties (for example, the Canada Revenue Agency) and used to assess your eligibility to participate in the Pilot. The disclosure and collection of your personal information will be with the following:

- a. The information you provide in the Application Form will be shared with the Ontario Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to verify your income, and calculate the amount of monthly payments should you be selected.
- b. The MOF will receive this information to support the administration of the Basic Income payments. If you are selected to participate in the Pilot, these payments will be delivered by the MOF.
- c. Some information will be shared with the CRA. The CRA will only receive your name, date of birth and Social Insurance Number. This is needed to verify your income, calculate the amount of your monthly payments should you be selected to receive them and to support the evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot. Monitoring your income is part of the evaluation of the Pilot, so this verification will continue throughout your participation. All verification between the MOF and CRA will be done through a secure automated income verification process currently used for other benefits and programs.

Protection of Privacy

Privacy is a fundamental right of every Ontarian. Ontario public institutions are required by law to protect your personal information, and to follow strict rules when collecting, using and disclosing your personal information. All information collected throughout the Basic Income Pilot will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*. After you understand what will happen if you participate in the Pilot, you can decide to participate. You may leave the Pilot at any time and do not need to offer any reason for doing so. This can be done by contacting us at **1-844-806-6270** or emailing **applybi@ontario.ca**.

- Personal information collected on the application form, as well as to survey responses, will be destroyed if you opt out of the Pilot and request your personal information be destroyed.
- If you do not request your records be destroyed, your records will be retained according to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the policies of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The Basic Income Pilot will not share your personal information with any third party, including other governments and the media, without your consent. You are not required to engage with another third party if they contact you. That decision is entirely up to you.

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Collected yet?*

~~These reports will not include any personal or identifiable information. If you are participating in the Pilot, we will share any reports with you before they are released to the public.~~

Participants Selected for the Control Group

If you are selected to participate in the Basic Income Pilot and selected to the Control Group, you will be asked to participate in the evaluation but **will not** receive Basic Income payments. As highlighted on page 11, participating in the evaluation means completing surveys and sharing your personal information. For each survey you complete, you will receive compensation for your time and effort in completing the survey.

Beyond completing surveys and sharing your personal information, nothing else will change. There will be no changes to your access to social assistance or other government services, providing you continue to be eligible for those programs and services.

Participants Selected to Receive Monthly Basic Income Payments

How much is the Basic Income?

If you are chosen to participate in the Basic Income Group and receive monthly payments, the amounts you receive will depend on:

- whether you are single or part of a couple
- the amount of income you earned in the last year through employment and other sources, such as CPP-D or Employment Insurance (EI)
- whether or not you and/or your spouse/common-law partner have a disability.

Single or a couple

The amount of the Basic Income payment will depend on whether you are a single individual or have a spouse/common-law partner as defined by the CRA. Both single individuals and couples may be eligible to participate in the Pilot.

Amount of earned income

The amount you receive from the Basic Income will also depend on how much you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) earned last year. The basic income will be responsive to changes in a participant's circumstances, such as a significant decrease in earnings, change in family composition, or change in disability status.

Employment Earnings

For the purposes of the Pilot, the Basic Income payment is reduced by \$0.50 for every \$1.00 of employment income. Employment income can consist of amounts you receive as salary, wages, bonuses, tips, gratuities, and honoraria. This would also include any income you received through self-employment.

Examples:

Jacob has no employment income and is single. He receives the maximum Basic Income for a single (\$16,989 per year).

Malcolm has \$5,000 in self-employment income which he claimed on his T1 General Form. His Basic Income is reduced by \$2,500 to \$14,489 per year, but his income is \$19,489.

Judy has \$15,000 in employment income which she claimed on her T1 General Form. Her Basic Income is reduced by \$7,500 to \$9,489 per year, but her income is \$24,489.

Income from Investments and Other Earnings

Income from other things like investment income and other earnings will reduce Basic Income payment dollar for dollar. This means that for every \$1.00 received through other sources, the Basic Income is reduced by \$1.00.

Income from Other Sources

Payments from programs like Employment Insurance (EI) and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will reduce Basic Income payment dollar for dollar. This means that for every \$1.00 received through other sources, the Basic Income is reduced by \$1.00.

Income Related to Children

Payments, such as child support payments and Canada Child Benefit/Ontario Child Benefit, will not affect how the Basic Income payment is calculated.

Disability supplement

Individuals with a disability, as outlined on page 8 of this booklet, are eligible to receive up to an additional \$6,000 per year, or \$500 per month of Basic Income.

Basic Income Payment Table

The table below shows the maximum amount of Basic Income and the annual earnings that would reduce the Basic Income amount to \$0.

	Maximum Basic Income Amount no other income	Annual employment earnings* limit where Basic Income is reduced to \$0
Single adult	\$18,030	\$45,978
Couple	\$24,027	\$48,054
Single adult with a disability	\$24,031	\$45,978
Couple with one adult with a disability	\$30,027	\$60,054
Couple with both adults with a disability	\$36,027	\$72,054

*Total earnings of the single or couple (plus any other income, at a 50 per cent reduction rate for employment income)

Ongoing Expectations to Receive Payments

File Taxes

To participate in the Pilot you will be asked to complete your taxes in every year you are participating in the study. This is important because your eligibility and amount of Basic Income payments are directly tied to the information in your annual tax assessment. It is also an important part of the evaluation. This applies to both the Basic Income Group and the Control Group.

Participate in the Evaluation

You will be asked to answer surveys to participate in the Pilot. The Pilot is a test to determine if a basic income is a more effective way to provide income support. Through the Pilot, we will evaluate how receiving a basic income might affect the well-being of people living on low-incomes who live in different parts of Ontario and in different life situations.

What happens at the end of the Pilot?


The FICO will also report to the three agencies whether the participant has
surrendered prior to the end of the plan. Participants will be required
gradually to prepare participants for the end of the study.
The amount of the gradual reduction is determined by the
ending date. Income payments. Participants will receive
payments on a regular basis before any payments are made.

Voluntary

Participation in the Basic Income Pilot is entirely voluntary – no one is required to participate and they can choose to leave the Pilot at any time and do not need to offer any reason for doing so. The Basic Income Pilot will follow an “opt in” model where interested people who receive this application package should complete and submit the Application Form to be considered for the Pilot.

Your participation in the Pilot is temporary. Any decisions you make about your future based on the amount you receive from Basic Income should take this into account.

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SECTION 3: HOW WILL GETTING MONTHLY BASIC INCOME PAYMENTS IMPACT OTHER BENEFITS?

If you currently receive social assistance

If you currently receive social assistance (Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), you will have to withdraw from those programs in order to participate in the Basic Income Group and receive payments. Basic Income payments will replace all payments you receive from Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

How do I withdraw from social assistance?

To withdraw from social assistance, you will have to contact your local OW or ODSP office and speak with your caseworker.

Note: Do not contact your social assistance caseworker to withdraw from social assistance until you have received confirmation that you have been selected to receive monthly Basic Income payments. If you are selected to receive Basic Income payments, you will receive a letter confirming your participation in the Pilot. This letter can be shown to your caseworker when informing them of your decision to withdraw from social assistance.

If I voluntarily withdraw from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, what happens to my drug and dental benefits?

OW and ODSP recipients will remain eligible for drug benefits, and those on ODSP will remain eligible for dental benefits if they were receiving them prior to entering the Pilot. Children of OW and ODSP recipients will remain eligible for dental benefits if they were receiving them prior to entering the Pilot.

- OW clients who withdraw from OW to participate in the Pilot will lose access to all discretionary benefits, including dental.

What happens to the other supports I receive?

Other than prescription drugs (OW and ODSP) and dental benefits (ODSP only), many of the services and supports available to you as a social assistance recipient will not be available to you when you withdraw from social assistance to participate in the Basic Income Pilot.

- In some cases, some employment supports may remain available for persons with a disability.

Questions about what will happen to your social assistance?

Call us at 1-844-806-6270 or email applybi@ontario.ca

What will happen to the benefits I receive, which are delivered outside of social assistance, or are available to me if I don't receive social assistance?

Subsidized Housing – Rent-Geared-to-Income

If you are currently living in social housing and receiving rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance, you will not have to leave social housing or stop receiving RGI assistance while receiving Basic Income payments. Individuals in receipt of RGI assistance pay 30 per cent of their gross household income in rent. If you are participating in the Pilot, the Basic Income payments will be considered income for determining your monthly rent payments. This will mean that your monthly rent payment may increase to reflect your increased income with Basic Income payments.

If you are a social assistance recipient, the rent you pay in social housing could be tied to the pre-established social assistance rent scales. Since you will be withdrawing from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, the rent scales will no longer apply, and you will have to pay 30 per cent of your gross household income in rent to your housing provider.

Here's an example: Single individual working with a full-time minimum wage job who currently receives RGI assistance:

Example: Single individual with full-time minimum wage job – Annual income		Current	Pilot
Annual Basic Income		\$18,458	\$18,458
Monthly income used to calculate RGI "rent", less \$75 employment deduction			
Annual RGI "rent" payment		\$5,267/year (\$439/month)	\$7,141/year (\$595/month)

* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

You will be expected to report income changes to your local housing administrator in order to make any necessary adjustments to your monthly rent. For more information about subsidized housing, please contact your local Service Manager.

Trillium Drug Program

The Trillium Drug Program is for people who spend approximately 3-4 per cent or more of their after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs. Trillium Drug Program participants must pay an annual deductible. For most people, this deductible is 3-4 per cent of their after-tax household income. Once the quarterly deductible has been paid, program recipients pay a \$2 co-payment for each prescription filled/refilled.

Participants receiving Basic Income payments may access the Trillium Drug Program, providing they meet that program's eligibility criteria. If participating in the Pilot results in an increase to your household income, this could impact your eligibility for the Trillium Drug Program, and could increase the annual deductible you pay.

You can get more information about the Trillium Drug Program, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs
- by calling
 - 1-800-575-5386 (toll free)
 - 1-800-387-5559 (TTY)
 - 416-642-3038 (in Toronto area)
- in person at your pharmacy.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth **17 years old and under** from low-income households. The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment.

The income thresholds as of July 1, 2017 will be as follows:

Household Includes	Adjusted Family Net Income
1 child in assistance	\$22,760 or lower
2 children	\$24,482 or lower
3 children	\$26,205 or lower
4 children	\$27,927 or lower
5 children	\$29,650 or lower

If your adjusted family net income is above the thresholds listed above, your children may not be eligible for Healthy Smiles Ontario in the future. The Basic Income payments will contribute to your adjusted family net income.

- Depending on your family structure and income, the Basic Income payments may make your family ineligible to receive Healthy Smiles Ontario.
- Once estimated payments are provided to you, you will need to decide if Basic Income is right for you and your family.

You can get more information about Healthy Smiles Ontario, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care
- by calling
Toll-free: 1-844-296-6306
TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559
416-327-4282 (TTY Toronto only)
- by contacting your local public health unit:
www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/hso_phu.aspx

What if I am a social assistance recipient and currently receive Healthy Smiles Ontario?

Children are automatically enrolled in Healthy Smiles Ontario if their family currently receives social assistance. Children who received dental coverage under Healthy Smiles Ontario through social assistance will continue to receive dental coverage if their parent participates in the Basic Income Group of the Pilot, providing they are 17 years old and under.

Child Care Fee Subsidy

Child care fee subsidy funded by the Ministry of Education is an income-tested benefit provided to low and middle income parents to help them pay for their child care needs. The amount of subsidy received is dependent on the total cost of child care and your adjusted family net income.

Participants receiving Basic Income payments are not excluded from receiving child care fee subsidy, providing their family continues to remain eligible for subsidy. The Basic Income payments may increase your adjusted family net income, so the contribution you make to child care while receiving the child care fee subsidy may increase.

Here's an example: A single parent with two children working full time in a minimum wage job participates in the Pilot.

	Current	Basic Income Pilot
Employment Earnings	\$21,489	\$21,489
Basic Income	N/A	\$6,245
Total Adjusted Family Net Income	\$21,489	\$27,734
Parental Contribution	\$148.90/year (\$12.41/month)	\$773.40/year (\$64.45/month)

You can get more information about child care fee subsidy, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-subsidies
- by contacting your Consolidated Municipal Service Manager/District Social Services Administration Board:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/websiteServiceManagers.html

What if I am a social assistance recipient and currently receiving a full subsidy?

Families on social assistance are automatically eligible to receive a full child care fee subsidy. If a person withdraws from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, they would lose the automatic eligibility for full child care fee subsidy. They may still be eligible to receive the child care fee subsidy, but the parental contribution they pay may increase.

Provincial and Federal Refundable Tax Credits

There are a number of income tested tax credits and benefits currently available to Ontarians that are delivered by the Governments of Ontario and Canada, such as:

Government of Ontario:

- Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit
- Ontario Sales Tax Credit
- Ontario Child Benefit

Government of Canada

- Working Income Tax Benefit
- Goods and Services Tax Credit
- Canada Child Benefit

Basic Income payments may increase an individual's or family's adjusted family net income and may change the amount they receive under the broadly available tax credits.

You can get more information about:

- Ontario tax credits and benefits online at www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-tax-credits-and-benefits
- federal programs and benefits online at: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ndvdlis-fmls/menu-eng.html

Basic income illustrative examples:

1. Single individual with two children on Ontario Works who has no employment earnings.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$16,989
OW - Maximum Basic Needs and Shelter	\$12,228	
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$16,668	\$16,668
Net Total	\$28,896	\$33,657

2. Single individual with two children who works a full-time minimum wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$6,245
Net Employment Earnings	\$20,106	\$20,106
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$17,668	\$16,332
Net Total	\$37,774	\$42,583

3. Couple with two children, with both parents working full time in a minimum wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$2,635
Net Employment Earnings	\$39,199	\$39,199
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$12,166	\$10,224
Net Total	\$51,385	\$53,088

SECTION 4: COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Each section of the Application Form must be completed for your eligibility to be considered. If you have any questions while filling out the information, do not hesitate to contact us.

We can be reached at 1-844-806-6270 and applybi@ontario.ca

In order to successfully complete the Application Form you will need:

- **Your reference number included in your invitation letter**
- **Your Social Insurance Number (SIN), and if applicable, your spouse/common-law partner's SIN**
- **Copies of your and your spouse's/common-law partner's 2016 T1 General – Income Tax and Benefit Form and the 2016 Notice of Assessment – We will request the information you provided to the Canada Revenue Agency as part of your 2016 tax return to determine your eligibility to participate in the Pilot, and the amount you could receive.**
- **If you did not file your taxes, please see Section 1 of this Booklet or contact us – you can still apply**
- **Verification of you and/or your spouse's/common-law partner's disability (if applicable)**

Step 1: Your Personal Information

Reference Number

Provide the reference number included at the top of your invitation letter. This reference number is unique and can only be used by you and your spouse/common-law partner. **This number is not to be shared.**

Name

Provide both your last and first name. If you have a single name, please report it as your last name.

Date of Birth

Enter your date of birth. Your date of birth should follow the YYYY/MM/DD format. To participate in the Pilot you should be between the ages of 18 and 64, as of April 24, 2017.

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Your SIN is the nine-digit number that identifies you for income tax purposes under section 237 of the Income Tax Act and is used for certain federal and provincial programs. Your SIN is needed to confirm your identity and to verify your income with the CRA.

Home Address: provide information about where you live

Provide your address and how long you've lived there. This will be used to confirm that you live in your Pilot region. Please indicate how long you have lived (in years and months) at your current address. We may ask you to verify this.

Previous Address

If you have lived at more than one address in the last 12 months, please provide your previous address.

Mailing Address

If your mailing address is different from your home address, please list those details here. This address will be used to send you letters, updates, payments and/or statements.

- If you have a different mailing address, **this address should also be within your Pilot region for you to be eligible to participate in the Pilot.**

Contact Information

Insert your e-mail address, your home phone and cell phone numbers if you have them.

- Please indicate whether you would prefer to be contacted by Basic Income Pilot administrators by e-mail or by phone. If you have no preference, leave the boxes blank.

The Basic Income Pilot is committed to delivering services and supports to you in your language of choice. Please indicate whether you would prefer we engage with you in English or French. If you would prefer another language, please tell us your preferred language and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Information About Disability Status

Check the disability-related programs that apply to you and/or your spouse/common-law partner. If you and/or your spouse/common-law partner checked one or more of the programs, please send documentation that confirms your eligibility for that program along with this application.

Please see page 8 of this Information Booklet for information related to the disability status and the disability supplement.

Step 2: Your Spouse's/Common-law Partner's Information, if applicable

Complete this section with your spouse's/common-law partner's personal information.

Step 3: Your Income Information

Information about your and your spouse's/common-law partner's income will be used to determine whether you can participate in the Basic Income Pilot. This information will also be used to calculate how much your Basic Income payments will be.

To successfully enrol in the Basic Income Pilot, please **submit a copy** of your tax information. Please refer to page 7 for additional information.

Step 4: Declaration by you and your spouse/common-law partner

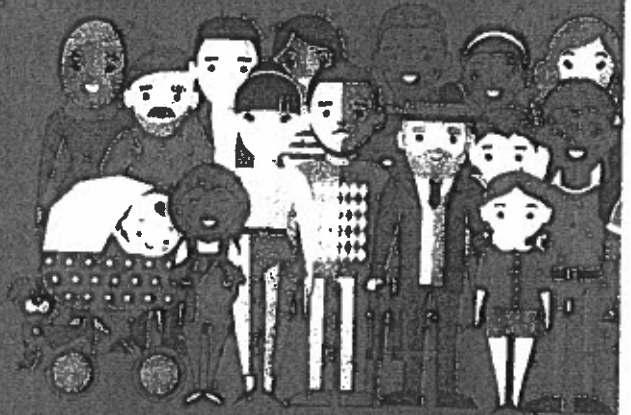
You and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) should read this section very carefully and sign in the designated area for your application to be considered complete. Your and your spouse's/common-law partner's signature at the bottom of this section of the Application Form means that you understand what it means to participate in the Pilot.

Questions? Contact Us

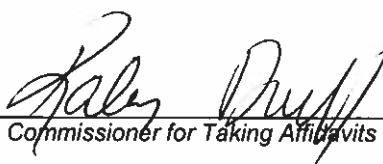
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application and what will happen in the Pilot, please contact us to discuss in more detail.

We can be reached at 1-844-806-6270 and applybi@ontario.ca

For more information on Basic
Income in Ontario, visit:
ontario.ca/basicincome



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Thank you for completing your baseline survey.
Your next survey will be due:

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month	year

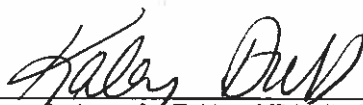
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your contact information? You can contact the...*

**ONTARIO BASIC INCOME
EVALUATION TEAM**

☎ 1-800-410-4614

✉ OBIP@SMH.ca

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Ontario Basic Income Pilot

November 2, 2017

RE: 500056048

Tracey, L Mechefske

Lindsay ON

Dear Tracey, L Mechefske:

You are eligible to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP). The final stage of your enrolment is to complete the following:

1. Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Personal Information Consent Form
2. Baseline Survey
3. Direct Deposit Form (if applicable)

If you have questions, please contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

1. Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Personal Information Consent Form

We need your consent to collect, use and disclose your personal information with other government programs and services. This information is needed to administer the OBIP and to see how basic income impacts participants.

It is very important that you read and understand the declaration and consent form.

2. Baseline Survey

Completing the baseline survey is the first step in the evaluation of the OBIP. When you complete the Baseline Survey, you will receive a \$50 payment as compensation.

This survey will be conducted by PRA Inc., a third party research company. Your responses to the survey will not affect your eligibility to participate in the Pilot or any other program.

3. Direct Deposit Form

Complete this form so that you can get Basic Income payments and survey compensation payments by direct deposit into your bank account.

If you don't have a bank account, we can send cheques in the mail so you can receive your payments.

Ontario Basic Income Pilot

Send your completed package back to us

The sooner you complete these steps, the sooner we can tell you if you will be a participant in the Basic Income Pilot. You have **four weeks** from the date of the letter to complete everything.

Please mail back the signed Collection and Disclosure of Personal Information Consent Form, the completed Baseline Survey (if you do it by paper), and Direct Deposit Form (if applicable) using the postage-paid envelope provided.

Next Steps

Once you've completed the last stage of your enrolment, you will be randomly placed into one of two groups:

1. **Basic Income Group** - This group will receive monthly Basic Income payments
2. **Control Group** - This group will not receive monthly Basic Income payments. The control group will actively participate in the evaluation of the OBIP and will receive compensation payments for doing surveys.

We will send you a letter to confirm which group you will be part of for the Pilot.

Basic Income Payment Estimate

Based on your application, your estimated Basic Income payment is shown in the chart below. Please note that you will only receive Basic Income payments if you complete the enrolment process and are randomly placed into the Basic Income Group.

Maximum Basic Income.	\$36027
Less 50% of income from employment	- \$2390
Less 100% of other income	- \$0
Annual Basic Income	\$33637
Monthly Basic Income	\$2803.09

If you have any questions or need more information

We can help. Please contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

OBIP Administrator



Ontario Basic Income Pilot

What to do if your circumstances change

Contact us if circumstances in your life change and you think these changes may affect your Basic Income payment. These changes could include changes to your relationship status, change in income, or change in disability status.

To report a change in your circumstances or for more information on how to report changes, contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

If you wish to opt out of the Pilot for any reason, please contact us

If you have any questions or need more information

We can help. Contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

OBIP Administrator

Basic Income Payment Schedule, 2017-18

The table below shows the dates that monthly Basic Income payments will be issued for the 2017-18 benefit year (November 1, 2017 – November 30, 2018).

Payment Month and Year	Payment Day
November 2017	25
December 2017	15
January 2018	25
February 2018	26
March 2018	26
April 2018	25
May 2018	25
June 2018	25

Basic Income payments are calculated for the year using information from your tax return. ~~We will send you information about your 2017-18 Basic Income by video message.~~

~~See page 2~~

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Ontario Basic Income Pilot

November 11, 2017

RE: 500056048

Tracey, L Mechefske

Lindsay ON

Dear Tracey, L Mechefske:

You have been randomly selected to participate in the Basic Income Group of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP). This means you will receive Basic Income payments.

About your Basic Income payment

The effective date of your Basic Income is 11/1/2017. Your monthly Basic Income payment is **\$2803.09**

Your first Basic Income payment will be issued on 11/25/2017, and future payments will be issued on or around the 25th of each month. We have included a table showing the expected payment date for each month of the 2017-18 benefit year.

You will receive your monthly Basic Income payment by: **Direct Bank Deposit.**

You will also receive \$50.00 for completing the Baseline Survey. Since you will receive Basic Income payments, you will not receive further compensation for surveys.

If you do not wish to receive Basic Income payments you must contact us right away at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

Basic Income payment

Based on the information provided in your application, the calculation of your Basic Income payment is outlined below.

Maximum Annual Basic Income	\$36027
Less 50% of income from employment	- \$2390
Less 100% of other income	- \$0
Annual Basic Income	\$33637
Monthly Basic Income	\$2803.09

If you have questions about your Basic Income payment amount, contact at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.



Ontario Basic Income Pilot

If you are currently on Ontario Works

You must now tell your caseworker that you want to withdraw from OW to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. Your caseworker will need the date on this letter, and will then suspend your case until they can confirm you have received your first OBIP payment.

If you are receiving the Extended Health Benefit (EHB) or the Extended Employment Health Benefit (EEHB) through Ontario Works, you will also need to withdraw from these benefits.

If you don't withdraw in time, you may get an Ontario Works overpayment.

Any pay directs (e.g. to a landlord) you have set up through Ontario Works will be cancelled when you withdraw. You will need to make other arrangements for these payments.

You (and your spouse/common-law partner and/or dependent children under 18 years of age, if applicable) will continue to receive drug benefits, and your dependent children under 18 years of age will continue to receive dental benefits.

To access drug benefits at a pharmacy, identify yourself as a participant in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot when speaking to the pharmacist.

If you are currently on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

You must now tell your caseworker that you want to withdraw from ODSP to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. Your caseworker will need the date on this letter and will then suspend your case until they can confirm you have received your first OBIP payment.

If you are receiving the Extended Health Benefit (EHB) or the Transition Health Benefit (THB), you will also need to withdraw from these benefits.

If you don't withdraw in time, you may get an ODSP overpayment.

Any pay directs (e.g. to a landlord) you have set up through ODSP will be cancelled when you withdraw. You will need to make other arrangements for these payments.

You (and your spouse/common-law partner and/or dependent children under 18 years of age, if applicable) will continue to receive the drug and dental benefits.

To access drug benefits at a pharmacy, identify yourself as a participant in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot when speaking to the pharmacist.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH:

STAPLES & SWAIN PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

10 WILLIAM ST. SOUTH
LINDSAY, ONTARIO K9V 3A4**Statement**

July 11/2019

TO:

RAVENTREE NATURALS

C/O TRACEY MECHEFSKE

LINDSAY, ON

RE: BUSINESS NAME REGISTRATION

INVOICE DATE(S): March 11/2019

File No.: 57332 Invoice No.: 42856

Description	Amount	Balance
Total amount billed	\$298.32	
Payments received	\$0.00	
Interest charges	\$1.26	\$299.58

Interest charge to: July 11/2019

1.30% Interest per annum

*** SECOND NOTICE ***

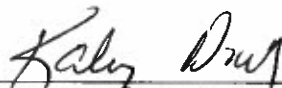
YOUR ACCOUNT REMAINS UNPAID
PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO MAKE
PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

POST-DATED CHEQUES WILL BE ACCEPTED
WE ALSO TAKE VISA, MASTERCARD & INTERAC
PAYMENTS AT OUR OFFICE

IF YOUR PAYMENT HAS BEEN REMITTED, PLEASE
DISREGARD THIS NOTICE

*** PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: STAPLES & SWAIN
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION ***

This is Exhibit "6" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kaly Dwyer", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

March 14, 2018

Tracey Mechefske

Lindsay, ON

Ontario Basic Income Pilot
Reference Number:

500056048

Important Reminder Notice

Thank you for participating in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. Your contribution is very important to our study.

This reminder notice is to let you know:

1. That to continue to participate in the Pilot you must complete and file your taxes for each year that you are participating in the study.
2. That you should contact us if circumstances in your life have changed. Significant changes could include: relationship status, income, address, bank account number or disability status.

Why this is important to you

The amount you get in Basic Income payments may change each year based on your taxes. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requires that you file your taxes by the end of April.

You or both you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable), need to file last year's Personal Tax Returns with the CRA as soon as possible. We are always available to help you.

How to get help

Free and volunteer tax preparation clinics are offered between February and April each year. For a complete list of Tax Preparation Clinics in Ontario visit:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/ndvdlis/vlntr/clncs/on-eng.html>

Here are some examples of free tax preparation clinics in the Pilot communities:

Hamilton

Parkview Church
1120 West 5th Street,
Hamilton, ON L9C 2X2

Dates: February 24,
March 10, March 24, April
7, April 21
Hours: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
www.hamiltontaxhelp.ca

Thunder Bay

Lakehead Social Planning
Council
125 Syndicate Avenue South,
Unit 38, Victoriaville Centre,
Thunder Bay, ON, P7E 6H8

Dates: End of February to Mid-
May
Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30
a.m. – 2 p.m.
www.lspc.ca/income-tax-clinic/

Lindsay

Adult Protective Services
322 Kent Street West,
Lindsay, ON, K9V 4S7

Dates: April 11, April 18
Hours: 1-3 p.m.
Email
applybi@ontario.ca to
book an appointment

You can also file your taxes online using free tax preparation software, for example:

Turbotax

www.turbotax.intuit.ca
Basic free tax filing available with the
option to purchase premium services

UFileFREE

www.ufile.ca
Free if you:

- Have family income less than \$20,000
- Are a post-secondary student
- Have never filed taxes before

For more information about filing online, search online for **NETFILE** (Canada Revenue Agency) or use this direct link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/e-services-individuals/netfile-overview.html>

We're always ready to help. Contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or applybi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Ontario Basic Income Pilot Administrator



This is Exhibit "7" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaley Duff", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

Cheryl Maxwell
 34 Golden Mile Rd
 Lindsay, ON, K9V4R4
 [REDACTED]

October 11, 2018

Tracey Mechefske
 [REDACTED]
 Lindsay, ON
 [REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Mechefske:

We have prepared your 2017 individual income tax return based on the information you provided. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is both accurate and complete.

The return has been transmitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) electronically and one copy together with attachments is enclosed for your records. At the request of CRA all T-slips and any other data, that otherwise would be filed with CRA, will be retained by our office for six years.

Signatures required:

The following forms require a signature before submitting to CRA:

- T183 Information return for electronic filing
- Pipeda Consent Letter regarding the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act
- T1013 Consent Form: (Your signature on this form will allow us to discuss your tax records with Canada Revenue Agency in the event that questions arise concerning your current or prior year tax returns)

No Balance:

Your return does not show a refund or balance due.

GST Credit:

You should be receiving four equal instalments of \$142.00 in July and October of 2018 as well as in January and April of the following year. If you have a spouse, only one of you will be receiving it.

Ontario Trillium Benefit (OTB):

We have estimated that starting July 2018 you will receive OTB of \$84.80 per month. This payment combines the Ontario Sales Tax Credit, Energy and Property Tax Credit and Northern Ontario Energy Credit.

Foreign Reporting:

According to the information you provided, you did not hold foreign assets at any time during 2017 with a total cost of more than \$100,000 Canadian and that you had no dealings with a non-resident trust or corporation. If this information is incorrect, please respond immediately as failure to disclose this information could result in substantial penalties.

Elections Canada

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we have indicated a "YES" to your agreement to provide your name, address and date of birth to Elections Canada, in an effort to keep their register up to date.

Assessments:

If you receive an assessment notice which differs from the return as filed, please contact us immediately. We must determine if the assessment is correct before the time limit for an objection expires.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Maxwell

Cheryl Maxwell

34 Golden Mile Rd
Lindsay, ON, K9V4R4
[REDACTED]

October 11, 2018

Tracey Mechefske
[REDACTED]

Lindsay ON
[REDACTED]

Consent letter - PIPEDA

Dear Mrs. Mechefske

Starting on January 1, 2004, the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) applies to most organizations in Canada, including our company.

This legislation controls how organizations collect, store, use and disclose personal information about individuals in the course of providing services to a client. When you do business with us you share personal information so that we may provide you with products and services that best suit your financial needs.

We assume your consent to use this information in an appropriate manner. We may use and disclose this information in order to:

- communicate with you in a timely and efficient manner,
- prepare your business financial statements and related tax returns.

All employees, associated advisors and suppliers who are granted access to client records understand the need to keep this information protected and confidential. They know they are to use the information only for the purposes intended.

This expectation is clearly communicated.

We've also established physical and computer systems safeguards, along with proper processes, to protect the client information from unauthorized access or use.

By signing this letter you are authorizing Cheryl Maxwell to store your financial information, and to share it with other professionals within our company for the purpose of preparing your tax return and/or other financial statements. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting our office.

Please sign this consent letter below, authorizing Cheryl Maxwell to collect, store and use your personal information in the manner and care outlined above.

Client Signature

Date

MECHEFSKE, TRACEY

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Federal Tax

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Schedule 1

This is Step 5 in completing your return. Complete this schedule and attach a copy to your return.
For more information, see the related line in the guide.

Step 1 -- Federal non-refundable tax credits

Basic personal amount	claim \$11 635	300	11,635	00	1
Age amount (if you were born in 1952 or earlier) (use the federal worksheet)	(maximum \$7,225)	301			2
Spouse or common-law partner amount (attach Schedule 5)		303	6,274	03	3
Canada caregiver amount for spouse or common-law partner, or eligible dependant age 18 or older (attach Schedule 5)		304			4
Amount for an eligible dependant (attach Schedule 5)		305			5
Canada caregiver amount for other infirm dependants age 18 or older (attach Schedule 5)		307			6
Canada caregiver amount for infirm children under 18 years of age					
Enter the number of children for whom you are claiming this amount	352 0 X \$2,150 =	367			7
CPP or QPP contributions:					
through employment from box 16 and box 17 of all T4 slips (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)		308			- 8
on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)		310			- 9
Employment Insurance premiums:					
through employment from box 18 and box 55 of all T4 slips (maximum \$836.19)		312			- 10
on self-employment and other eligible earnings (attach Schedule 13)		317			- 11
Volunteer firefighters' amount		362			12
Search and rescue volunteer amount		395			13
Canada employment amount (if you reported employment income on line 101 or line 104, see line 363 in the guide.) (maximum \$1,178)		363			14
Public transit amount (only claim amounts from January 1 to June 30, 2017)		364			15
Home accessibility expenses (attach Schedule 12)		398			16
Home buyers' amount		369			17
Adoption expenses		313			18
Pension income amount (use the federal worksheet) (maximum \$2,000)		314			19
Disability amount (for self) (claim \$8,113, or if you were under 18 years of age, use the federal worksheet)		316			20
Disability amount transferred from a dependant (use the federal worksheet)		318			21
Interest paid on your student loans		319			22
Your tuition, education, and textbook amounts (attach Schedule 11)		323			23
Tuition amount transferred from a child		324			24
Amounts transferred from your spouse or common-law partner (attach Schedule 2)		326			25
Medical expenses for self, spouse or common-law partner, and your dependent children born in 2000 or later	330	3,298	66		26
Enter \$2,266 or 3% of line 236 of your return, whichever is less.			742	61	27
Line 26 minus line 27 (if negative, enter "0")			2,556	05	28
Allowable amount of medical expenses for other dependants (do the calculation at line 331 in the guide)	331				29
Add lines 28 and 29.			2,556	05	30
Add lines 1 to 25, and line 30.			20,465	08	31
Federal non-refundable tax credit rate			15	00	32
Multiply line 31 by line 32.			3,069	76	33
Donations and gifts (attach Schedule 9)		349			34
Add lines 33 and 34.					
Enter this amount on line 47 on the next page.					
Total federal non-refundable tax credits	350		3,069	76	35

Continue on the next page.

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Step 2 – Federal tax on taxable income

Enter your taxable income from line 260 of your return.

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Complete the appropriate column depending on the amount on line 36.

Enter the amount from line 36.

Line 37 minus line 38 (cannot be negative)

Multiply line 39 by line 40.

Add lines 41 and 42.

Line 36 is \$45,916 or less	Line 36 is more than \$45,916 but not more than \$91,831	Line 36 is more than \$91,831 but not more than \$142,353	Line 36 is more than \$142,353 but not more than \$202,800	Line 36 is more than \$202,800	
	45,916 00	91,831 00	142,353 00	202,800 00	37
					38
15.0 %	20.5 %	26 %	29 %	33 %	39
					40
	6,887 00	16,300 00	29,436 00	46,965 00	41
					42
					43

Step 3 – Net federal tax

Enter the amount from line 43.

Federal tax on split income (from line 5 of Form T1206)

Add lines 44 and 45.

Enter your total federal non-refundable tax credits from line 35 of the previous page.

Federal dividend tax credit

Minimum tax carryover (attach Form T691)

Add lines 47, 48, and 49.

Line 46 minus line 50 (if negative, enter "0")

Federal foreign tax credit (attach Form T2209)

Line 51 minus line 52 (if negative, enter "0")

Total federal political contributions (attach receipts)

Federal political contribution tax credit (use the federal worksheet)

Investment tax credit (attach Form T2038(IND))

Labour-sponsored funds tax credit (see lines 413 and 414 in the guide)

Net cost of shares of a provincially registered fund

Add lines 55, 56, and 57.

Line 53 minus line 58 (if negative, enter "0")

If you have an amount on line 45 above, see Form T1206.

Working Income tax benefit advance payments received (box 10 of the RC210 slip)

Special taxes (see line 418 in the guide)

Add lines 59, 60, and 61.

Enter this amount on line 420 of your return

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See the privacy notice on your return.

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Step 1 – Identification and other information (continued)**Please answer the following question:**

Did you own or hold specified foreign property where the total cost amount of all such property, at any time in 2017, was more than CAN\$100,000?

See "Specified foreign property" in the guide for more information

260 Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

If yes, complete Form T1135 and attach it to your return.

If you had dealings with a non-resident trust or corporation in 2017, see "Other foreign property" in the guide.

Step 2 – Total income

As a resident of Canada, you have to report your income from all sources both inside and outside Canada.

When you come to a line on the return that applies to you, go to the line number in the guide for more information.

Employment income (box 14 of all T4 slips)		101	
Commissions included on line 101 (box 42 of all T4 slips)	102		
Wage loss replacement contributions (see line 101 in the guide)	103		
Other employment income	104		
Old age security pension (box 18 of the T4A(OAS) slip)	113		
CPP or QPP benefits (box 20 of the T4A(P) slip)	114		
Disability benefits included on line 114 (box 16 of the T4A(P) slip)	152		
Other pensions and superannuation	115		
Elected split-pension amount (attach Form T1032)	116		
Universal child care benefit (UCCB)	117		
UCCB amount designated to a dependant	185		
Employment insurance and other benefits (box 14 of the T4E slip)	119		
Taxable amount of dividends (eligible and other than eligible) from taxable Canadian corporations (attach Schedule 4)	120		
Taxable amount of dividends other than eligible dividends, included on line 120, from taxable Canadian corporations	180		
Interest and other investment income (attach Schedule 4)	121		
Net partnership income: limited or non-active partners only	122		
Registered disability savings plan income	125		
Rental income	Gross 160		Net 126
Taxable capital gains (attach Schedule 3)			127
Support payments received	Total 156		Taxable amount 128
RRSP income (from all T4RSP slips)			129
Other income	Specify:		130
Self-employment income			
Business income	Gross 162		Net 135
Professional income	Gross 164		Net 137
Commission income	Gross 166		Net 139
Farming income	Gross 168		Net 141
Fishing income	Gross 170		Net 143
Workers' compensation benefits (box 10 of the T5007 slip)	144		
Social assistance payments	145	24,753	56
Net federal supplements (box 21 of the T4A(OAS) slip)	146		
Add lines 144, 145, and 146 (see line 250 in the guide).		24,753	56
Add lines 101, 104 to 143, and 147.		147	24,753 56
This is your total income.	150	24,753	56

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Attach only the documents (schedules, information slips, forms, or receipts) requested in the guide to support any claim or deduction. Keep all other supporting documents.

Step 3 – Net income

Enter your total income from line 150.

Pension adjustment		150	24,753	56
(box 52 of all T4 slips and box 034 of all T4A slips)	206			
Registered pension plan deduction (box 20 of all T4 slips and box 032 of all T4A slips)		207		
RRSP and pooled registered pension plan (PRPP) deduction (see Schedule 7 and attach receipts)		208		
PRPP employer contributions (amount from your PRPP contribution receipts)	205			
Deduction for elected split-pension amount (attach Form T1032)		210		
Annual union, professional, or like dues (box 44 of all T4 slips, and receipts)		212		
Universal child care benefit repayment (box 12 of all RC62 slips)		213		
Child care expenses (attach Form T778)		214		
Disability supports deduction		215		
Business investment loss	Gross 228		Allowable deduction	217
Moving expenses				219
Support payments made	Total 230		Allowable deduction	220
Carrying charges and interest expenses (attach Schedule 4)				221
Deduction for CPP or QPP contributions on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)		222		
Exploration and development expenses (attach Form T1229)		224		
Other employment expenses		229		
Clergy residence deduction		231		
Other deductions	Specify:	232		
Add lines 207, 208, 210 to 224, 229, 231, and 232.		233		
Line 150 minus line 233 (if negative, enter '0').			234	24,753 56
Social benefits repayment (if you reported income on line 113, 119, or 146, see line 235 in the guide).				
Use the federal worksheet to calculate your repayment.			235	
Line 234 minus line 235 (if negative, enter '0').				
If you have a spouse or common-law partner, see line 236 in the guide.			236	24,753 56
				This is your net income.

Step 4 – Taxable income

Canadian Forces personnel and police deduction (box 43 of all T4 slips)		244		
Employee home relocation loan deduction (box 37 of all T4 slips)		248		
Security options deductions		249		
Other payments deduction (if you reported income on line 147, see line 250 in the guide)		250	24,753	56
Limited partnership losses of other years		251		
Non-capital losses of other years		252		
Net capital losses of other years		253		
Capital gains deduction		254		
Northern residents deductions (attach Form T2222)		255		
Additional deductions	Specify:	256		
Add lines 244 to 256.		257	24,753	56
Line 236 minus line 257 (if negative, enter '0').				24,753 56
			260	
				This is your taxable income.

Step 5 – Federal tax and provincial or territorial tax

Use Schedule 1 to calculate your federal tax and Form 428 to calculate your provincial or territorial tax.

MECHEFSKE, TRACEY

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Canada Revenue
AgencyAgence du revenu
du CanadaInformation Return for Electronic Filing of
an Individual's Income Tax and Benefit ReturnProtected B
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Tax year: 2017

- The information found on this form corresponds to the tax year indicated on the right.
- Before you fill out this form, read the information and instructions on page 2 of this form.
- Part D must be signed by the individual identified in Part A or by the individual's legal representative. Your electronic filer must fill out Parts C (prior to your return being submitted) and Part E (once your return has been submitted).
- Give the signed original of this form to your electronic filer and keep a copy for yourself.

Part A - Identification and address as shown on your return (mandatory)

First name TRACEY	Last name MECHEFSKE	Social insurance number [REDACTED]
Mailing address: Apt no - Street no Street name 22 GEORGE ST E	PO Box [REDACTED]	RR [REDACTED]
City LINDSAY	Prov/Terr. ON	Postal code K9V 1W3

Part B - Declaration of amounts from your General Income Tax and Benefits Return (mandatory)

Enter the following amounts from your return, if applicable:

Total income (line 150)	24,753	56	Refund (line 484)	[REDACTED]
Taxable income (line 260)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	or	[REDACTED]
Total federal non-refundable tax credits (line 350 of Schedule 1)	3,069	76	Balance owing (line 485)	[REDACTED]

Part C - Electronic filer identification (mandatory)

By signing Part D below, I declare that the following person or firm is electronically filing the T1 return or the amended T1 return of the person named in Part A. Part D must be signed before the return is electronically transmitted.

Name of person or firm: **Cheryl Maxwell**Electronic filer number: **R2693**

Part D - Declaration and authorization (mandatory)

I declare that the information entered in Part A, B and C is correct and complete and fully discloses my income from all sources. I also declare that I have read the information on page 2 of this form, and that the electronic filer identified in Part C is filing my return. I allow this electronic filer to communicate with the CRA to correct any errors or omissions.

Signature (individual identified in Part A or legal representative)

Name and title of legal representative

Year Month Day

Part E - Document control number (mandatory)

Enter the document control number for the individual's electronic record:

R269317193208

Part F - Delivery of your notices of assessment and reassessment (a selection must be made)

How do you want to receive your notices of assessment and reassessment?

Select one or more of the following electronic options:

☐ I am already registered for online mail and can view and access my notices of assessment and reassessment online.

Sign up for online mail!

☐ I would like to view and access my notices of assessment and reassessment online anytime. I will sign up for online mail by providing my email address below.

My email address is: _____

To access online mail, you must be registered for My Account.

I understand that by providing my email address, I am registering for online mail and I accept the terms and conditions that are set out on page 2 of this form. I understand that by ticking (x) the box above, I will now receive my notices of assessment and other CRA correspondence online. I can also print and download my online notices of assessment and reassessment. For more information, see page 2 of this form.

☐ I would like my electronic filer to receive my notices of assessment and reassessment electronically in their software and provide me with a copy.
Provide your electronic filer with authorization by filling out Form T1013, *Authorizing or Cancelling a Representative*.

I understand that by ticking (x) the box above, I am allowing the CRA to electronically provide my assessment results and my notices of assessment and reassessment to the electronic filer (including a discount) named in Part C. I will now receive a copy of my notices of assessment and reassessment from my electronic filer. For more information, see page 2 of this form.

OR

☒ I would like to receive paper notices of assessment and reassessment through Canada Post.

Part G - Pre-authorized debit agreement (optional)

Do you want to Pre-authorize the CRA to withdraw a specified amount from your bank account? If so, fill in the information below:

I hereby authorize the electronic filer to create this personal pre-authorized debit on my behalf. I authorize the CRA to automatically withdraw the funds from my bank account as per the agreement details listed below. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the information about pre-authorized debit on page 2 of this form.

Signature

Year Month Day

One time payment for your individual income tax (T1), to be withdrawn on _____, for the amount of _____

Year Month Day

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Step 6 – Refund or balance owing

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Net federal tax: enter the amount from line 62 of Schedule 1 (attach Schedule 1, even if the result is "0")	420	
CPP contributions payable on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)	421	
Employment Insurance premiums payable on self-employment and other eligible earnings (attach Schedule 13)	430	
Social benefits repayment (amount from line 235)	422	
Provincial or territorial tax (attach Form 428, even if the result is "0")	428	
Add lines 420, 421, 430, 422, and 428.	This is your total payable.	435
Total income tax deducted	437	
Refundable Quebec abatement	440	
CPP overpayment (enter your excess contributions)	448	
Employment Insurance overpayment (enter your excess contributions)	450	
Refundable medical expense supplement (use the federal worksheet)	452	
Working Income tax benefit (WITB) (attach Schedule 6)	453	
Refund of investment tax credit (attach Form T2038 (IND))	454	
Part XII.2 trust tax credit (box 38 of all T3 slips and box 209 of all T5013 slips)	456	
Employee and partner GST/HST rebate (attach Form GST370)	457	
Eligible educator school supply tax credit	Supplies expenses 468	X 15% = 469
Tax paid by instalments	476	
Provincial or territorial credits (attach Form 479 if it applies)	479	
Add lines 437 to 479.	These are your total credits.	482
Line 435 minus line 482	This is your refund or balance owing.	

If the result is negative, you have a refund. If the result is positive, you have a balance owing.

Enter the amount below on whichever line applies.

Refund 484

Generally, we do not charge or refund a difference of \$2 or less.

Balance owing 485

For more information on how to make your payment, see line 485 in the guide or go to Canada.ca/payments. Your payment is due no later than April 30, 2018.**Direct deposit – Enrol or update (see line 484 in the guide)**

You do not have to complete this area every year. Do not complete it this year if your direct deposit information has not changed.

To enrol for direct deposit, to update your banking information, or to request that all of your CRA payments you may be receiving or owed be deposited into the same account as your T1 refund, complete lines 460, 461, and 462 below.

By providing my banking information I authorize the Receiver General to deposit in the bank account number shown below any amounts payable to me by the CRA, until otherwise notified by me. I understand that this authorization will replace all of my previous direct deposit authorizations.

Branch number 460 (5 digits)

Institution number 461 (3 digits)

Account number 462 (maximum 12 digits)

**Ontario Ontario Opportunities Fund**

You can help reduce Ontario's debt by completing this area to donate some or all of your 2017 refund to the Ontario opportunities fund. Please see the provincial pages for details.

Amount from line 484 above

Your donation to the Ontario opportunities fund	465		1
Net refund (line 1 minus line 2)	466		2
			3

Prepared without audit from information supplied by the taxpayer

I certify that the information given on this return and in any documents attached is correct and complete and fully discloses all my income.

490 If a fee was charged for preparing this return, complete the following:

Sign here

It is a serious offence to make a false return.

Telephone:

Date

Name of preparer: Cheryl Maxwell

Telephone: 416-291-1111

EFILE number (if applicable): 489 R2693

Personal information is collected under the Income Tax Act to administer tax, benefits, and related programs. It may also be used for any purpose related to the administration or enforcement of the Act such as audit, compliance and the payment of debts owed to the Crown. It may be shared or verified with other federal, provincial/territorial government institutions to the extent authorized by law. Failure to provide this information may result in interest payable, penalties or other actions. Under the Privacy Act, individuals have the right to access their personal information and request correction if there are errors or omissions. Refer to Canada.ca/cra-info-source, personal information bank CRA PPU 005.

Do not use this area

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TAX SUMMARY
2017**TRACEY MECHEFSKE**
22 GEORGE ST E, LINDSAY, ON, K9V 1W3SIN [REDACTED]
Tel. ()

Family data		Family net income		30,114 53		Personal data	
Name		Birthdate		SIN		BirthDate/Age	
Spouse KURT MECHEFSKE		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED] 45	
Eligible dependant				Net income		Marital status: Married	
Dependants: Less than 19: 0 Infirm: 0 Over 18 0				5,360 97		Residence: ON	
						Days resident: 365	
CTB		GST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kids 0 Credit/4		142.00 Discounted <input type="checkbox"/> Paid		OTB 84.80 EFile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Represent <input type="checkbox"/>	

Income		
Empl income	101	
Other empl inc	104	
Old age sec pens	113	
CPP	114	
Other pens/sup	115	
Split pension	116	
Univ. Child Care	117	
EI benefit	119	
Taxable dividends	120	
Interest/Investm.	121	
Ltd partnership	122	
RDSP income	125	
Gross Rental	160	
Net rental income	126	
Taxable cap gain	127	
Alimony/Separat.	128	
RRSP income	129	
Other income	130	
Gross Bus. Inc.	162	
Net Bus. Inc.	135	
Gross Prof. Inc.	164	
Net Prof. Inc.	137	
Gross Comm. Inc.	166	
Net Comm. Inc.	139	
Gross Farm. Inc.	168	
Net Farm. Inc.	141	
Gross Fishing inc.	170	
Net Fishing Inc.	143	
Workers' comp.	144	
Soc assist paym.	145	24,753 56
Vet federal suppl	146	
Total Income	150	24,753 56

Net income		
RPP	207	
RRSP	208	
Deduction-Split Pens	210	
Union/dues	212	
UCCB Repayment	213	
Child Care exp.	214	
Disability support	215	
ABIL	217	
Moving expenses	219	
Support Payments	220	
Carrying charges	221	
Deduction for CPP	222	
Expl/develop exp	224	
Other empl. exp.	229	
Cleric's residence	231	
Other deductions	232	
Soc. benefits rep.	235	
Net income	236	24,753 56

Taxable Income		
Can Forces/Police	244	
Home rel loan ded	248	
Stock options ded	249	
Other payments ded	250	24,753 56
LtdPrtnLossOthYrs	251	
Non-capLossOthYrs	252	
Net cap lossOthYrs	253	
Cap. gains ded.	254	
Northern res. ded.	255	
Add'l deductions	256	
Taxable Income	260	

Fed Non refundable tax credits		
Basic pers amt	300	11,635 00
Age amount	301	
Spousal amount	303	6,274 03
Caregiver amount	304	
Eligible dependant	305	
CareGiver-Age>17	307	
CareGiver-Age<18	367	
CPP on employm	308	
CPP on self empl.	310	
EI premiums	312	
Canada Employm.	363	
Public Transit	364	
Home buyers' amt	369	
HomeAccessibility	398	
Adoption expense	313	
Pension inc amt	314	
Disability amount	316	
EI on self-empl.	317	
Volunt. Firefighter	362	
Disab. from dep	318	
Interest-studentLn	319	
Tuition Fees	320	
Educ/textbooks	321	
Educ/textbooks	322	
Tuition/educ (self)	323	
Tuition/Educ Xfer	324	
Spousal transfer	328	
Medical expenses	332	2,556 05
Donations-low rate	346	
Donations-29%	348	
Tot non-ref (15%)	350	3,069 76

Federal Taxes

Div tax credit	425	
Alin tax carr over		
Non-res surtax		
Foreign tax credit	405	
Federal tax	406	
Pol contr credit	410	
Invst tax credit	412	
Labour ven crdt	414	
Tax bfr L415/L418	417	
Tax on RESP inc.	418	
Vet Fed Tax Pble	420	

Provincial Taxes

Provincial tax	428	
Net prov tax	431	
CPP payable	421	
Soc. benefits rep.	422	
Total tax payable	435	

Refundable Credits

Tax Deducted	437	
CPP Overpaym.	448	
EI Overpayment	450	
Refndbl Med Exp	452	
WITB amount	453	
ITC Refund	454	
XII 2 Credit	456	
GST rebate	457	
School Supplies	469	
Prov Credits	479	
Instalments	476	
Total ref-credits	482	

Balance Due 485 **Refund 484****Carry Forward to Next year**

(Losses are cumulative. Yearly breakdown shown on the Losses C/F page)

Non Capital Losses	Farm/Fishing losses	Restr. Farm Losses	Net Cap Losses	Min.Tax carry-over	Donations
RRSP ded'n room	Undeducted RRSP	RRSP contr next Yr	Fed Educ/Tuition	Moving expenses	Student loan
BP balance	LLP balance		Prov Educ/Tuition		

Prepared by: Cheryl MaxwellTel: 705 324-3845

Fax: _____

Cheryl Maxwell
34 Golden Mile Rd
Lindsay, ON, K9V4R4
[REDACTED]

October 11, 2018

Kurt Mechefske
[REDACTED]

Lindsay, ON
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Mechefske:

We have prepared your 2017 individual income tax return based on the information you provided. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is both accurate and complete.

The return has been transmitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) electronically and one copy together with attachments is enclosed for your records. At the request of CRA all T-slips and any other data, that otherwise would be filed with CRA, will be retained by our office for six years.

Signatures required:

The following forms require a signature before submitting to CRA:

- T183 Information return for electronic filing
- Pipeda Consent Letter regarding the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act
- T1013 Consent Form: (Your signature on this form will allow us to discuss your tax records with Canada Revenue Agency in the event that questions arise concerning your current or prior year tax returns)

Refund receivable:

Your return shows a refund of \$2.06.

RRSP Contribution Limit:

We have determined, on the basis of your 2017 return, that you are eligible to contribute up to \$965.00 to your Registered Retirement Savings Plan for the 2018 tax year. Please advise our office, should the 2017 assessment notice differ from this amount.

GST Credit:

You should be receiving four equal instalments of \$142.00 in July and October of 2018 as well as in January and April of the following year. If you have a spouse, only one of you will be receiving it.

Foreign Reporting:

According to the information you provided, you did not hold foreign assets at any time during 2017 with a total cost of more than \$100,000 Canadian and that you had no dealings with a non-resident trust or corporation. If this information is incorrect, please respond immediately as failure to disclose this information could result in substantial penalties.

Elections Canada

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we have indicated a "YES" to your agreement to provide your name, address and date of birth to Elections Canada, in an effort to keep their register up to date.

Assessments:

If you receive an assessment notice which differs from the return as filed, please contact us immediately. We must determine if the assessment is correct before the time limit for an objection expires.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Maxwell

Cheryl Maxwell

34 Golden Mile Rd
Lindsay, ON, K9V4R4
[REDACTED]

October 11, 2018

Kurt Mechefske
[REDACTED]

Lindsay ON
[REDACTED]

Consent letter - PIPEDA

Dear Mr. Mechefske

Starting on January 1, 2004, the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) applies to most organizations in Canada, including our company.

This legislation controls how organizations collect, store, use and disclose personal information about individuals in the course of providing services to a client. When you do business with us you share personal information so that we may provide you with products and services that best suit your financial needs.

We assume your consent to use this information in an appropriate manner. We may use and disclose this information in order to:

- communicate with you in a timely and efficient manner,
- prepare your business financial statements and related tax returns.

All employees, associated advisors and suppliers who are granted access to client records understand the need to keep this information protected and confidential. They know they are to use the information only for the purposes intended. This expectation is clearly communicated.

We've also established physical and computer systems safeguards, along with proper processes, to protect the client information from unauthorized access or use.

By signing this letter you are authorizing Cheryl Maxwell to store your financial information, and to share it with other professionals within our company for the purpose of preparing your tax return and/or other financial statements. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting our office.

Please sign this consent letter below, authorizing Cheryl Maxwell to collect, store and use your personal information in the manner and care outlined above.

Client Signature

Date

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Federal Tax

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Schedule 1

This is Step 5 in completing your return. Complete this schedule and attach a copy to your return.
For more information, see the related line in the guide.

Step 1 - Federal non-refundable tax credits

Basic personal amount	claim \$11 635	300	1 1,635	00	1
Age amount (if you were born in 1952 or earlier) (use the federal worksheet)	(maximum \$7,225)	301			2
Spouse or common-law partner amount (attach Schedule 5)		303			3
Canada caregiver amount for spouse or common-law partner, or eligible dependant age 18 or older (attach Schedule 5)		304			4
Amount for an eligible dependant (attach Schedule 5)		305			5
Canada caregiver amount for other infirm dependants age 18 or older (attach Schedule 5)		307			6
Canada caregiver amount for infirm children under 18 years of age					
Enter the number of children for whom you are claiming this amount	352 0 X \$2,150 =	367			7
CPP or QPP contributions:					
through employment from box 16 and box 17 of all T4 slips (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)		308	92	12	8
on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)		310			9
Employment insurance premiums:					
through employment from box 18 and box 55 of all T4 slips (maximum \$836.19)		312	87	38	10
on self-employment and other eligible earnings (attach Schedule 13)		317			11
Volunteer firefighters' amount		362			12
Search and rescue volunteer amount		395			13
Canada employment amount (if you reported employment income on line 101 or line 104, see line 363 in the guide.) (maximum \$1,178)		363	1,178	00	14
Public transit amount (only claim amounts from January 1 to June 30, 2017)		364			15
Home accessibility expenses (attach Schedule 12)		398			16
Home buyers' amount		369			17
Adoption expenses		313			18
Pension Income amount (use the federal worksheet) (maximum \$2,000)		314			19
Disability amount (for self) (claim \$8,113, or if you were under 18 years of age, use the federal worksheet)		316			20
Disability amount transferred from a dependant (use the federal worksheet)		318			21
Interest paid on your student loans		319			22
Your tuition, education, and textbook amounts (attach Schedule 11)		323			23
Tuition amount transferred from a child		324			24
Amounts transferred from your spouse or common-law partner (attach Schedule 2)		326			25
Medical expenses for self, spouse or common-law partner, and your dependent children born in 2000 or later		330			26
Enter \$2,268 or 3% of line 236 of your return, whichever is less.			160	83	27
Line 26 minus line 27 (if negative, enter "0")					28
Allowable amount of medical expenses for other dependants (do the calculation at line 331 in the guide)		331			29
Add lines 28 and 29.					
Add lines 1 to 25, and line 30.		332			30
Federal non-refundable tax credit rate		335	12,992	50	31
Multiply line 31 by line 32.			15	00	32
Donations and gifts (attach Schedule 9)		338	1,948	87	33
Add lines 33 and 34.		349			34
Enter this amount on line 47 on the next page.					
Total federal non-refundable tax credits		350	1,948	87	35

Continue on the next page.

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Step 2 – Federal tax on taxable income

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Enter your taxable income from line 260 of your return.

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Complete the appropriate column depending on the amount on line 36.

	Line 36 is \$45,916 or less	Line 36 is more than \$45,916 but not more than \$81,831	Line 36 is more than \$81,831 but not more than \$142,353	Line 36 is more than \$142,353 but not more than \$202,800	Line 36 is more than \$202,800	
Enter the amount from line 36.	5,360 97					37
Line 37 minus line 38 (cannot be negative)	= 5,360 97	45,916 00	91,831 00	142,353 00	202,800 00	38
	x 15.0 %	20.5 %	26 %	29 %	33 %	39
Multiply line 39 by line 40.	= 804 15					40
	+	6,887 00	16,300 00	29,436 00	46,965 00	41
Add lines 41 and 42.	= 804 15					42
						43

Step 3 – Net federal tax

Enter the amount from line 43.

Federal tax on split income (from line 5 of Form T1206)

Add lines 44 and 45.

Enter your total federal non-refundable tax credits from line 35 of the previous page.

Federal dividend tax credit

Minimum tax carryover (attach Form T691)

Add lines 47, 48, and 49.

Line 46 minus line 50 (if negative, enter "0")

Federal foreign tax credit (attach Form T2209)

Line 51 minus line 52 (if negative, enter "0")

Total federal political contributions (attach receipts)

Federal political contribution tax credit (use the federal worksheet)

Investment tax credit (attach Form T2038(IND))

Labour-sponsored funds tax credit (see lines 413 and 414 in the guide)

Net cost of shares of a provincially registered fund

Add lines 55, 56, and 57.

Line 53 minus line 56 (if negative, enter "0")

If you have an amount on line 45 above, see Form T1206.

Working Income tax benefit advance payments received (box 10 of the RC210 slip)

Special taxes (see line 418 in the guide)

Add lines 59, 60, and 61.

Enter this amount on line 420 of your return

804 15 44
424 45
404 804 15 46

350 1,948 87 47
425 48
427 49
1,948 87 50

Basic federal tax 429 | 51

405 | 52

Federal tax 406 | 53

409 | 54

(maximum \$650) 410 | 55

412 | 56

Allowable credit 414 | 57

416 | 58

417 | 59

415 | 60

418 | 61

Net federal tax 420 | 62



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Information about your spouse or common-law partner
(If you checked box 1 or 2 above)

Enter his or her SIN: _____

Enter his or her first name: TRACEY

Enter his or her net income for 2017
to claim certain credits: 24,753 | 58

Enter the amount of universal child care
benefit (UCCB) from line 117
of his or her return: _____

Enter the amount of UCCB repayment
from line 213 of his or her return: _____

Check this box if he or she was self-employed in 2017: 1 ☐

Do not use this area

Do not use this area	172					171				
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Step 1 – Identification and other information (continued)**Please answer the following question:**

Did you own or hold specified foreign property where the total cost amount of all such property, at any time in 2017, was more than CAN\$100,000?

See "Specified foreign property" in the guide for more information

266 Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

If yes, complete Form T1135 and attach it to your return.

If you had dealings with a non-resident trust or corporation in 2017, see "Other foreign property" in the guide.

Step 2 – Total income

As a resident of Canada, you have to report your income from all sources both inside and outside Canada.

When you come to a line on the return that applies to you, go to the line number in the guide for more information.

Employment income (box 14 of all T4 slips)		101	5,360	97
Commissions included on line 101 (box 42 of all T4 slips)		102		
Wage loss replacement contributions (see line 101 in the guide)		103		
Other employment income		104		
Old age security pension (box 18 of the T4A(OAS) slip)		113		
CPP or QPP benefits (box 20 of the T4A(P) slip)		114		
Disability benefits included on line 114 (box 18 of the T4A(P) slip)		152		
Other pensions and superannuation		115		
Elected split-pension amount (attach Form T1032)		116		
Universal child care benefit (UCCB)		117		
UCCB amount designated to a dependant		185		
Employment insurance and other benefits (box 14 of the T4E slip)		119		
Taxable amount of dividends (eligible and other than eligible) from taxable Canadian corporations (attach Schedule 4)		120		
Taxable amount of dividends other than eligible dividends, included on line 120, from taxable Canadian corporations		180		
Interest and other investment income (attach Schedule 4)		121		
Net partnership income: limited or non-active partners only		122		
Registered disability savings plan income		125		
Rental income	Gross	160		Net
Taxable capital gains (attach Schedule 3)		126		
Support payments received	Total	156		Taxable amount
RRSP income (from all T4RSP slips)		127		
Other income Specify:		128		
Self-employment income		129		
Business income	Gross	162		Net
Professional income	Gross	164		Net
Commission income	Gross	166		Net
Farming income	Gross	168		Net
Fishing income	Gross	170		Net
Workers' compensation benefits (box 10 of the T5007 slip)		144		
Social assistance payments		145		
Net federal supplements (box 21 of the T4A(OAS) slip)		146		
Add lines 144, 145, and 146 (see line 250 in the guide).		147		
Add lines 101, 104 to 143, and 147.		150	5,360	97
This is your total income.		150	5,360	97

Attach only the documents (schedules, information slips, forms, or receipts) requested in the guide to support any claim or deduction. Keep all other supporting documents.

Step 3 – Net income

Enter your total income from line 150.

Pension adjustment 150 5,360 | 97

(box 52 of all T4 slips and box 034 of all T4A slips)

206

Registered pension plan deduction (box 20 of all T4 slips and box 032 of all T4A slips)

207

RRSP and pooled registered pension plan (PRPP) deduction

(see Schedule 7 and attach receipts)

208

PRPP employer contributions

(amount from your PRPP contribution receipts)

205

Deduction for elected split-pension amount (attach Form T1032)

210

Annual union, professional, or like dues (box 44 of all T4 slips, and receipts)

212

Universal child care benefit repayment (box 12 of all RC62 slips)

213

Child care expenses (attach Form T778)

214

Disability supports deduction

215

Business investment loss

Gross

228

Allowable deduction

217

Moving expenses

219

Support payments made

Total

230

Allowable deduction

220

Carrying charges and interest expenses (attach Schedule 4)

221

Deduction for CPP or QPP contributions on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies)

222

Exploration and development expenses (attach Form T1229)

224

Other employment expenses

229

Clergy residence deduction

231

Other deductions

Specify:

232

Add lines 207, 208, 210 to 224, 229, 231, and 232.

233

Line 150 minus line 233 (if negative, enter '0').

This is your net income before adjustments.

234

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Social benefits repayment (if you reported income on line 113, 119, or 146, see line 235 in the guide).

Use the federal worksheet to calculate your repayment.

Line 234 minus line 235 (if negative, enter '0').

235

If you have a spouse or common-law partner, see line 236 in the guide.

This is your net income.

236

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Step 4 – Taxable income

Canadian Forces personnel and police deduction (box 43 of all T4 slips)

244

Employee home relocation loan deduction (box 37 of all T4 slips)

248

Security options deductions

249

Other payments deduction

(if you reported income on line 147, see line 250 in the guide)

250

Limited partnership losses of other years

251

Non-capital losses of other years

252

Net capital losses of other years

253

Capital gains deduction

254

Northern residents deductions (attach Form T2222)

255

Additional deductions

Specify:

256

Add lines 244 to 256.

257

Line 236 minus line 257 (if negative, enter '0').

This is your taxable income.

260

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Step 5 – Federal tax and provincial or territorial tax

Use Schedule 1 to calculate your federal tax and Form 428 to calculate your provincial or territorial tax.

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Step 6 – Refund or balance owing

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Net federal tax: enter the amount from line 62 of Schedule 1 (attach Schedule 1, even if the result is "0") 420

CPP contributions payable on self-employment and other earnings (attach Schedule 8 or Form RC381, whichever applies) 421

Employment Insurance premiums payable on self-employment and other eligible earnings (attach Schedule 13) 430

Social benefits repayment (amount from line 235) 422

Provincial or territorial tax (attach Form 428, even if the result is "0") 428

Add lines 420, 421, 430, 422, and 428. **This is your total payable, 435**

Total income tax deducted 437

Refundable Quebec abatement 440

CPP overpayment (enter your excess contributions) 448 2 06

Employment Insurance overpayment (enter your excess contributions) 450

Refundable medical expense supplement (use the federal worksheet) 452

Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) (attach Schedule 6) 453

Refund of investment tax credit (attach Form T2038 (IND)) 454

Part XII.2 trust tax credit (box 38 of all T3 slips and box 209 of all T5013 slips) 456

Employee and partner GST/HST rebate (attach Form GST370) 457

Eligible educator school supply tax credit Supplies expenses 468 X 15% = 469

Tax paid by instalments 476

Provincial or territorial credits (attach Form 479 if it applies) 479

Add lines 437 to 479. **These are your total credits, 482 2 06**

Line 435 minus line 482 **This is your refund or balance owing, -2 06**

If the result is negative, you have a refund. If the result is positive, you have a balance owing.

Enter the amount below on whichever line applies.

Generally, we do not charge or refund a difference of \$2 or less.

Refund 484 2 06

Balance owing 485

For more information on how to make your payment, see line 485 in the guide or go to Canada.ca/payments. Your payment is due no later than April 30, 2018.

Direct deposit – Enrol or update (see line 484 in the guide)

You do not have to complete this area every year. Do not complete it this year if your direct deposit information has not changed.

To enrol for direct deposit, to update your banking information, or to request that all of your CRA payments you may be receiving or owed be deposited into the same account as your T1 refund, complete lines 460, 461, and 462 below.

By providing my banking information I authorize the Receiver General to deposit in the bank account number shown below any amounts payable to me by the CRA, until otherwise notified by me. I understand that this authorization will replace all of my previous direct deposit authorizations.

Branch number 460 (5 digits) Institution number 461 (3 digits) Account number 462 (maximum 12 digits)

**Ontario Ontario Opportunities Fund**

You can help reduce Ontario's debt by completing this area to donate some or all of your 2017 refund to the Ontario opportunities fund. Please see the provincial pages for details.

Amount from line 484 above 2 06

Your donation to the Ontario opportunities fund 465

Net refund (line 1 minus line 2) 466 2 06

Prepared without audit from information supplied by the taxpayer

I certify that the information given on this return and in any documents attached is correct and complete and fully discloses all my income.

490 If a fee was charged for preparing this return, complete the following:

Sign here

It is a serious offence to make a false return.

Telephone:

Date

Name of preparer: Cheryl Maxwell

Telephone:

EFILE number (if applicable): 459 R2693

Personal information is collected under the Income Tax Act to administer tax, benefits, and related programs. It may also be used for any purpose related to the administration or enforcement of the Act such as audit, compliance and the payment of debts owed to the Crown. It may be shared or verified with other federal, provincial/territorial government institutions to the extent authorized by law. Failure to provide this information may result in interest payable, penalties or other actions. Under the Privacy Act, individuals have the right to access their personal information and request correction if there are errors or omissions. Refer to Canada.ca/cra-info-source, personal information bank CRA PPU 005.

Do not use this area

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- The information found on this form corresponds to the tax year indicated on the right.
- Before you fill out this form, read the information and instructions on page 2 of this form.
- Part D must be signed by the individual identified in Part A or by the individual's legal representative. Your electronic filer must fill out Parts C (prior to your return being submitted) and Part E (once your return has been submitted).
- Give the signed original of this form to your electronic filer and keep a copy for yourself.

Part A - Identification and address as shown on your return (mandatory)

First name KURT	Last name MECHEFSKE	Social insurance number [REDACTED]
Mailing address: Apt no - Street no Street name [REDACTED]	PO Box [REDACTED]	RR [REDACTED]
City LINDSAY	Prov/Terr. ON	Postal code [REDACTED]

Part B - Declaration of amounts from your General Income Tax and Benefits Return (mandatory)

Enter the following amounts from your return, if applicable:

Total income (line 150)	5,380 97	Refund (line 484)	2 06
Taxable income (line 260)	5,380 97	or	
Total federal non-refundable tax credits (line 350 of Schedule 1)	1,948 87	Balance owing (line 485)	[REDACTED]

Part C - Electronic filer identification (mandatory)

By signing Part D below, I declare that the following person or firm is electronically filing the T1 return or the amended T1 return of the person named in Part A.
Part D must be signed before the return is electronically transmitted.

Name of person or firm: **Cheryl Maxwell**Electronic filer number: **R2693**

Part D - Declaration and authorization (mandatory)

I declare that the information entered in Part A, B and C is correct and complete and fully discloses my income from all sources. I also declare that I have read the information on page 2 of this form, and that the electronic filer identified in Part C is filing my return. I allow this electronic filer to communicate with the CRA to correct any errors or omissions.

Signature (individual identified in Part A or legal representative)

Name and title of legal representative

Year Month Day

Part E - Document control number (mandatory)

Enter the document control number for the individual's electronic record:

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Part F - Delivery of your notices of assessment and reassessment (a selection must be made)

How do you want to receive your notices of assessment and reassessment?
Select one or more of the following electronic options:

☐ I am already registered for online mail and can view and access my notices of assessment and reassessment online.

Sign up for online mail!

☐ I would like to view and access my notices of assessment and reassessment online anytime. I will sign up for online mail by providing my email address below.

My email address is: _____

To access online mail, you must be registered for My Account.

I understand that by providing my email address, I am registering for online mail and I accept the terms and conditions that are set out on page 2 of this form. I understand that by ticking (x) the box above, I will now receive my notices of assessment and other CRA correspondence online. I can also print and download my online notices of assessment and reassessment. For more information, see page 2 of this form.

☐ I would like my electronic filer to receive my notices of assessment and reassessment electronically in their software and provide me with a copy.

Provide your electronic filer with authorization by filling out Form T1013, *Authorizing or Cancelling a Representative*.

I understand that by ticking (x) the box above, I am allowing the CRA to electronically provide my assessment results and my notices of assessment and reassessment to the electronic filer (including a discount) named in Part C. I will now receive a copy of my notices of assessment and reassessment from my electronic filer. For more information, see page 2 of this form.

OR

☒ I would like to receive paper notices of assessment and reassessment through Canada Post.

Part G - Pre-authorized debit agreement (optional)

Do you want to Pre-authorize the CRA to withdraw a specified amount from your bank account? If so, fill in the information below:

I hereby authorize the electronic filer to create this personal pre-authorized debit on my behalf. I authorize the CRA to automatically withdraw the funds from my bank account as per the agreement details listed below. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the information about pre-authorized debit on page 2 of this form.

Signature

Year Month Day

One time payment for your individual income tax (T1), to be withdrawn on _____

for the amount of _____

Year Month Day

TAX SUMMARY
 2017

KURT MECHEFSKE
 22 GEORGE ST E, LINDSAY, ON, K9V 1W3

Tel. ()

Family data		Family net income <u>30,114/53</u>		Personal data	
Spouse	<u>TRACEY MECHEFSKE</u>	Birthdate	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Net income	<u>24,753/56</u>
Eligible dependant		SIN	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Birth Date/Age	<u>[REDACTED] 42</u>
Dependents: Less than 19:	<u>0</u>	Infirm:	<u>0</u>	Marital status:	<u>Married</u>
Over 18	<u>0</u>			Residence:	<u>ON</u>
				Days resident:	<u>365</u>
CTB	<u>GST [N]</u>	Kids	<u>0</u>	Credit/4	
		Discounted	<u>[N]</u>	Paid	
		OTB		EFile	<u>[X]</u>
				Represent	<u>[N]</u>

Income			Net income			Fed Non refundable tax credits		
Empl income	101	5,360/97	RPP	207		Basic pers amt	300	11,635/00
Other empl inc	104		RRSP	208		Age amount	301	
Old age sec pens	113		Deduction-Split Pens	210		Spousal amount	303	
CPP	114		Union/dues	212		Caregiver amount	304	
Other pens/sup	115		UCCB Repayment	213		Eligible dependant	305	
Split pension	116		Child Care exp.	214		CareGiver-Age>17	307	
Univ. Child Care	117		Disability support	215		CareGiver-Age<18	367	
EI benefit	119		ABIL	217		CPP on employm	308	92/12
Taxable dividends	120		Moving expenses	219		CPP on self empl.	310	
Interest/Investm.	121		Support Payments	220		EI premiums	312	87/38
Ltd partnership	122		Carrying charges	221		Canada Employ.	363	1,178/00
RDSP income	125		Deduction for CPP	222		Public Transit	364	
Gross Rental	160		Exp/develop exp	224		Home buyers' amt	369	
Net rental income	126		Other empl. exp.	229		HomeAccessibility	398	
Taxable cap gain	127		Cleric's residence	231		Adoption expense	313	
Alimony/Separat.	128		Other deductions	232		Pension Inc amt	314	
RRSP income	129		Soc. benefits rep.	235		Disability amount	316	
Other Income	130		Net Income	236	5,360/97	EI on self-empl.	317	
Gross Bus. Inc.	162					Volunt. Firefighter	362	
Net Bus. Inc.	135					Disab. from dep	318	
Gross Prof. Inc.	164					Interest-studentLn	319	
Net Prof. Inc.	137					Tuition Fees	320	
Gross Comm. Inc.	166					Educ/textbooks	321	
Net Comm. Inc.	139					Educ/textbooks	322	
Gross Farm. Inc.	168					Tuition/educ (self)	323	
Net Farm. Inc.	141					Tuition/Educ Xfer	324	
Gross Fishing Inc.	170					Spousal transfer	326	
Net Fishing Inc.	143					Medical expenses	332	
Workers' comp.	144					Donations-low rate	346	
Soc assist paym.	145					Donations-29%	348	
Net federal suppl	146					Tot non-ref (15%)	350	1,948/87
Total Income	150	5,360/97						
Federal Taxes			Taxable Income			Refundable Credits		
Div tax credit	425		Can Forces/Police	244		Tax Deducted	437	
Min tax carr over			Home rel loan ded	248		CPP Overpaym.	448	2/06
Non-res surtax			Stock options ded	249		EI Overpayment	450	
Foreign tax credit	405		Other payments ded	250		Refndbl Med Exp	452	
Federal tax	406		LtdPrtnLossOthYrs	251		WITB amount	453	
Pol contr credit	410		Non-capLossOthYrs	252		ITC Refund	454	
nvst tax credit	412		Net cap lossOthYrs	253		XII 2 Credit	456	
Labour ven crdt	414		Cap. gains ded.	254		GST rebate	457	
Tax bfr L415/L418	417		Northern res. ded.	255		School Supplies	469	
Tax on RESP Inc.	418		Add'l deductions	256		Prov Credits	479	
Net Fed Tax Pble	420		Taxable Income	260	5,360/97	Instalments	476	
						Total ref-credits	482	2/06
			Provincial Taxes			Refundable Credits		
			Provincial tax	428		Tax Deducted	437	
			Net prov tax	431		CPP Overpaym.	448	2/06
			CPP payable	421		EI Overpayment	450	
			Soc. benefits rep.	422		Refndbl Med Exp	452	
			Total tax payable	435		WITB amount	453	
						ITC Refund	454	
						XII 2 Credit	456	
						GST rebate	457	
						School Supplies	469	
						Prov Credits	479	
						Instalments	476	
						Total ref-credits	482	2/06

Balance Due 485 **Refund 484** **2/06**
Carry Forward to Next year

(Losses are cumulative. Yearly breakdown shown on the Losses C/F page)

Non Capital Losses	Farm/Fishing losses	Restr. Farm Losses	Net Cap Losses	Min. Tax carry-over	Donations
RRSP ded'n room	Undeducted RRSP	RRSP contr next Yr	Fed Educ/Tuition	Moving expenses	Student loan
		965/00			
IBP balance	LLP balance		Prov Educ/Tuition		

Prepared by: Cheryl MaxwellTel: 705 324-3845

Fax: _____

This is Exhibit "8" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.



Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

August 2, 2018

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Good afternoon. My name is Tracey Mechefske. I live in Lindsay, ON with my husband, Kurt Mechefske. We own a house, our family consists of ourselves and a furbaby as well as helping to care for our niece on a regular basis. I have been on disability since the early 90's because of health issues that prevent me from working but have given as much time as possible to volunteering at Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes, Soroptimist International of Kawartha Lakes and many other organizations here. My husband had to go on disability because of mental and physical health issues caused by trauma but still works part time with an incredible work ethic. I tell you all of this because I need you to know how hard working a family we are and how this choice to discontinue the Basic Income Pilot Project in Lindsay will devastate us financially and physically.

Before the Basic Income Pilot Project we were always behind on our bills, so much so that we had to rely on the John Howard Society and the LEAP program to help us keep up with our hydro bill. We were forced to visit food banks several times per year and when we could not make that food last we would have to put groceries on our credit cards, which eventually maxed out and went into collections. Any unexpected car repairs were also forced onto credit cards. We never had the money to buy the supplements and medications that were not on the Ontario Drug Plan, we were forced to forego surgeries because we couldn't afford the time off, my husband went to work sick because we couldn't make it work otherwise and constantly worrying about money was causing anxiety and health issues as well as marital problems. I am sure I do not have to tell you, but it is impossible to own a house, buy food, pay insurance, buy meds, help another family member in need, etc. on \$1900 a month.

We have been on the Basic Income Pilot Project now for not even a year and we have not had to go to the food bank or put groceries on a credit card once, we have not had to put car repairs on credit cards, our hydro bill is mostly paid up, we are able to purchase the supplements and medications needed and ordered from our doctors, my husband was able to have his hernia repaired and took the necessary 6 weeks off of work to recover (it was tight financially but we still made it), he still doesn't take off work when he is sick though but that's because of the mindset we have been in for so many years, we stress and fight about money less making our relationship better and the biggest improvement of all is our health. We have not felt better for as long as we can remember. We have managed date nights to the

drive in, had our niece live with us when her home life was intolerable and started a home business which could be incredibly successful given enough time.

The allotment from the Basic Income Pilot Project may not seem like a lot to some but to us it has made all the difference in the world. Losing it now, after all the progress we have made as individuals, a family and community with the newly running business, will be devastating to say the least. With housing costs the way they are now it is very possible that we will have to give up our home if forced to go back to disability and it's lower than standard of living amounts.

Please reconsider your decision to abolish the project, we are just one of many that it has helped.

Sincerely,
Tracey Mechefske

[REDACTED]
Lindsay, ON K9V 1W3

[REDACTED]
Raventree Naturals on Facebook

This is Exhibit "9" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.

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Ontario Basic Income Pilot
 33 King St W
 Oshawa ON L1H 8H6

BIN - L159

TRACEY MECHEFSKE

LINDSAY ON [REDACTED]

Issue Date: 04-Oct-2018

Letter No: L0058513600

Reference No: 500056048

Dear TRACEY MECHEFSKE:

Thank you for your participation in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

On July 31, 2018, the government announced that they will begin to wind-down the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. This is your notification that the pilot will be ending in March 2019.

What does this mean for you?

As a participant in the payment group, you will remain in the pilot and continue to receive payments until March 25, 2019. Your payments will be maintained at the amount of your July 2018 payment. Should you have a significant change in your circumstances, please contact us at applyBI@ontario.ca or 1 844 217-4516

You will not be asked to complete any additional surveys.

If you have been eligible to receive dental and/or drug benefits, you will continue to receive these benefits for the duration of the pilot.

Information about Social Assistance

A streamlined application process will be available to former ODSP and OW clients who wish to reapply to social assistance. In particular, former ODSP clients will not need to have their disability re-adjudicated when they reapply. You will be contacted shortly about this process or please call us at 1 844 217-4516 if you have any questions in the meantime.

If you are not a former ODSP or OW client but think you may be eligible please contact a local office at this link:

<http://www.officelocator.mcass.gov.on.ca/>

You may also apply on-line through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services at:

https://mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/programs/social/apply_online.aspx

If you were determined to be a person with a disability under the ODSP Act during your pilot enrollment, your disability will not have to be re-adjudicated when you apply.

Enquiries

1 844 217-4516

Teletypewriter (TTY) 1 888 544-3137



Letter No: L0058513600
Reference No: 500056048

Information about your benefits

Benefit Change	What You Need to Know/Do
I am on OSAP. How do I get my living expenses paid by OSAP once BI stops?	You will need to take this notice letter to your Financial Aid Office which will be able to reassess your new income level and adjust your OSAP accordingly.
What will happen to my Housing Benefits/ Rent Geared to Income?	You should contact your municipal service manager as soon as you get this notice letter so they are aware that you have received your notice. Your housing provider or Service Manager will assist you and recalculate your rent and/or subsidies based on your new income after you leave BI.
What happens to my Child Care Fee Subsidy?	You will need to take this notice letter to your municipality. Your municipality will assist you to determine your eligibility for fee subsidies and the amount of parental contribution.
Will my Canada Child Tax Benefit, Ontario Child Benefit, or Ontario Trillium Benefit change because of higher income I received this year through Ontario Basic Income Pilot?	<p>Until July 2019, your payments from these benefits will not be affected by your 2018 Basic Income payments.</p> <p>However, when you submit your tax forms next year, you may get a different amount from these benefits starting in July 2019. As mentioned in the consent section of the Basic Income Application Form, these benefits may be impacted by the income you received from the Pilot.</p>

You can choose to leave the Ontario Basic Income Pilot for any reason at any time.

If you have any questions, please email us at applyBI@ontario.ca, or call us at 1 844 217-4516.

Thank you for your participation in the Pilot.

Sincerely,

Ontario Basic Income Pilot Administrator

This is Exhibit "10" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.



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Ministry of Children,
Community and Social
Services

Ministère des Services à
l'enfance et des Services
sociaux et
communautaires

ODSP/
POSPH

Statement of
Assistance
Please retain
for your records.

Relevé des
prestations
Veuillez conserver
dans vos dossiers.

MEMBER ID CODE D'ID. DE MEMBRE	OFFICE BUREAU	CASE ORIG CH. DE CAS	NO./N°	DATE	PERIOD COVERED PÉRIODE ASSURÉE	
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BENEFITS / PRESTATIONS	AMOUNT/MONTANT	DEDUCTIONS / DÉDUCTIONS	AMOUNT/MONTANT	
Basic Needs	1118.00	O/P Recovery	103.40	
Shelter	781.00		0.00	
Addl Shelter	72.00		0.00	
Special Diet	97.00		0.00	
				Payment Amount / Montant du paiement
Total	2068.00	Total	103.40	1964.60

Collectible Overpayment Balance: \$547.38



Ontario Disability Support Program Act /
Loi sur le Programme ontarien de soutien aux personnes handicapées

PAYMENT REFERENCE 0130058 2019073125010130058 JUL 31, 2019

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Mrs. TRACEY L MECHEFSKE
[REDACTED]
Lindsay ON [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF DEPOSIT
RELEVÉ DE DÉPÔT

(DBDSF5 F/P DBDTP8 Jan 16/2019)

This is Exhibit "11" referred to in the Affidavit of Tracey
Mechefske sworn August 21, 2019.

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Commissioner for Taking Affidavits (or as may be)

Divisional Court File No.: 102/18

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

DANA BOWMAN, GRACE MARIE DOYLE HILLION, SUSAN LINDSAY,
and TRACEY MECHEKSKE

Applicants

- and -

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO,
as represented by the Minister of Children,
Community and Social Services

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
(Sworn November 21, 2018)

I, Drew Vanderduim, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, MAKE OATH AND SAY:

1. I am employed as the Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Deputy Minister ("CAO/ADM") for the Ontario Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services ("MCCSS"). I have held this position since November 2017.¹ As CAO/ADM, I am responsible for ensuring that MCCSS is operating within established financial frameworks and complying with all human resource requirements.

¹ From November 2017 until June 2018, the Ministry was called the Ministry of Community and Social Services ("MCSS"), and my official title was Chief Administrative Officer/Assistant Deputy Minister for MCSS.

2. Previously, I was the CAO/ADM for the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services ("MCSCS") where I was responsible for fiscal compliance and oversight at MCSCS. I held this position from December 2016 to November 2017. From May 2014 to December 2016, I was the Financial Director at MCSCS where I was responsible for supporting the CAO/ADM with fiscal compliance and oversight at MCSCS.

3. As such, I have direct knowledge of the matters to which I hereinafter depose, except where I indicate that such information has been obtained from other sources or documents, in which case I believe such information to be true.

A) Social Assistance in Ontario

4. Government policy in Ontario with respect to how to best alleviate poverty and support the vulnerable is established by elected officials and then implemented by public servants through the delivery of various government funded services and programs.

5. Presently, MCCSS funds the delivery of social assistance programs to approximately one million Ontarians. For 2017/2018, MCSS budgeted \$12,204,028,400 for the cost of eligibility based adult social assistance programs like Ontario Works ("OW") and Ontario Disability Support Program ("ODSP") and \$66,426,300 for poverty reduction programs. For 2018/2019, MCSS budgeted \$13,119,669,800 for the delivery of eligibility based adult social assistance programs and \$66,658,800 for poverty reduction programs. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a chart setting out MCCSS expenditures by program area. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a copy of the Expenditure Estimates for the former MCSS (2018/2019) which include the budgets for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

6. The majority of the MCCSS budget for social assistance programs is used to provide supports to low-income individuals through ODSP and OW. ODSP provides income and employment supports to eligible persons with disabilities. ODSP recipients also receive benefits, including drug and dental benefits. OW provides temporary financial assistance to individuals most in need. OW recipients receive monthly financial payments to assist with living expenses. OW recipients also receive benefits, including drug benefits.

7. In addition to MCCSS programs and services, a number of different ministries throughout government administer programs and services that assist individuals with managing day-to-day costs. Some of these programs and services assist people with low incomes by providing dental care, drug benefits, subsidized housing or benefits aimed at students. Some of these programs include:

- a. **Trillium Drug Program:** this program is for people who spend approximately 3% to 4% or more of their after-tax household income on prescription drug costs. A deductible is set based on household income. Once the deductible is paid, households only have to pay up to \$2 for each drug, per person, that is filled or refilled.
- b. **Healthy Smiles Ontario:** this program provides preventive and early treatment services for children and youth in families with low incomes, who are 17 years of age or under. Eligible children receive regular dental services at no cost.
- c. **Ontario Child Care Fee Subsidy:** families with children under 13 years of age are eligible for a child care fee subsidy to offset the cost of certain forms of childcare. Eligibility is based on income. The cost of the program is shared by the Ontario government, municipal governments and First Nations communities. Families on social assistance are automatically eligible to receive a full child care fee subsidy.

- d. **Ontario Student Assistance Plan:** this is a financial aid program that helps students pay for college or university by offering funding through grants, which do not have to be repaid, and loans. Eligibility is based on income.
- e. **Ontario's Second Career Program:** this program provides grants of up to \$28,000 to individuals who have been laid off so that they can return to school to upgrade their skills to qualify for an in-demand job.
- f. **Subsidized Housing:** Ontario provides funding to municipalities each year through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative to assist families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

8. Eligible Ontarians may also benefit from provincial and federal income based tax credits. Tax credits include the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit, the Ontario Sales Tax Credit, the Ontario Child Benefit, the Canada Working Income Tax Benefit, the Canada Goods and Services Tax Credit, and the Canada Child Benefit.

B) The Ontario Basic Income Pilot

9. The Ontario Basic Income Pilot ("OBIP") was first outlined as a government priority in the 2016/2017 Ontario Budget Speech in the area of social assistance reform. Attached as Exhibit "C" is an excerpt from the 2016/2017 Ontario Budget Speech regarding OBIP.

10. On April 24, 2017, former Premier Kathleen Wynne announced the launch of OBIP. In announcing the launch, Premier Wynne stated that the purpose of OBIP was to determine if basic income is an approach that deserves to be adopted across the province as a whole. Attached as Exhibit "D" is a copy of the speech delivered by former Premier Wynne on April 24, 2017 announcing the launch of OBIP.

11. On June 28, 2017, Ontario established the Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Council ("MAC"), to provide advice to government on the implementation of OBIP. On the same date, the government also established the Basic Income Pilot Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee ("REAC"), to provide advice on research and evaluation matters. Attached as Exhibit "E" is a copy of Order in Council ("OIC") 1267/2017 establishing MAC and OIC 1268/2017 establishing the Research and Evaluation Chair of REAC. Attached as Exhibit "F" is OIC 1385/2017 appointing the Chair of REAC. Attached as Exhibit "G" are copies of the Ministers' letters appointing members to MAC to serve at the pleasure of the Ministers. Attached as Exhibit "H" are copies of the Terms of Reference for MAC and for REAC.

12. I have been informed by Lisa Zanetti, Director of Finance at MCCSS, and verily believe it to be true that Ontario also entered into a contract with a third party evaluator and the Veritas Independent Review Board. The third party evaluators were retained to analyze the data that was to be collected from OBIP participants. The Veritas Independent Review Board is a research ethics board and was retained to provide guidance on the delivery of OBIP.

C) Authority for OBIP

13. Authority for OBIP is derived from the *Supply Act*. The *Supply Act* provides the legal spending authority for each ministry in the government of Ontario, including MCCSS.

14. Through the annual Budget process, previously referred to as the Program Review, Renewal and Transformation ("PRRT") process, ministries bring expenditure proposals forward to the Treasury Board ("TB") for approval. TB is a committee of Cabinet that oversees the allocations and approval of all government expenditures. TB allocates resources in accordance with government priorities. The Legislature then votes on the Budget.

15. The Budget is then reflected in the Ministry of Finance printed estimates. These estimates become the legal spending authority for each ministry, and are then reflected in the *Supply Act*. The *Supply Act* provides the framework for legislative control of public spending. Attached as Exhibit "I" is a copy of the *Supply Act, 2018*.

16. Any amounts approved through the annual budget process are only available to be used in the financial year for which they are appropriated.

17. For any new in-year resources for which a budget has not been approved, or enhancements to existing services for which a budget has already been set, proposals are made to TB. Conversely, decisions made to end programs for which there has been an appropriation are also done through the TB process.

18. In 2016/2017, initial expenditures of \$5,001,000 associated with OBIP were authorized through the PRRT process. In 2017/2018, \$41,494,600 was authorized for OBIP. In 2018/2019, \$44,192,300 was authorized. Attached as Exhibit "J" is a copy of the 2016/2017 Expenditure Estimates for the Ministry of Finance, the 2017/2018 Expenditure Estimates for MCCSS, and the 2018/2019 Expenditure Estimates for MCCSS detailing the budget for OBIP.

19. The Budget for 2019/2020 will likely be tabled before the Legislature in the Spring of 2019.

D) OBIP Delivery Model

20. OBIP was implemented in three designated sites: Hamilton/Brantford/Brant County, Thunder Bay and surrounding area, and Lindsay. There were two research methods being used:

a Randomized Controlled Trial, where the participants who receive the Basic Income payment were compared to a comparison group in the same designated site who were not receiving payments, as well as a saturation like site (Lindsay) where the comparison was to be a similar sized town where OBIP was not being implemented. Attached as Exhibit "K" is a copy of the April 24, 2017 news release detailing the OBIP delivery model.

21. I have been informed by Lisa Zanetti, and verily believe it to be true, that the first participants joined the OBIP in July 2017 with the majority joining the study between December 2017 and April 2018. There are approximately 2,500 in the comparison group (who do not receive payments) and just over 4,000 in the payment group.

22. OBIP payments are based on the Negative Income Tax approach, which provides for a payment to a household based on earnings and other income, which guarantees that recipients will never fall below a specified threshold. The basic income payment is reduced by 50% of employment earnings, and 100% for income such as employment insurance and pensions (dollar for dollar). As earnings and other income increases, the payment gradually falls to 0.

23. Participants must file an income tax return each year in order for MCCSS to be able to determine each participant's payment amount for that year. If a participant's income increases above a threshold amount, as determined by their income tax return, they are no longer eligible to receive OBIP payments. Payments under the OBIP were intended to be made for up to three years. Attached as Exhibits "L" is a copy of the "Basic Income Pilot: Information Booklet" used from June 2017 to February 2018 and related application and consent form. Attached as Exhibit "M" is a copy of the Application Package used thereafter.

24. Eligibility for OBIP payments, and the amount of the payment, was to be calculated annually based on income tax returns. If a participant had a substantial in-year change in circumstances, for example the loss of a job, they could request that MCCSS re-calculate the amount of their monthly OBIP payment taking account of the substantial in-year change in circumstance.

25. As part of their enrollment, participants in both the payment group and the comparison group were asked to complete a baseline survey. All OBIP participants were paid \$50 for completing the survey.

E) Ontario Elects a New Government

26. On June 7, 2018, a general election was held in Ontario and a new government was elected to Ontario's 42nd Parliament.

27. June 7, 2018 to June 29, 2018 was the election's transition period for the newly elected government to be briefed on matters while the previous government remained in power.

28. On June 29, 2018, former Premier Wynne tendered her resignation as Premier to the Lieutenant-Governor ("LG"). On the same date, the LG swore in Ontario's new government.

29. On June 29, 2018, Ontario's new government revoked a number of OICs through which the previous government had created committees and appointed individuals to provide advice to the previous government on a range of policy issues. The June 29, 2018 revocation OIC revoked the OICs that had established MAC and the appointment of the Research and Evaluation Chair of REAC. Attached as Exhibit "N" is a copy of the Order in Council 988/2018 dated June 29, 2018

revoking the above mentioned OICs. Attached as Exhibit "Q" are copies of the letters informing members of MAC that the appointments have come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

30. On July 12, 2018, the new government delivered its Speech from the Throne outlining its priorities. Attached as Exhibit "P" is a copy of the Speech from the Throne delivered on July 12, 2018.

F) Wind Down of OBIP

31. On July 31, 2018, the government announced that it would be replacing the previous government's policy on social assistance with a plan that would focus on helping get people back to work and keep them working, while supporting people with disabilities to work when they are able and to participate in their communities. As part of the announcement, the government explained that it would wind down OBIP and focus resources on proven approaches to social assistance. Attached as Exhibit "Q" is a copy of the Ministry's July 31, 2018 news releases.

32. On August 31, 2018, Ontario announced that eligible participants would continue to receive their monthly OBIP payments until March 31, 2019. The Ministry's news release stated that "we have a broken social service system. A research project that helps less than four thousand people is not the answer . . ." It also referenced the "extraordinary cost for Ontario taxpayers" of a basic income approach to social assistance and that implementing basic income across the province would require increasing the Harmonized Sales Tax to 20 percent. Attached as Exhibit "R" is the Ministry's August 31, 2018 news release.

33. I have also been informed by Lisa Zanetti, and verily believe it to be true, that MCCSS has been actively notifying individual participants of the wind-down of OBIP through individual

phone calls and letters advising participants that monthly OBIP payments will continue for eligible participants up to and including March 2019. Participants have also been provided with a dedicated phone number and email address to contact MCCSS for further assistance. The communications invite participants to contact MCCSS during the wind-down period to report any substantial changes in circumstances and continues to recalculate participants' monthly payments accordingly. Attached as Exhibit "S" to my affidavit is a copy of the letters that were provided to the participants starting September 28, 2018.

34. As part of the wind-down, former OW/ODSP recipients, assuming they remain eligible, can choose to transition back onto OW/ODSP where they will continue to receive drug, dental or extended health benefits as applicable.

35. As a result of the decision to wind-down the OBIP, participants have not and will not be asked to complete any other surveys for research.

36. I have been informed by Lisa Zanetti, and verily believe it to be true, that Ontario terminated its contract with the third party evaluators effective November 26, 2018.

37. The applicants to this judicial review application have also served Ontario with notice of a proposed class action seeking damages with respect to the wind-down of OBIP. Attached as Exhibit "T" is a copy of the Notice of Proposed Class Action.

38. I make this affidavit in response to the application for judicial review and for no improper purpose.

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SWORN BEFORE ME at the City)
of Toronto, in the Province of)
Ontario, on this 21st day of)
November, 2018. }


Name


A Commissioner etc.

TAB A

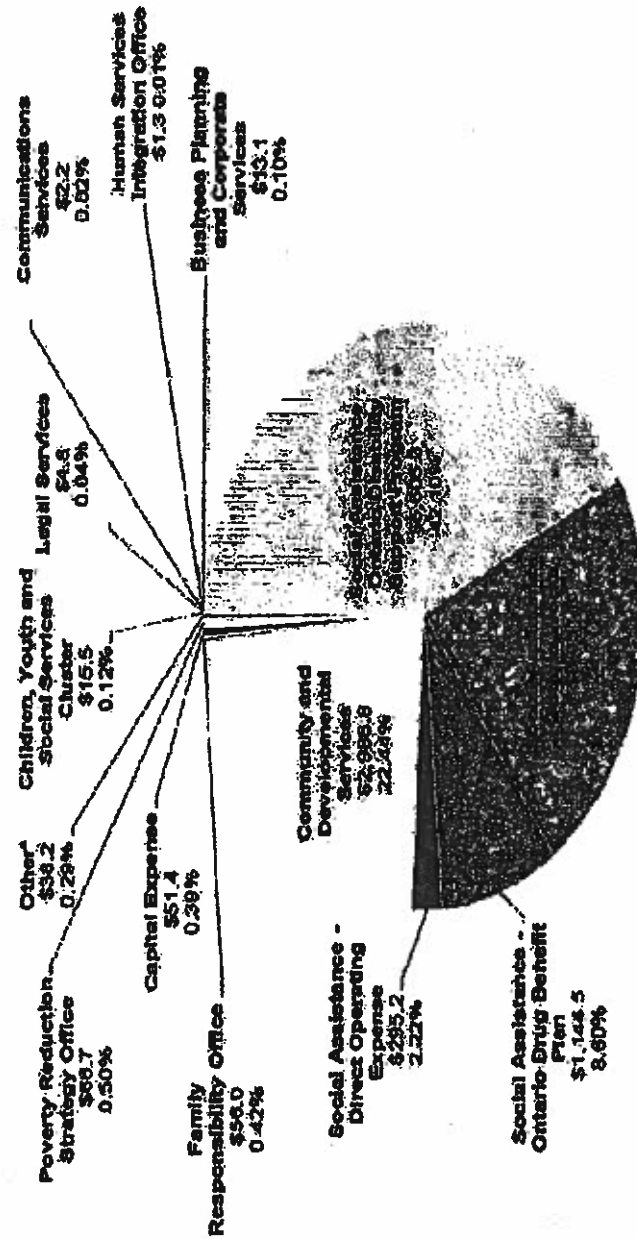
Tab A

THIS IS EXHIBIT "A"
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018


A Commissioner, etc.

WHAT IT COSTS

2018-19 Ministry Expenses by Major Programs (\$Millions)
(2018-19 Budget: \$ 13,312.8 M)



* Other includes bad debt, amortization and consolidation.

Note 1: Excludes operating assets and capital assets.

Note 2: Includes I&T support for Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

WHAT IT COSTS

Program	Estimates	% of Budget
Children, Youth and Social Services Information and Technology Cluster	15.5	0.1%
Legal Services	4.0	0.0%
Communications Services	2.2	0.0%
Human Services Integration Offices	1.3	0.0%
Business Planning and Corporate Services (1)	13.1	0.1%
Social Assistance - Ontario Disability Support Program	5,605.3	42.1%
Social Assistance - Ontario Works	3,031.0	22.0%
Social Assistance - Ontario Drug Benefit Plan	1,144.5	8.6%
Social Assistance - Direct Operating Expense	295.2	2.2%
Community and Developmental Services	2,986.8	22.4%
Family Responsibility Offices	56.0	0.4%
Capital Expense	51.4	0.4%
Poverty Reduction	66.7	0.5%
Other* (Includes bad debt, amortization and consolidation)	30.2	0.3%
Total	13,128	100.0%


(1) Includes Executive Offices

KEY STATS

The MCSS budget is 8.4% of the 2018-19 Ontario budget (\$13.3B of \$158.5B).

97% (\$12.8B) of the ministry's \$13.3B budget goes towards transfer payments.

Tab B

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TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018

A Commissioner, etc.



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Expenditure Estimates for the Ministry of Community and Social Services (2018-19)

The 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates set out details of the operating and capital spending requirements of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2018.

Summary

The Ministry of Community and Social Services promotes resilient and inclusive communities through delivering and funding programs that help people achieve their potential, build independence and improve their quality of life.

Ministry program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
701	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote1)	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote2)	\$13,119,669,800	\$12,204,028,400	\$915,641,400	\$11,498,120,315
703	Poverty Reduction Strategy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote3)	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$13,223,198,700	\$12,308,919,600	\$914,279,100	\$11,544,917,255
	Statutory appropriations	\$32,083,314	\$28,095,914	\$3,987,400	\$25,062,575
	Ministry total operating expense	\$13,255,282,014	\$12,337,015,514	\$918,266,500	\$11,569,979,830
	Consolidation adjustment - Hospitals	(\$22,399,500)	(\$18,934,800)	(\$3,464,700)	(\$20,404,621)
	Consolidation adjustment - Restructuring Provisions for the Transition Exit Initiative	-	-	-	(\$427,728)
	Operating expense adjustment - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account Reclassification	\$2,000,000	-	\$2,000,000	-
	Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$13,234,882,514	\$12,318,080,714	\$916,801,800	\$11,549,147,481
	Operating assets				
701	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote4)	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote5)	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
703	Poverty Reduction Strategy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote6)	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$37,161,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,525,900	\$38,339,059

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Ministry total operating assets	\$37,161,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,525,900	\$38,339,059
	Capital expense				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote7)	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Statutory appropriations	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Ministry total capital expense	\$77,961,600	\$72,570,900	\$5,390,700	\$87,536,517
	Capital assets				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote8)	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Ministry total capital assets	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Ministry total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$13,312,844,114	\$12,390,651,614	\$922,192,500	\$11,636,683,998
Operating expense		2017-18 Estimates	2016-17 Actual		
Total operating expense previously published ¹³		\$12,365,289,614	\$11,560,576,384		

Operating expense	2017-18 Estimates	2016-17 Actual
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions from other Ministries		\$10,233,346
Transfer of functions to other Ministries	(\$28,274,100)	(\$829,900)
Restated total operating expense	\$12,337,015,514	\$11,569,979,830

Ministry Administration Program - vote 701

The Ministry Administration Program supports the development and implementation of the ministry's priorities by providing senior management, corporate offices and field staff with policy and program direction, strategic financial and resource management advice, as well as administrative and operational support services.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
1	Ministry administration	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
S	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$47,841	\$47,841	-	\$49,301
S	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$16,173	\$16,173	-	\$13,102
S	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Total statutory appropriations	\$65,014	\$65,014	-	\$62,403
	Total operating expense	\$36,935,114	\$38,529,914	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,625,997
	Operating assets				
10	Accounts receivable	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
701-1	Ministry administration		
	Salaries and wages		\$19,944,200
	Employee benefits		\$2,609,200
	Transportation and communication		\$1,492,900
	Services		\$12,424,600
	Supplies and equipment		\$399,200
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$36,870,100

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Sub-items:		
	Executive Offices		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,801,900	
	Employee benefits	\$189,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$85,400	
	Services	\$14,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$34,800	\$2,125,800
	Business Services		
	Salaries and wages	\$6,695,800	
	Employee benefits	\$904,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$284,500	
	Services	\$1,047,400	
	Supplies and equipment	\$71,100	\$9,002,900
	Human resources		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,980,400	
	Employee benefits	\$182,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$26,500	

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Services	\$165,900	
	Supplies and equipment	\$6,600	\$2,362,100
	Communications services		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,512,500	
	Employee benefits	\$96,300	
	Transportation and communication	\$73,700	
	Services	\$497,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$18,400	\$2,197,900
	Legal services		
	Salaries and wages	\$40,000	
	Employee benefits	\$5,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$34,300	
	Services	\$4,709,100	
	Supplies and equipment	\$31,200	\$4,809,700
	Audit services		
	Services	\$861,400	\$861,400
	Information Services		

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Salaries and wages	\$7,913,600	
	Employee benefits	\$1,231,300	
	Transportation and communication	\$988,500	
	Services	\$5,129,800	
	Supplies and equipment	\$247,100	\$15,510,300
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$36,870,100
	Statutory appropriations		
Statutory	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$47,841
Statutory	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$16,173
	Statutory appropriations		
	Other transactions		
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Ministry Administration Program		\$36,935,114
	Operating assets		
701-10	Accounts receivable		
	Advances and recoverable amounts		
	Advances and recoverable - in-year recoveries		\$1,000

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Total operating assets to be voted		\$1,000
	Total operating assets for Ministry Administration Program		\$1,000

Adults' Services Program - vote 702

Through the Adults' Services Program effective and accountable community-based services are directed to those most in need. Ontario's Social Assistance programs provide financial and employment supports to eligible individuals who are in need, including people with disabilities, and their families.

The Community and Developmental Services include Community Services, Developmental Services, and the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy. The Community Services programs provide funding for community-based services and supports for women experiencing violence and their children, human trafficking victims and survivors, and individuals who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deafblind. The Developmental Services programs provide services and supports for adults with a developmental disability and children with developmental and/or physical disabilities through community-based service providers, and direct funding through Passport and Special Services at Home. These programs promote greater social inclusion, independence and choice for adults with a developmental disability and their families by helping them live and participate in their communities. The Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy programs are culturally appropriate programs designed and delivered by and for indigenous peoples to improve healing, health and wellness outcomes.

The Custodian of Adoption Information provides adoption information disclosure services to adopted adults, adoptive parents, and birth families. The Family Responsibility Office works to improve the financial security of families by collecting and distributing child and spousal support payments pursuant to court orders and domestic contracts filed with the courts.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
3	Financial and Employment Supports	\$10,076,838,300	\$9,564,125,100	\$512,713,200	\$9,080,565,297
6	Community and Developmental Services	\$2,986,809,200	\$2,586,271,100	\$400,538,100	\$2,361,172,581

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
7	Family Responsibility Office	\$56,022,300	\$53,632,200	\$2,390,100	\$56,382,437
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$13,119,669,800	\$12,204,028,400	\$915,641,400	\$11,498,120,315
S	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$32,018,300	\$28,030,900	\$3,987,400	\$25,000,172
	Total statutory appropriations	\$32,018,300	\$28,030,900	\$3,987,400	\$25,000,172
	Total operating expense	\$13,151,688,100	\$12,232,059,300	\$919,628,800	\$11,523,120,487
	Operating assets				
9	Adults' Services	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Total operating assets	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Capital expense				
8	Adults' Services	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
S	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Total statutory appropriations	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Total capital expense	\$77,961,600	\$72,570,900	\$5,390,700	\$87,536,517

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Capital assets				
11	Adults' Services	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense			
702-3	Financial and Employment Supports			
	Salaries and wages			\$176,083,700
	Employee benefits			\$27,587,400
	Transportation and communication			\$9,315,600
	Services			\$79,871,500
	Supplies and equipment			\$2,360,600
	Transfer payments			
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance		\$5,556,474,300	

Vote- item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Employment Assistance		\$48,857,100	
	Ontario Works - Financial Assistance		\$2,822,185,900	
	Ontario Works - Employment Assistance		\$209,607,900	
	Ontario Drug Benefit Plan		\$1,144,494,300	\$9,781,619,500
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$10,076,838,300
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$32,018,300
702-6	Community and Developmental Services			
	Salaries and wages			\$26,801,800
	Employee benefits			\$9,111,900
	Transportation and communication			\$796,200
	Services			\$14,479,300
	Supplies and equipment			\$199,000
	Transfer payments			
	Residential services		\$1,715,334,200	

Vote- Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Supportive services		\$943,567,100	
	Violence Against Women		\$172,123,400	
	Supports to Community Living		\$68,974,600	
	Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy		\$35,421,700	\$2,935,421,000
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$2,986,809,200
702-7	Family Responsibility Office			
	Salaries and wages			\$32,622,300
	Employee benefits			\$4,534,500
	Transportation and communication			\$2,298,600
	Services			\$15,992,300
	Supplies and equipment			\$574,600
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$56,022,300
	Total operating expense for Adults' Services Program			\$13,151,688,100
	Operating assets			
702-9	Adults' Services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			

Vote- item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Ontario Works Financial Assistance		\$1,000	
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance		\$37,154,900	
	Residential Services		\$1,000	
	Supportive Services		\$1,000	
	Violence Against Women		\$1,000	
	Supports to Community Living		\$1,000	\$37,159,900
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$37,159,900
	Sub-items:			
	Financial and Employment Supports			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Ontario Works Financial Assistance	\$1,000		
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance	\$37,154,900	\$37,155,900	\$37,155,900
	Community and Developmental Services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Residential Services	\$1,000		
	Supportive Services	\$1,000		

Vote- Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Violence Against Women	\$1,000		
	Supports to Community Living	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$37,159,900
	Total operating assets for Adults' Services Program			\$37,159,900
	Capital expense			
702-8	Adults' Services			
	Transfer payments			
	Capital Grants		\$1,000	
	Partner Facility Renewal		\$49,645,900	\$49,646,900
	Other transactions			
	Capital Investments			\$1,754,300
	Total capital expense to be voted			\$51,401,200
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$26,560,400
	Total capital expense for Adults' Services Program			\$77,961,600
	Capital assets			

Vote- item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
702-11	Adults' Services			
	Business application software - asset costs			\$4,783,900
	Total capital assets to be voted			\$4,783,900
	Total capital assets for Adults' Services Program			\$4,783,900

Poverty Reduction Strategy Program - vote 703

The Poverty Reduction Strategy overseen by the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy has been established to support Ontario's multi-year priority outcome of reducing poverty, inequality and exclusion. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office (PRSO) oversees the cross-enterprise implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and addresses responsibilities under the Poverty Reduction Act, 2009 including the preparation and tabling of an Annual Report. The PRSO leads initiatives to continue lifting people out of poverty including developing a food security strategy and managing the Local Poverty Reduction Fund to support, showcase and evaluate grassroots community action projects that target local solutions to poverty. The program is also responsible for the design and implementation of a Basic Income Pilot that is jointly overseen with the Minister of Community and Social Services.

Note: recoveries under Operating Expense for Poverty Reduction Strategy Office include recoveries of \$2,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account, which are based on forecasts of anticipated revenues and contingent upon a sufficient balance standing to the credit of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
1	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346
	Total operating expense	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating assets				
2	Poverty Reduction Strategy	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
703-1	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office		
	Salaries and wages		\$4,824,400
	Employee benefits		\$643,700
	Transportation and communication		\$20,300
	Services		\$2,489,200
	Supplies and equipment		\$13,500
	Transfer payments		
	Basic Income Pilot	\$44,192,300	
	Food Security and Climate Change Impact Fund	\$1,675,400	

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Local Poverty Reduction Fund	\$14,800,000	\$60,667,700
	Subtotal		\$68,658,800
	Less: recoveries		\$2,000,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$66,658,800
	Total operating expense for Poverty Reduction Strategy Program		\$66,658,800
	Operating assets		
703-2	Poverty Reduction Strategy		
	Advances and recoverable amounts		
	Basic Income Pilot		\$1,000
	Total operating assets to be voted		\$1,000
	Total operating assets for Poverty Reduction Strategy Program		\$1,000

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Footnotes

- * [1] ^ Total operating expense includes Statutory Appropriations, Special Warrants and total operating expense to be voted.

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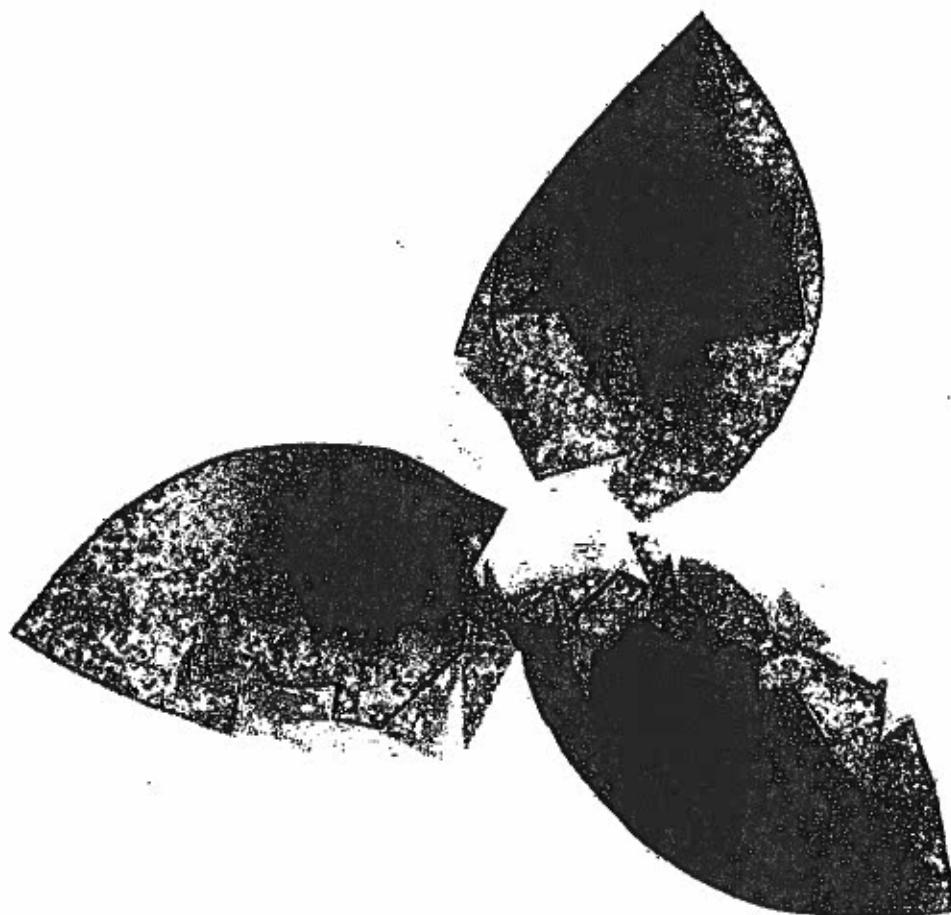
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JOBS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

2016 ONTARIO BUDGET



The Honourable
CHARLES SOUSA
Minister of Finance

Budget Papers

Chapter 1: Building Prosperity and Creating Jobs

- Investing over \$1.1 million each year for the next three years to enhance specialized counselling services and community outreach support for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence; and
- Enhancing awareness through a public education campaign that includes multilingual television and print ads and a successful social media campaign around #WhoWillYouHelp and #ItsNeverOkay.

Drug Benefits for Low-Income Seniors

The government is making changes to the Ontario Drug Benefit Program to raise the income threshold for low-income seniors, allowing a greater number of seniors to qualify for reduced fees, resulting in lower costs for medications. Co-payments and deductibles will be adjusted for other seniors. Other changes to Ontario's Public Drug Programs are highlighted in this chapter and in Chapter 11, *Section B: Transforming Government and Managing Costs*.

Social Assistance

The Province's social assistance programs provide supports for Ontarians in need of help.

As Ontario's economy grows, the government remains committed to leaving no one behind. Maintaining an effective social safety net is one part of the government's broader efforts to reduce poverty and ensure inclusion in communities and the economy.

In 2016, the government will build on its previous investments in social assistance by:

- Increasing social assistance rates by 1.5 per cent for adults receiving Ontario Works and people with disabilities relying on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); and
- Providing a further top-up to those with the lowest social assistance rates — singles without children receiving Ontario Works — bringing their total increase to \$25 per month, which is \$100 more per month than they received in 2012.

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These rate increases will take effect in September 2016 for ODSP and in October 2016 for Ontario Works. Municipalities will not be required to share the cost of the Ontario Works rate increase until January 2017.

Ontario will also take steps to help increase the incomes of single-parent families who receive both social assistance and child support payments. Currently, families receiving child support have their social assistance benefits reduced by the full amount of child support they receive. This means that families receiving social assistance are no better off when they receive child support, and the parent responsible for making child support payments may feel little incentive to do so.

Over the next year, the government will introduce changes to social assistance rules so that families receiving social assistance who receive child support payments can benefit from more of this income.

Ontario will continue to work with people with lived experience and delivery partners to modernize the delivery of social assistance, better integrate services and reduce unnecessary intrusion into clients' lives.

For example, the Province will:

- Introduce a reloadable payment card for ODSP clients who are unable to open or maintain bank accounts and to reduce the use of paper-based practices;
- Build on pilots launched in 2015-16 to provide more self-service options for clients;
- Introduce improvements to the ODSP adjudication and medical review process; and
- Remove the current requirement for persons already determined to be eligible for adult developmental services to be re-adjudicated for eligibility under ODSP.

In the *2015 Budget*, Ontario introduced a consultation on social assistance rate restructuring. Through ongoing discussions, there emerged a clear consensus on the need to move policy considerations beyond social assistance rates to include aspects of the broader income security system.

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As a result, this year, the government will continue to engage with delivery partners, clients and sector advocates to chart the path to comprehensive reform that effectively reduces poverty, supports people in their efforts to participate in the economy, and provides human services in a way that makes sense to the people who need them. This process will look across government and at the broader income security landscape to ensure that various existing and future programs work together to help Ontarians. The government will also engage with First Nation, Inuit and Metis communities to ensure that the path forward recognizes unique challenges on- and off-reserve and helps all Ontarians live a better life.

One area of research that will inform the path to comprehensive reform will be the evaluation of a Basic Income pilot. The pilot project will test a growing view at home and abroad that a basic income could build on the success of minimum wage policies and increases in child benefits by providing more consistent and predictable support in the context of today's dynamic labour market. The pilot would also test whether a basic income would provide a more efficient way of delivering income support, strengthen the attachment to the labour force, and achieve savings in other areas, such as health care and housing supports. The government will work with communities, researchers and other stakeholders in 2016 to determine how best to design and implement a Basic Income pilot.

Tab D

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TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018:



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Premier Lays Out Plan for Fairness and Security in Uncertain Times

April 24, 2017 4:43 P.M.

Office of the Premier

Premier Kathleen Wynne gave the following speech today in Hamilton about government's responsibility to have a plan that creates fairness and security for people in a changing economy, in which the Premier also announced the launch of Ontario's Basic Income Pilot.*

"Thank you all for being here.

I want to begin today by showing my respect for the contributions of Indigenous peoples and recognizing the role of treaty-making in what is now Ontario. For generations, this land has been home to peoples of Turtle Island. The first treaties were signed long before Confederation. Today, 150 years later, the treaties are still relevant to our lives, and I want to just acknowledge that as we're gathered here today.

I spent some time in Ottawa last week. I was at the Carlingwood mall in the west end of town -- meeting and talking to people with Bob Chiarelli, the local MPP. We were in a little food court, just across from the Tim Hortons. It was an older crowd. A lot of seniors from the neighbourhood gather there for coffee and conversation, and you can take it from me -- very few of them were shy about sharing their opinions. Not many of them are on Twitter, but I think they'd fit right in.

As we moved along the mall, I spotted a young woman sitting alone. She looked a little down and, frankly, she probably wasn't much in the mood to chat. But I went up to her anyway. It turned out she had just lost her job. She had worked at one of the stores in the mall, and now she was out of work. Of course, that's not an unusual thing to happen in a young person's life.

But what struck me was this: she was so worried about finding another job. She seemed lost.

Everything's so up in the air these days, she said. That is a feeling that a lot of people can relate to -- and not only those who are just starting out in life. People are anxious about their jobs and their futures. They are worried about the soaring cost of renting or buying a place to live.

Many are concerned about the world that awaits their children -- a world of global competition, reduced benefits and more and more part-time employment. They fear that the future will be less fair to those who don't start out wealthy.

I can tell you that is different than when I was growing up -- there was much more of a sense of optimism. One income used to be enough for most families. Now, even with two people working, it is tough to save. Tough to

feel as though you are getting ahead. Tough to feel confident that your job will still be yours -- or even still be around -- in 10 years, or five, or even less.

This is a new world with new challenges. In this new world, our plan to date as a government has been straightforward: get the fundamentals right by reducing the deficit, supporting new jobs, focusing on economic growth, and investing in those priorities that can have the most impact. That has meant investments in health, education and infrastructure -- new schools, new hospitals, new transit, roads and bridges.

We have worked to make Ontario the kind of place that attracts investment, creates opportunity and generates good jobs that pay well. The evidence tells us we are making progress: lower unemployment, more jobs, the best economic growth in the country and a budget that is coming into balance.

But we know that this is not the whole picture. There is more to it. There are new forces in play and new challenges upon us. It is one thing to say we are doing better than other provinces or states, which in many cases we are. It is another to say everything is fine, because for many that just isn't true. We are being tested in new and unique ways. Technological progress and automation are creating new industries. But they are also bringing new pressures -- and putting existing jobs at risk.

Ontario businesses have never been better at creating wealth. But ensuring those benefits are shared widely and fairly seems to be getting more difficult. Then there is the role of trade and -- let's face it -- the question mark that is the Trump presidency.

We know that trade is essential to the economic prosperity of Ontario and of Canada. But in the U.S., there is a growing instinct to embrace protectionist policies -- even when the evidence shows that Americans actually benefit from their trade relationships and agreements.

In the midst of this uncertainty, we have to work to support and defend our people as best we can. We must stand up for our farmers and our manufacturers, for companies and workers in the auto industry and the forest industry.

We are entering a new and very different era. From technology to Trump, it is a time of greater uncertainty and change. I believe that government has a responsibility to respond. To step up. To protect the wages and the well-being of our people by continuing to be bold, and active, and inventive. Not active for the sake of it. But active with a clear purpose, a clear goal: ensuring fairness and creating security.

In this time of turmoil, we must work harder than ever to build and preserve a fair society. We must make sure that hard work is rewarded with a decent paycheck. We must make sure that the opportunities available to our people — and especially our young people — not only endure, but grow.

We're in a good position to do this. Our budget is back in balance. We have spent years building new roads and schools and hospitals and transit. More people are at work in Ontario than ever before. We are prepared for this moment. We have the freedom and the flexibility to respond to these new challenges.

So we must make the right choices now to support the people of Ontario as we all navigate this turbulence — and set our province on a course toward long-term success. We cannot be idle or complacent. We cannot simply assume that President Trump will do the right thing or make the right choices. We cannot simply assume that the jobs of tomorrow will be available to Ontarians. Government must have a plan. And to be Premier of this province, you must have a plan.

Now, there are some who look at this new world and say that government should just step back and stay out of it. Let the market sort it out. Their idea of a solution is to cut back on public services, reduce taxes, slash regulations on corporations and let the results trickle down. Eventually. Maybe. In that kind of future, some would do very well — especially those who were already doing pretty well to begin with. But for those who didn't start with that advantage, and for those who are working harder than ever to make ends meet, well, tough luck.

That is one path. That is one way to go. But that is not my way — and it never will be.

That approach does not speak to my values, the values we share — a belief in fairness and equality of opportunity. It does not address the struggles of people across our province — their frustration at working long hours and still barely getting by. The way too many people speak of the years ahead with concern and trepidation, rather than with hope.

I believe it is the responsibility of government to take a stand, play a role and do what it can — do all it can — to ensure that the people of Ontario are given every chance to thrive and achieve their potential during this period of change. My plan builds on the action we have taken and the investments we have made over the past five years. It takes dead aim at the challenges that confront us in this new, uncertain world. It puts fairness at the heart of all we do — and all we aspire to achieve for the people of Ontario.

Our plan has three main elements. First, we must do more than simply protect people's wages and their ability to earn a good living. We must work to create a fair economy that provides opportunity and security for everyone. It means helping rural and suburban communities get the support they need, as well as our big

centres. It means affordable housing, rental units and a real estate market that people can participate in, which is why last week we announced our new Fair Housing Plan -- to make renting or buying a home more affordable in this province. It means fair workplaces with decent benefits -- workplaces where employers meet their obligations to their workers. And it means good pensions.

As a government, we led the way nationally on pension reform. We fought hard for better pensions -- to ensure that our workers can retire with security. We never gave up. And together with the federal government and our provincial colleagues, we got it done. The improved Canada Pension Plan will pay out more in benefits for a lifetime of hard work. That will mean a better retirement for the people of Ontario. This is the power of government to make a difference when it has a clear plan for the future.

The second element of our plan is building a fair future for Ontario workers. An economy where we are creating and supporting the jobs of tomorrow and the investment and industries that go with them. If innovation is going to be the engine of future jobs and growth, then we must cultivate those new industries here in Ontario and draw more innovative businesses to join in what we're building. We have done the hard work of getting the fundamentals right -- now let's build on that and make a good thing better.

Third, we must place a tireless and far-reaching focus on education -- to give everyone in Ontario a fair start. In our changing world, there is no such thing as a sure thing. But we improve our chances of success when more of our people get a good start in life and are able to pursue their education without barrier. That is why we are creating 100,000 new spaces in child care. And that is why we are making advanced education more accessible and affordable -- so all students have the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Think about the difference this will make. This fall, tuition is going to be absolutely free for 210,000 students. Others from middle-class homes will have much lower levels of student debt -- and a better start in their adult lives. Over the next three years, our Carver Kickstart program will offer 40,000 more Ontario students access to the kind of work experience that will give them that much-needed first line on their resume.

Think about the potential we are unleashing with this investment in our shared future. Think about the anxiety we are lifting from so many students and setting them up to get a good job.

These are the kind of ideas we need right now -- bold and unafraid, ideas that will make a meaningful difference in people's lives, and in our shared success. Ideas that will actively confront and diminish the uncertainty of this new era. We have an opportunity before us, and we cannot afford to wait.

In the days and weeks and months to come, our government will reveal more details of our plan. We will lay out how these policies will help our people and our province confront the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Just as we did with pension reform, we will be focused on providing help in areas where employers have withdrawn from their traditional role.

We will be looking at the challenges faced by those who are supporting a family while working at a minimum-wage job. At a time when more companies are choosing to create more part-time and contract jobs, we will be working to ensure those workers are treated fairly. And we will be exploring how we can further support workers in an era where jobs no longer last a lifetime -- and sometimes fail to deliver even basic benefits.

As a province, we are a leader in job creation. We are proud of that. But the changing nature of work is leaving some people vulnerable. They are working contract to contract, or otherwise dealing with an unstable or precarious employment. They can be let go with no warning. As a result, some can slip into poverty.

Now, what is the best way to help people manage or endure this uncertainty -- and give them the opportunity to succeed over the long term? Is it our current system of social assistance? Or is there a better way?

For months, we have been doing the background work to explore the idea of a basic income. And today, I'm pleased to announce the details of Ontario's Basic Income Pilot that we will be launching here in the Hamilton area -- and in two other Ontario communities: Lindsay and the Thunder Bay area. The project will explore the effectiveness of providing a basic income to people who are currently living on low incomes, whether they are working or not.

People participating in our pilot communities will receive a minimum amount of income each year -- a basic income, no matter what.

It's not an extravagant sum by any means. For a single person, we are talking about just under \$17,000 a year. But even that amount may make a real difference to someone who is striving to reach for a better life. It says to them: government is with you. The people of Ontario are with you. We are here to help you through the hard times as you get back on your feet.

We are starting small -- a three-year project in these selected communities to start. But our goal is clear: we want to find out whether a basic income makes a positive difference in people's lives -- whether this new approach gives them the ability to begin to achieve their potential. And whether it is an approach that deserves to be adopted across our province as a whole.

The Finance Minister will deliver our new budget in three days' time. A balanced budget will serve as a solid foundation and a starting point for what comes next. It will give us the ability to make choices. It will allow us the freedom to invest smartly and effectively in our people and our province. You will see us investing in our

priorities -- in health care, in education and in those initiatives that make life more affordable for Ontario families. And in the months to follow, we will build on that foundation.

Yes, our economic indicators are positive and pointing in the right direction. That is important. And yes, we are confident in Ontario's ability to do even better in the future -- better in Canada and better in the world. But we need to ensure that all Ontarians see themselves -- their hopes and dreams -- reflected in the choices we are making.

We need to address the concerns of those who worry about falling behind, even as they work so hard to get ahead. We need to create the kinds of opportunities that will allow that young woman I met in Ottawa to feel confident about her future prospects.

From my very first moments as Premier, standing before the people of our province, I have been very clear that I believe government can be a force for good. With a clear, targeted and responsible plan, we can make a positive difference in people's lives. Today, there is a place for government -- a need for government -- to stand up and play an active role in building a fair society where there is more opportunity for everyone, and more security too.

This is no time to retreat. This is no time for government to cling to the status quo or step away from its responsibilities. This is the time for us to be focused and fair. To be bold. To not simply describe and reassert our values, but to defend them and act on them. This is the time to bring forward a clear plan that helps the most vulnerable and works for all.

We can do this -- but only together. So this is the time to work together toward a better way, a better life and a better future. Thank you."

Tab E

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Order in Council 1267/2017

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has established a Basic Income Pilot which will test whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers and improve health, housing and education outcomes for people on low incomes;

Whereas the Government of Ontario wishes to receive advice on how to achieve the successful delivery of the Basic Income Pilot and such other assistance as may be required by the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy ("the Ministers") that relates to the Basic Income Pilot;

Therefore, pursuant to the prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario to provide for the appointment of advisors to serve Her Majesty's Government of Ontario in the discharge of its executive obligations and responsibilities,

1. The Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Council ("the MAC"), accountable to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, is hereby established for a term of up to three years, effective the date of this Order.
2. Members of the MAC will be appointed, to serve at the pleasure of the Ministers, by Ministers' letter.
3. The MAC shall be comprised of up to five members appointed by the Ministers.
4. The Ministers shall designate one member to serve as Chair of the MAC.
5. The members of the MAC, including the Chair, shall serve at the Ministers' pleasure for a term not exceeding three years.

6. The Ministers shall determine the terms of reference for the MAC and may amend them from time to time.
7. The terms of reference shall include, but shall not be limited to, advising the Ministers on issues relating to the delivery of the Basic Income Pilot.
8. Members of the MAC shall be not be paid any remuneration for services other than reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out the duties as a member of the MAC in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*.

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- Order in Council 1268/2017



Ontario

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On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

Whereas the Government of Ontario has established a Basic Income Pilot which will test whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers and improve health, housing and education outcomes for people on low incomes,

Whereas the Government of Ontario wishes to receive advice on how to best evaluate the outcomes of Basic Income Pilot and such other assistance as may be required by the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy (the "Ministers") that relates to the Basic Income Pilot;

Therefore, pursuant to the prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario to provide for the appointment of advisors to serve Her Majesty's Government of Ontario in the discharge of its executive obligations and responsibilities,

1. The position of Research and Evaluation Chair of the Basic Income Pilot Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee ("Special Advisor"), accountable to the Ministers, is hereby established for a term of up to three years, effective the date of this Order.
2. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint the Special Advisor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
3. The Ministers shall determine the terms of reference for the Special Advisor and may amend them from time to time.
4. The terms of reference shall include, but shall not be limited to, advising the Ministers on issues relating to the evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot.

5. The Special Advisor shall be not be paid any remuneration for services as the Special Advisor other than reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of Special Advisor in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*.

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- Order in Council 1385/2017



Ontario

Order in Council 1385/2017

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

Whereas by Order in Council the position of Research and Evaluation Chair of the Basic Income Pilot Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee ("Special Advisor") has been established to provide advice on how to best evaluate the outcomes of the Basic Income Pilot and such other assistance as may be required by the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy that relates to the Basic Income Pilot;

Therefore, pursuant to the prerogative of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario to provide for the appointment of advisors to serve Her Majesty's Government of Ontario in the discharge of its executive obligations and responsibilities;

Kwame McKenzie of Toronto

is hereby appointed as Special Advisor for the Basic Income Pilot Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee to serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council for a period not exceeding beyond three years from the date of this order.

Ministry of Community and Social Services

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APPOINTMENT LETTER

October 2, 2017

Susan McIsaac
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Dear Ms. Susan McIsaac,

Pursuant to Order in Council 1267/2017, we are pleased to appoint you as the Chair of the Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Committee ("the MAC"). Your appointment to serve at the Ministers' pleasure will begin on the date of this letter and will be for a term not exceeding three years, ending no later than on June 30, 2020.

As stated in Terms of Reference, the MAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy to achieve the successful delivery of the three-year Basic Income Pilot aimed at testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to better outcomes for individuals.

Terms of Reference will be in effect during the term of the appointment of the members of the MAC, and may be amended in writing by the accountable Ministers.

The MAC will meet monthly for the first six months and then up to six times per year for the duration of the term of the Council. Generally, meetings will be approximately one half-day in length, and will take place in the Toronto area.

The Chair will support achievement of the Ministers' Advisory Council's mandate by:

- providing direction on agendas and discussion topics including identifying relevant information and presenters/guests to support the Advisory Council in its discussions;
- convening and chairing Advisory Council meetings;
- providing monthly progress updates to the accountable Ministers;
- guiding the development of consensus-based advice and ensuring discussions result in practical, concrete and comprehensive recommendations in fulfillment of the Council's mandate; and
- providing the Council's advice and recommendations in verbal and written reports to the accountable Ministers.

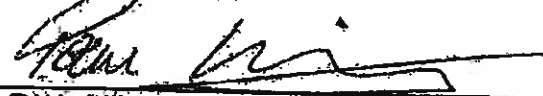
As the MAC Chair, you shall not be paid any remuneration for services other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out your duties as a member of the MAC in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*.

As a government appointee, you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly, you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to your work on the MAC. In addition, you cannot promote solutions or strategies that would directly or indirectly benefit your employer and/or business interests. In the event any situation in which your personal or professional interests, relationships or obligations could conflict with your duties as a member of the MAC, you must declare it to both Ministers in writing at your earliest opportunity.

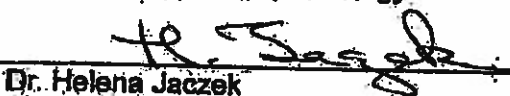
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Should you have questions, you can contact Karen Glass, Assistant Deputy Minister, Poverty Reduction Strategy Division, Ministry of Community and Social Services at 416-212-2137 or karen.glass@ontario.ca.

Thank you for accepting this appointment. We look forward to your contribution as a member of the MAC.



Peter Milczyn
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October 2, 2017

Ms. Susan McIsaac
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Dear Ms. McIsaac:

We are pleased to welcome you as the Chair of the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. Thank you very much for agreeing to undertake this role.

Thank you for your willingness to contribute to MAC and for bringing your wealth of knowledge and experience to this role. Your commitment and dedication to this important mandate will help ensure we provide the best outcomes of the Basic Income Pilot.

Karen Glass, Assistant Deputy Minister, Poverty Reduction Strategy Division, Ministry of Community and Social Services will be in touch to discuss all further details with you. You can reach Ms. Glass at 416-212-2137 or karen.glass@ontario.ca.

We look forward to receiving your advice and recommendations.

Enclosed please find a copy of your appointment letter.

Peter Milczyn
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APPOINTMENT LETTER

March 9, 2018

Armine Yalnizyan
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Dear Armine,

Pursuant to Order in Council 1267/2017, we are pleased to appoint you as a Member of the Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Committee ("the MAC"). Your appointment to serve at the Ministers' pleasure will begin on the date of this letter and will be for a term not exceeding three years, ending no later than on June 30, 2020.

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The Members will support achievement of the Ministers' Advisory Council's mandate by:

- Contributing to monthly progress reports to be provided to the accountable Ministers on the planning, implementation, progress and outcomes of the Pilot;
- Provide advice and recommendations on:
 - planning, delivery, research and evaluation activities of the Pilot;
 - communications on the implementation, progress or outcomes of the Pilot;
 - options for government consideration regarding a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot;
 - release of the findings of the pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Pilot as directed by accountable Ministers.
- Provide strategic advice to the ADM Lead who is responsible for the Project and the Project Management Office;
- Provide advice and recommendations to ensure the legitimacy and credibility of the pilot's outcomes and conclusions which will reflect the values and core principles of the pilot itself;
- Provide expert advice, through the Project Management Office, to the delivery of pilot including: audit, human resources, policy design and implementation;
- Support a parallel governance structure to support the First Nations pilot; and
- Support a Community of Practice of key experts and academics at both the national and international level.

As the MAC Member, you shall not be paid any remuneration for services other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out your duties as a member of the MAC in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*.

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Thank you for accepting this appointment. We look forward to your contribution as a member of the MAC.



Peter Milczyn

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APPOINTMENT LETTER

March 9, 2018

**Michael Pedersen
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Dear Michael,

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Thank you for accepting this appointment. We look forward to your contribution as a member of the MAC.



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APPOINTMENT LETTER

March 9, 2018

Craig Alexander
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Dear Craig,

Pursuant to Order in Council 1267/2017, we are pleased to appoint you as a Member of the Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Committee ("the MAC"). Your appointment to serve at the Ministers' pleasure will begin on the date of this letter and will be for a term not exceeding three years, ending no later than on June 30, 2020.

As stated in Terms of Reference, the MAC is to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy to achieve the successful delivery of the three-year Basic Income Pilot aimed at testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to better outcomes for individuals.

Terms of Reference will be in effect during the term of the appointment of the members of the MAC, and may be amended in writing by the Ministers you are accountable to.

The MAC will meet monthly for the first six months and then up to six times per year for the duration of the term of the Council. Generally, meetings will be approximately one half-day in length, and will take place in the Toronto area.

The Members will support achievement of the Ministers' Advisory Council's mandate by:

- Contributing to monthly progress reports to be provided to the accountable Ministers on the planning, implementation, progress and outcomes of the Pilot;
- Provide advice and recommendations on:
 - planning, delivery, research and evaluation activities of the Pilot;
 - communications on the implementation, progress or outcomes of the Pilot;
 - options for government consideration regarding a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot;
 - release of the findings of the pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Pilot as directed by accountable Ministers.
- Provide strategic advice to the ADM Lead who is responsible for the Project and the Project Management Office;
- Provide advice and recommendations to ensure the legitimacy and credibility of the pilot's outcomes and conclusions which will reflect the values and core principles of the pilot itself;
- Provide expert advice, through the Project Management Office, to the delivery of pilot including: audit, human resources, policy design and implementation;
- Support a parallel governance structure to support the First Nations pilot; and
- Support a Community of Practice of key experts and academics at both the national and international level.

As the MAC Member, you shall not be paid any remuneration for services other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out your duties as a member of the MAC in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*.

As a government appointee, you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly, you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to your work on the MAC. In addition, you cannot promote solutions or strategies that would directly or indirectly benefit your employer and/or business interests. In the event any situation in which your personal or professional interests, relationships or obligations could conflict with your duties as a member of the MAC, you must declare it to both Ministers in writing at your earliest opportunity.

The Government of Ontario is committed to openness, transparency and collaboration to promote an efficient, effective and modern public service.

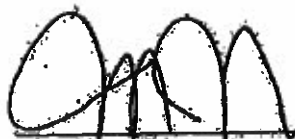
Should you have questions, you can contact Karen Glass, Assistant Deputy Minister, Poverty Reduction Strategy Division, Ministry of Community and Social Services at 416-212-2137 or Karen.glass@ontario.ca.

Thank you for accepting this appointment. We look forward to your contribution as a member of the MAC.



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SWORN BEFORE ME THIS ²¹ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018


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Ministry of Community and Social Services – Poverty Reduction Strategy Office

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) THE BASIC INCOME PILOT MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

BACKGROUND

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MANDATE

The mandate of the Basic Income Pilot Minister's Advisory Council (MAC) is to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy to achieve the successful delivery of the three-year Basic Income Pilot ("the Pilot") aimed at testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to positive outcomes for individuals.

OBJECTIVES, DELIVERABLES AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

The objectives of the MAC are for members to provide timely, thoughtful advice and recommendations based on their knowledge, expertise and experience in health, education, social services, research and evaluation. Members of the Advisory Council will:

- share information and provide monthly or as required progress reporting to the accountable Ministers on the planning, implementation, progress and outcomes of the Pilot;
- provide advice and recommendations to the accountable Ministers on matters relating to the implementation and evaluation of the Pilot including, but not limited to:
 - the planning, delivery, research and evaluation activities of the Pilot;
 - communications on the implementation, progress or outcomes of the Pilot;
 - options for government consideration regarding a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot;
 - release of the findings of the pilot including the process of delivering the Pilot and findings and data on the outcomes achieved by the Pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Basic Income Pilot as directed by the Minister of Community and Social Services and/or the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- provide strategic advice to the ADM Lead who is responsible for the Project and the project management office;
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- provide expert advice, through the Project Management Office, to the delivery of pilot including: audit, human resources, policy design and implementation;

- support a parallel governance structure to support the First Nations pilot;
- support communications with the federal and municipal governments and playing a role with international interests, as required by the Ministers;
- ensure Indigenous (off Reserve) input is being taken into consideration throughout the pilot; and
- support a Community of Practice of key experts and academics at both the national and international level.

The Advisory Council will consider prior consultations and advice including the report *Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot for Ontario* by the Honorable Hugh Segal.

The Advisory Council will not be directly involved in or responsible for the operations and or evaluation of the Pilot.

Success of the Advisory Council will be in the provision of timely, comprehensive and thoughtful advice, recommendations and options to the Ministers to support government decisions relating to:

- the implementation of the Pilot and its success in aimed at testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to positive outcomes for individuals;
- options for the future provision of a basic income in Ontario; and
- the release of data and research and evaluation findings of the Pilot.

CONSTITUTING INSTRUMENT

The Advisory Council will be constituted by way of an Order-in-Council as a Short-term Advisory Body for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2020.

MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Council will be composed of up to 5 individuals.

The success of the Basic Income Pilot will require individuals with diverse knowledge, expertise and experience in public service delivery, the broader health, education and social services sector, and in research and evaluation.

Members of the Advisory Council will be from the Ontario Public Service and external organizations and will have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- public policy in the health, education and/or social services sector;
- planning and delivery of health, education, labour market or social service supports to individuals;
- planning and management of government programs providing direct financial support to individuals;
- research and evaluation of public policy and programs;
- expertise in one or more of the Pilot's key outcome areas: labour market participation; and
- implementation of large-scale research and evaluation projects in the health, education or social services sector.

The Advisory Council will be co-chaired by:

- the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community and Social Services; and
- an individual with direct relevant experience in the delivery of social and community services to Ontarians.

Members will be appointed by way of a Minister's letter for a term of up to three years ending June 30, 2020.

The Research and Evaluation Co-chair will be a member of the Council

ACCOUNTABILITY

The members of the Basic Income Pilot Council will be accountable to the Minister of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy for achieving the mandate and objectives as set out in this Terms of Reference to achieve the successful delivery of the three-year Basic Income Pilot.

The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community and Social Services is accountable for the provision of ministry support services to the Advisory Council and for compliance with government policies, directives and guidelines.

The Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy will be accountable to Cabinet for achieving the mandate of designing, introducing and delivering the Basic Income Pilot; and for bringing forward policy and program options for government consideration upon the completion of the Pilot.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CO-CHAIRS

The Co-chairs will support achievement of the Advisory Council's mandate by:

- providing direction on agendas and discussion topics including identifying relevant information and presenters/guests to support the Advisory Council in its discussions;
- convening and chairing Advisory Council meetings;
- providing monthly progress updates to the accountable Ministers;
- guiding the development of consensus-based advice and ensuring discussions result in practical, concrete and comprehensive recommendations in fulfilment of the Council's mandate; and
- providing the Council's advice and recommendations in verbal and written reports to the accountable Ministers.

KEY DELIVERABLES

The manner and timing of reports, updates, advice and recommendations will be set out by the accountable Ministers.

During the first six months of implementation, updates and the provision of advice is required on a monthly basis and for the duration of the pilot, quarterly reports are expected. The manner and timing of the interim report and recommendations and the final report and recommendations will be set out by the accountable Ministers and communicated to the Advisory Council through the co-chairs.

COMMUNICATIONS

The members of the Basic Income Pilot Council agree to abide by any communications or media protocol provided by MCSS.

To inform their advice and recommendations, Council members will liaise with and receive information from Project Management Office, the Operations Advisory Committee and the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee of the Basic Income Pilot.

Council members may also liaise with and receive information from key partners and stakeholders such as the provincial ministries, municipalities and community organizations. These discussions will occur as part of Advisory Council meetings as scheduled by the co-Chairs.

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The advice and recommendations provided to the accountable Ministers will be based on a consensus from the group as a whole.

[Placeholder for protocol in the event of disagreements of advice / content of official deliverables and reports, including how the disagreement may be documented]

ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), through the Poverty Reduction Strategy Division will provide support to the Council including but not limited to:

- working jointly with other ministries and coordinating across ministries to provide government information, research and data that may be of use to the Council in fulfilling its mandate (compliant with legislative obligations, directives and policies as applicable – e.g. the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act);
- providing administrative support including reimbursement of work-related expenses;
- providing logistical support (e.g. setting meetings and locations as required); and
- supporting the preparation of communiqués, reports and written communications to the accountable Ministers setting out Council advice and recommendations.

ROLE OF OTHER MINISTRIES

Staff and officials from the following ministries may attend Advisory Council meetings if requested by the Co-chairs to provide information and insight on matters relevant to the implementation and/or evaluation of the pilot.

These ministries include, but are not limited to:

- Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development,
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Ministry of Housing
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Finance

CONFIDENTIALITY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, ETHICAL FRAMEWORK AND OWNERSHIP OF WORK

Confidentiality:

Material obtained from the Crown that has not been previously made public will be treated as strictly confidential.

Without prior written consent of MCSS, the members of the Council shall not directly or indirectly disclose to any person, association of persons, corporation or government, or use at any time, either during or subsequent to the appointment, any data or information that is not generally available to the public except as it is required in the exercise of the duties of the members of the Council. This includes data or information that the members of the Council may have acquired in the course of the appointment.

All information obtained from the ministry in any form in connection with the members of the Council's work shall be returned to the ministry immediately upon the request of the ministry.

For the purposes of the above "confidential information" means information that is not available to the public.

Conflict of Interest, Ethical Framework:

The members of the Basic Income Pilot Council will be required to fulfill the duties of their appointment in a professional, ethical and competent manner and avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing obligations, the members of the Basic Income Pilot Council shall:

1. not use or attempt to use his or her appointment to benefit himself or herself or any person or entity;
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3. not accept a gift that could influence, or that could be seen to influence, the appointee in carrying out the duties of the appointment;
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Ownership:

All information and material of any kind whatsoever acquired or prepared by the members of the Advisory Council shall both during and following the term of the appointment be the sole property of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Community and Social Services.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

The members of the Council shall not receive remuneration but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses (e.g., travel, meals), incurred as a result of Council work, in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive, and any other appropriate directive.

TERM

Members of the Basic Income Pilot Council will be appointed for a term of up to 3 years.

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MEETINGS

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Ministry of Community and Social Services - Poverty Reduction Strategy Division
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)
BASIC INCOME PILOT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CO-CHAIR

BACKGROUND

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MANDATE

The Research and Evaluation Co-chair (REAC) will serve as a Special Advisor to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy to provide advice and recommendations on the research and evaluation of the three-year Basic Income Pilot ("the Pilot"). This Pilot is aimed at testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to positive outcomes for individuals.

The REAC will be accountable to the Ministers to attain input and feedback from the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee (REAC) to ensure the legitimacy and credibility of the Basic Income Pilot outcomes and conclusions of the research and evaluation.

The Special Advisor will be appointed by way of an Order-in-Council for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2020.

OBJECTIVES, DELIVERABLES AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

The objective of the Special Advisor is to provide timely, thoughtful advice and recommendations on research and evaluation matters. The Special Advisor will:

- provide advice and recommendations to the accountable Ministers and MAC on matters relating to the implementation and evaluation of the Pilot including, but not limited to:
 - evaluation and research design and implementation;
 - research and evaluation findings including data on the outcomes achieved;
 - communications on the outcomes of the evaluation and research;
 - options for government consideration regarding long-term evaluation of a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Pilot as directed by accountable Ministers.
- chair the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee and seek input of this committee in formulating advice and recommendations to the Ministers;
- receive updates and reports from the third party evaluator through the Research and Advisory Committee;
- share information and provide monthly, or as required, progress reporting as part of MAC to the accountable Ministers; and
- communicate progress or research and evaluation outcomes in accordance with a Communications protocol and when requested by the accountable Ministers.

The Special Advisor will consider prior consultations and advice including the report *Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot for Ontario* by the Honorable Hugh Segal.

The Special Advisor will not be directly involved in or responsible for the operations and or evaluation of the Pilot.

Success of the Special Advisor will be in the provision of timely, comprehensive and thoughtful advice, recommendations and options to the accountable Ministers to support government decisions relating to:

- the research and evaluation of the Pilot and its effectiveness in testing whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to positive outcomes for individuals;
- options for the long-term monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes; and
- the release of data and research and evaluation findings of the Pilot.

The manner and timing of reports, updates, advice and recommendations will be set out by the accountable Ministers.

QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for this position are:

- demonstrated experience managing large-scale field experiments with vulnerable populations using an RCT across multiple sites;
- demonstrated experience with community based research, quasi-experimental approaches, and mixed methods;
- knowledge of both impact and process evaluation techniques, as well as cost-benefit analysis;
- strong experience working with a Research Ethics Board in the context of government privacy legislation and oversight (i.e. Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario);
- a broad range of research affiliations including other academic institutions and research/evaluation organizations;
- expertise in one or more of the Pilot's key outcome areas: labour market participation, labour market effects of policy interventions; social determinants of health, mental health, food insecurity, housing stability and mobility, human capital investment, and economic evaluation of policy interventions; and
- strong communication skills, ability to manage media both locally and internationally as requested.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The REAC will be accountable to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy for advice and recommendations to ensure the legitimacy and credibility of the Basic Income Pilot outcomes and conclusions of the research and evaluation.

The Deputy Minister of MCSS is accountable for the provision of ministry support services to the REAC and to the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee, and for compliance with government policies, directives and guidelines.

The Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy will be accountable to Cabinet for the legitimacy and credibility of the Basic Income Pilot outcomes and conclusions of the research and evaluation.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS CO-CHAIR OF THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The REAC will support the Research and Evaluation Committee by:

- providing direction on agendas and discussion topics including identifying relevant information and presenters/guests;
- convening and chairing committee meetings;
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- solicit input and feedback of committee members; and
- consider the committee's input and feedback in formulating advice and recommendations in verbal and written reports to the accountable Ministers.

COMMUNICATIONS

The REAC agrees to abide by any communications or media protocol provided by the MCSS.

To inform his or her advice and recommendations, the Special Advisor will liaise with and receive information from MAC, REAC and the Third-Party Evaluator of the Basic Income Pilot.

The Special Advisor may also liaise with and receive information from key partners and stakeholders such as researchers, research organizations and academic institutions.

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The REAC will chair meetings of the Research and Evaluation Committee. Meetings will be held quarterly, with the exception of phase one implementation where they may be required to meet more frequently during the selection process of the evaluator(s).

Ministry of Community and Social Services - Poverty Reduction Strategy Division
TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

BASIC INCOME PILOT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (REAC)

BACKGROUND

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MANDATE

The Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee (REAC) is to provide strategic advice and recommendations on how to best evaluate the outcomes of the Basic Income Pilot and such other assistance as may be required by the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy that relates to the Basic Income Pilot.

OBJECTIVES, DELIVERABLES AND CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

The objectives of the REAC are for members to provide timely, thoughtful advice and recommendations on research and evaluation matters to ensure the Basic Income Pilot evaluation is rigorous, defensible, and comprehensive.

The Members of the REAC will:

- act as the advisory body to the Basic Income Project Management Office for the Basic Income Pilot evaluation; provide advice and recommendations to the Basic Income Project Management Office and through the Chair of REAC to the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) and the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy on matters relating to the evaluation of the Pilot including, but not limited to:
 - evaluation and research design and implementation;
 - research and evaluation findings including data on the outcomes achieved;
 - communications on the outcomes of the evaluation and research;
 - options for government consideration regarding long-term evaluation of a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot;
 - the release of data and research and evaluation findings of the Pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Pilot as directed by accountable Ministers.
- receive updates and reports from the Evaluation Team through REAC Chair and/or Project Management Office;

- provide input to the Chair of REAC in formulating advice and recommendations to the Ministers;
- provide expert advice on research and evaluation to the Evaluation Team through the Project Management Office and REAC Chair,
- support a parallel governance structure for the First Nations pilot; and
- ensure Indigenous (off Reserve) input is being taken into consideration throughout the pilot.

The REAC will consider prior consultations and advice including the report *Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot for Ontario* by the Honorable Hugh Segal.

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- options for the long-term monitoring and evaluation of the outcomes; and
- the release of data and research and evaluation findings of the Pilot.

MEMBERSHIP

The REAC will be composed of up to 10 individuals in addition to the Chair.

Success of the evaluation component of the Basic Income Pilot will require individuals with diverse knowledge, expertise and experience in evaluation and research.

Members of the REAC will be from external organizations and will have experience in one or more of the following areas:

- research and evaluation of public policy and programs;
- implementation of large-scale research and evaluation projects in the health, education or social services sector; and/or
- expertise in one or more of the Pilot's key outcome areas: labour market participation; labour market effects of policy interventions; social determinants of health; mental health as it relates to income security; food security; housing

stability and mobility; human capital investment; health care usage; health management; and economic evaluation of policy interventions.

The REAC will be chaired by the Research and Evaluation Chair, an individual with direct relevant experience in the delivery of social and community services to Ontarians. The Chair will be selected by the Ministers. The Research and Evaluation Chair is also a Member of the Ministers' Advisory Council.

Members will be invited by the lead ADM to join the REAC for a term of up to three years.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The members of the REAC will be accountable to the Basic Income Pilot Project Management Office to achieve successful evaluation of the three-year Basic Income Pilot.

The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Community and Social Services and Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy is accountable for the provision of ministry support services to the REAC and for compliance with government policies, directives and guidelines. The Basic Income Project Management Office will provide secretarial and administrative support to the REAC.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR

The Chair will support achievement of the REAC's mandate by:

- providing advice and recommendations to the accountable Ministers and the MAC on matters relating to the implementation and evaluation of the Pilot including, but not limited to:
 - evaluation and research design and implementation;
 - research and evaluation findings including data on the outcomes achieved;
 - communications on the outcomes of the evaluation and research;
 - options for government consideration regarding long-term evaluation of a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot; and
 - other matters related to the Pilot as directed by accountable Ministers.
- chairing the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee and seek input of this committee in formulating advice and recommendations to the Ministers;
- receiving updates and reports from the third party evaluator through the Research and Advisory Committee;

- sharing information and provide monthly, or as required, progress reporting as part of MAC to the accountable Ministers; and
- communicating progress or research and evaluation outcomes in accordance with a Communications protocol and when requested by the accountable Ministers.

Terms of Reference for the Chair of the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee includes details about the role, responsibilities, qualifications, communications, confidentiality, conflict of interest and ethical framework related to the role of the Chair.

KEY DELIVERABLES

Updates and advice provided by REAC to the Basic Income Pilot Project Management Office are required on quarterly basis at minimum. The manner and timing of the REAC interim report and recommendations and the final report and recommendations will be set out by the Basic Income Pilot Project Management Office and communicated to the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) through the Chair.

Key Reporting Timelines

Timeline	Key Deliverables
Qtrly 2017 - 2019	Provide input to the REAC Chair for quarterly updates to the MAC and Ministers with advice on matters including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o evaluation and research design and implementation; and o research and evaluation findings including data on the outcomes achieved.
Fall – Winter 2019	Preliminary advice on the outcome evaluation of the pilot. Preliminary recommendations regarding options for the government's consideration re the pilot's continuance and the reporting of the pilot's results.
Spring - Summer 2020	Final recommendations and options for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the release of data and research and evaluation findings of the Pilot; and o options for government consideration regarding long-term evaluation of a basic income in Ontario upon completion of the Pilot.

COMMUNICATIONS

The members of the REAC agree to abide by any communications or media protocol provided by MCSS, including not to communicate publicly without the express written consent of the Ministry.

To inform their advice and recommendations to Third Party Evaluation Team, the REAC members will liaise with and receive information from Project Management Office.

REAC members will communicate their advice and recommendations to MAC and the Ministers through REAC Chair.

REAC members may also liaise with and receive information from key partners and stakeholders such as the provincial ministries, and community organizations. These discussions will occur as part of REAC meetings as scheduled by the Chair.

DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The advice and recommendations provided to the Basic Income Pilot Project Management Office will be based on a consensus from the group as a whole.

Where consensus of the REAC cannot be reached, the matter will be put to a vote with each member of the REAC including the Chair having one vote. The reports and updates to the Ministers will include the various options discussed with respect to the recommendations and the merits of and/or concerns raised with each option.

ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), through the Poverty Reduction Strategy Division and the Basic Income Project Management Office will provide support to the Committee including but not limited to:

- working jointly with other ministries and coordinating across ministries to provide government information, research and data that may be of use to the Committee in fulfilling its mandate (compliant with legislative obligations, directives and policies as applicable – e.g. the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act);
- providing administrative support including reimbursement of work-related expenses;
- providing logistical support (e.g. setting meetings and locations as required); and
- supporting the preparation of communiques, reports and written communications to the accountable Ministers setting out Committee advice and recommendations.

ROLE OF OTHER MINISTRIES

Staff and officials from the following ministries may attend REAC meetings if requested by the Chair to provide information and insight on matters relevant to the implementation and/or evaluation of the pilot.

These ministries include, but are not limited to:

- Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development
- Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Ministry of Housing
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Finance

CONFIDENTIALITY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, ETHICAL FRAMEWORK AND OWNERSHIP OF WORK

Confidentiality:

Material obtained from the Crown that has not been previously made public will be treated as strictly confidential.

Without prior written consent of MCSS, the members of the Committee shall not directly or indirectly disclose to any person, association of persons, corporation or government, or use at any time, either during or subsequent to the appointment, any data or information that is not generally available to the public except as it is required in the exercise of the duties of the members of the Committee. This includes data or information that the members of the Committee may have acquired in the course of the appointment.

All information obtained from the ministry in any form in connection with the members of the Committee's work shall be returned to the ministry immediately upon the request of the ministry.

For the purposes of the above "confidential information" means information that is not available to the public.

Conflict of Interest, Ethical Framework:

The members of the REAC will be required to fulfill the duties of their appointment in a professional, ethical and competent manner and avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing obligations, the members of the REAC shall:

1. not use or attempt to use his or her appointment to benefit himself or herself or any person or entity;
2. not participate in or attempt to influence decision making as an appointee if he or she could benefit from the decision;
3. not accept a gift that could influence, or that could be seen to influence, the appointee in carrying out the duties of the appointment;
4. not use or disclose any confidential information, either during or after the appointment, obtained as a result of his or her appointment for any purpose unrelated to the duties of the appointment, except if required to do so by law or authorized to do so by the responsible Minister / Premier;
5. not use government premises, equipment or supplies for purposes unrelated to his or her appointment; and

6. comply with such additional requirements, if any, established by the responsible Minister / Government of Ontario.

An appointee who is a public servant by virtue of being appointed to a "public body" that is prescribed under the Public Service of Ontario Act (PSOA) is subject to the conflict of interest rules set out in the PSOA and its applicable regulations.

The members of the REAC must declare a personal or pecuniary interest that could raise conflict of interest concerns at the earliest opportunity to the responsible minister or minister's designate.

Ownership:

All information and material of any kind whatsoever acquired or prepared by the members of the REAC shall both during and following the term of the appointment be the sole property of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Community and Social Services.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

The members of the Committee shall not receive remuneration but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses (e.g., travel, meals), incurred as a result of Committee work, in accordance with the Management Board of Cabinet's Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive, and any other appropriate directive.

TERM

Members of the REAC will be appointed for a term of up to 3 years.

These Terms of Reference will be in effect during the term of the appointment of the members of the REAC, and may be amended in writing by the Project Management Office.

MEETINGS

The Research and Evaluation Committee will meet quarterly, with exception of phase one implementation where they may be required to meet more frequently.

Generally, meetings will be approximately one half-day in length (i.e. three to four hours), and will take place in the Toronto area. For members not able to attend in person, a teleconference option will be provided.

Tab I

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Supply Act, 2018

S.O. 2018, CHAPTER 2

Consolidation Period: From March 07, 2018 to the ~~g-Laws~~ currency date.

Note: This Act is repealed on April 1, 2019. (Soc: 2018, c. 2, s. 4)

Last amendment: 2018, c. 2, s. 4

Legislative history: 2018, c. 2, s. 4

Preamble

Messages from the Honourable the Administrator of the Province of Ontario, accompanied by estimates, indicate that the amounts mentioned in the Schedules are required for the purposes set out in this Act.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Interpretation

† in this Act,

"non-cash expense" has the same meaning as in the *Financial Administration Act*; ("frais hors trésorerie")

"non-cash investment" has the same meaning as in the *Financial Administration Act*; ("élément d'investissement hors trésorerie")

Supply granted

Expenses of the public service

2 (1) For the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, amounts not exceeding a total of \$133,561,535,900 may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or recognized as non-cash expenses to be applied to the expenses of the public service, as set out in Schedule A to this Act, that are not otherwise provided for and the money shall be applied in accordance with the votes and items of the estimates.

Investments of the public service

(2) For the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, amounts not exceeding a total of \$5,342,532,800 may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or recognized as non-cash investments to be applied to the investments of the public service in capital assets, loans and other investments, as set out in Schedule B to this Act, that are not otherwise provided for and the money shall be applied in accordance with the votes and items of the estimates.

Expenses of the Legislative Offices

(3) For the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, amounts not exceeding a total of \$251,845,200 may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be applied to the expenses of the Legislative Offices, as set out in Schedule C to this Act, that are not otherwise provided for and the money shall be applied in accordance with the votes and items of the estimates.

Expenditures of the public service

3. An expenditure in the votes and items of the estimates of the public service may be incurred or recognized by the Crown through any ministry to which, during the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2018, responsibility has been given for the program or activity that includes that expenditure.

Repeal

4 This Act is repealed on April 1, 2019.

5 OMITTED (AMENDS, REPEALS OR REVOKES OTHER LEGISLATION).

6 OMITTED (PROVIDES FOR COMING INTO FORCE OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT).

7 OMITTED (ENACTS SHORT TITLE OF THIS ACT).

**SUPPLY
SCHEDULE A**

Public Service	2017-18 Estimates – Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Estimates – Capital (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates – Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates – Capital (in dollars)	Total (in dollars)
Accessibility Directorate of Ontario	20,051,300	-	-	-	20,051,300
Advanced Education and Skills Development	7,935,768,000	638,441,800	-	-	8,574,199,800
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	582,688,800	158,075,000	-	-	750,673,800
Attorney General	1,794,991,400	100,688,800	-	-	1,895,680,300
Cabinet Office	50,388,900	1,120,000	-	-	51,518,900
Children and Youth Services	4,478,752,800	58,143,600	-	-	4,536,896,300
Citizenship and Immigration	181,813,600	1,000	-	-	181,814,600
Community and Social Services	12,337,193,700	48,124,900	-	-	12,383,318,600
Community Safety and Correctional Services	2,657,256,200	128,452,300	-	-	2,783,707,500

Economic Development and Growth / Research, Innovation and Science	1,005,506,300	79,401,000	-	-	1,084,907,300
Education	26,005,156,000	1,987,572,700	-	-	27,972,728,700
Energy	1,783,534,700	1,000	-	-	1,783,535,700
Environment and Climate Change	357,253,200	8,755,000	-	-	366,008,200
Finance	1,673,231,800	4,000	-	-	1,673,235,800
Francophone Affairs, Office of	4,665,100	672,500	-	-	5,337,600
Government and Consumer Services	558,156,100	5,422,600	-	-	563,578,700
Health and Long-Term Care	53,324,536,000	1,675,378,300	-	-	54,999,912,300
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	87,295,100	3,401,000	-	-	90,696,100
Infrastructure	110,055,000	799,598,700	-	-	909,651,700
International Trade	61,540,200	1,000	-	-	61,541,200
Labour	310,342,200	1,393,000	-	-	311,735,200
Lieutenant Governor, Office of the	1,831,500	-	-	-	1,831,500
Municipal Affairs / Housing	983,456,300	276,266,600	-	-	1,259,722,900
Natural Resources and Forestry	496,719,000	49,961,700	-	-	546,680,700
Northern Development and Mines	315,409,400	144,667,800	-	-	460,077,200
Premier, Office of the	2,597,100	-	-	-	2,597,100
Seniors Affairs	28,245,900	7,002,000	-	-	35,247,900
Status of Women	25,784,100	1,000	-	-	25,785,100
Tourism, Culture and Sport	1,078,898,400	113,973,000	-	-	1,192,871,400
Transportation	1,127,884,100	6,043,438,800	-	-	7,171,323,700
Treasury Board Secretariat	1,765,675,300	111,614,900	-	-	1,877,290,200
Total	121,136,566,300	12,414,970,600	-	-	133,551,536,900

**SUPPLY
SCHEDULE B**

Public Service	2017-18 Estimates -- Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Estimates -- Capital (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates -- Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates -- Capital (in dollars)	Total (in dollars)
Accessibility Directorate of Ontario	-	-	-	-	-
Advanced Education and Skills Development	410,302,000	5,697,900	-	-	415,999,900
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	12,000,000	-	-	-	12,000,000
Attorney General	8,000	60,053,400	-	-	60,061,400
Cabinet Office	-	-	-	-	-
Children and Youth Services	3,000	14,222,400	-	-	14,225,400
Citizenship and Immigration	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Community and Social Services	32,636,000	3,310,000	-	-	35,946,000
Community Safety and Correctional Services	18,000	44,216,800	-	-	44,234,800
Economic Development and Growth / Research, Innovation and Science	20,000,000	1,000	-	-	20,001,000
Education	3,007,000	8,585,900	-	-	11,592,900
Energy	1,100,000,000	1,000	-	-	1,100,001,000
Environment and Climate Change	-	14,712,700	-	-	14,712,700
Finance	275,401,000	7,710,600	-	-	283,111,600
Francophone Affairs, Office of	-	-	-	-	-
Government and Consumer Services	4,916,500	45,966,800	-	-	50,882,300
Health and Long- Term Care	82,517,000	30,583,000	-	-	113,100,000

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	-	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	-	71,158,100	-	-	71,158,100
International Trade	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Labour	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Lieutenant Governor, Office of the	-	-	-	-	-
Municipal Affairs / Housing	-	2,285,900	-	-	2,285,900
Natural Resources and Forestry	1,639,500	66,600,400	-	-	67,239,900
Northern Development and Mines	30,003,000	637,843,800	-	-	667,846,800
Premier, Office of the	-	-	-	-	-
Seniors Affairs	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Status of Women	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Tourism, Culture and Sport	-	37,307,300	-	-	37,307,300
Transportation	6,000	2,253,522,600	-	-	2,253,527,600
Treasury Board Secretariat	15,875,400	51,516,000	-	-	67,391,400
Total	1,968,331,400	3,364,201,400	-	-	5,342,532,800

**SUPPLY
SCHEDULE C**

Legislative Office	2017-18 Estimates – Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Estimates – Capital (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates – Operating (in dollars)	2017-18 Supplementary Estimates – Capital (in dollars)	Total (in dollars)
Assembly, Office of the	180,158,200	-	-	-	180,158,200
Auditor General, Office of the	19,049,900	-	-	-	19,049,900
Chief Electoral Officer, Office of the	33,841,700	-	-	-	33,841,700
Ombudsman Ontario	18,995,400	-	-	-	18,995,400

Total	251,845,200	-	-	251,845,200
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Expenditure Estimates for the Ministry of Finance (2016-17)

The 2016-2017 Expenditure Estimates set out details of the operating and capital spending requirements of the Ministry of Finance for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2016.

Summary

The Ministry of Finance manages the economic, fiscal, financial, and taxation policies and strategies of the Government of Ontario, and oversees the Province's borrowing and debt management program. The ministry administers a number of tax statutes, tax credits and benefit programs, and produces the provincial budget. In conjunction with Treasury Board Secretariat, the ministry also manages the Consolidated Revenue Fund and fiscal and financial policies of the Government of Ontario, and reports on financial matters. The ministry also develops policies for Ontario's financial services sector and supports the regulation of financial services institutions and intermediaries carrying on business in the province. In addition, the ministry manages Ontario's fiscal relationship with the federal government, other provinces and Ontario's municipalities, reports on the Trillium Trust, and oversees agencies accountable to the Minister of Finance.

Ministry program summary

Operating expense

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1201	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote1)	\$39,612,300	\$40,679,100	(\$1,066,800)	\$35,870,235
1202	Agencies, Income Security and Pensions Policy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote2)	\$108,963,100	\$100,675,600	\$8,287,500	\$101,924,101
1203	Economic, Fiscal and Financial Policy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote3)	\$715,527,600	\$1,108,311,100	(\$392,783,500)	\$1,727,942,643

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1204	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote4)	\$2,489,600	\$2,489,600		\$1,532,459
1209	Tax and Benefits Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote5)	\$435,627,600	\$402,273,900	\$33,353,700	\$328,546,002
1210	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote6)	\$1,531,000	\$14,000,000	(\$12,469,000)	-
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$1,303,751,200	\$1,668,429,300	(\$364,678,100)	\$2,195,815,440
	Statutory appropriations				
	Treasury Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote7)	\$11,307,428,600	\$10,802,901,200	\$504,527,400	\$10,039,921,083
	Other statutory appropriations	\$50,805,629	\$37,589,729	\$13,215,900	\$89,115,154
	Ministry total operating expense	\$12,661,985,429	\$12,508,920,229	\$153,065,200	\$12,324,851,677
	Consolidation adjustment - Ontario Financing Authority	\$26,187,000	\$25,679,000	\$508,000	\$22,362,000
	Consolidation adjustment - Ontario Securities Commission	\$105,256,100	\$100,238,100	\$5,018,000	\$87,365,300
	Consolidation adjustment - Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation	\$521,079,400	\$315,000,000	\$206,079,400	(\$74,788,595)
	Other adjustments - Financial Services Commission of Ontario	\$97,581,800	\$106,440,100	(\$8,858,300)	\$86,373,183
	Consolidation adjustment - Treasury Program	\$585,680,300	\$704,319,600	(\$118,639,300)	\$735,062,403
	Consolidation adjustment - Treasury Program - interest capitalization for other sectors	(\$137,108,900)	(\$97,120,800)	(\$39,988,100)	(\$140,101,419)
	Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$13,860,661,129	\$13,663,476,229	\$197,184,900	\$13,041,124,549

Operating assets

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1203	Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote8)	-	\$87,000,000	(\$87,000,000)	-

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1204	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote9)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1209	Tax and Benefits Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote10)	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$199,961
1210	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote11)	-	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$401,000	\$87,352,000	(\$86,951,000)	\$199,961
	Statutory appropriations	\$268,200,000	\$28,200,000	\$240,000,000	\$27,247,649
	Ministry total operating assets	\$268,601,000	\$115,552,000	\$153,049,000	\$27,447,610

Capital expense

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1201	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote12)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1203	Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote13)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1204	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote14)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1208	Investing in Ontario Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote15)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1209	Tax and Benefits Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote16)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$5,000	\$5,000	-	-
	Statutory appropriations				
	Trillium Trust Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote17)	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Other statutory appropriations	\$2,640,600	\$2,640,600	-	\$2,637,609
	Ministry total capital expense	\$2,646,600	\$2,645,600	\$1,000	\$2,637,609
	Consolidation adjustment - Ontario Financing Authority	\$881,000	\$848,000	\$33,000	\$789,000
	Consolidation adjustment - Ontario Securities Commission	\$3,058,700	\$2,913,100	\$145,600	\$2,702,000
	Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$6,586,300	\$6,406,700	\$179,600	\$6,128,609

Capital assets

Vote	Program	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1201	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote18)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1203	Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote19)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
1204	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote20)	\$4,868,700	\$4,046,400	\$822,300	\$3,000,529
1209	Tax and Benefits Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote21)	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,871,700	\$4,049,400	\$822,300	\$3,000,529
	Statutory appropriations				
	Trillium Trust Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-finance-2016-17#vote22)	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Ministry total capital assets	\$4,872,700	\$4,049,400	\$823,300	\$3,000,529
	Ministry total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$13,867,247,429	\$13,669,882,929	\$197,364,500	\$13,047,253,158

Reconciliation to previously published data - operating expense

Operating expense	2015-16 Estimates	2014-15 Actual
Total operating expense previously published	\$12,415,590,529	\$12,280,255,551
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions from other Ministries	\$93,419,700	\$93,419,700
Transfer of functions to other Ministries	-	(\$48,823,574)
Restated total operating expense	\$12,508,920,229	\$12,324,851,677

Reconciliation to previously published data - operating asset

Operating assets	2015-16 Estimates	2014-15 Actual
Total operating assets previously published	\$28,552,000	\$707,706,294
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions to other Ministries	-	(\$680,258,684)
Supplementary estimates		
2015-2016 supplementary estimates	\$87,000,000	-

Operating assets	2015-16 Estimates	2014-15 Actual
Revised Total operating assets	\$115,552,000	\$27,447,610

Ministry Administration Program - vote 1201

This program, which includes the Offices of the Minister, Associate Minister (Ontario Retirement Pension Plan), and Deputy Minister, delivers planning, advisory, legal, and controllership functions to ensure direction and management of operating programs consistent with Ontario Government policy and legislation. In addition, the program manages the service relationships with Treasury Board Secretariat and the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, ensures proper levels of support to the ministry and its client groups, and strategically manages the ministry's quality service commitments.

Vote summary

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1	Ministry administration	\$39,612,300	\$40,679,100	(\$1,066,800)	\$35,870,235
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$39,612,300	\$40,679,100	(\$1,066,800)	\$35,870,235
S	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$47,841	\$47,841	-	\$49,301
S	Minister without portfolio's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$21,715	\$21,715	-	-
S	Parliamentary assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$16,173	\$16,173	-	\$16,667
S	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$86,729	\$86,729	-	\$65,968
	Total operating expense	\$39,699,029	\$40,765,829	(\$1,066,800)	\$35,936,203

Capital expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
3	Ministry administration	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
S	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense	\$2,000	\$2,000	-	-

Capital assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
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Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
2	Ministry administration	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital assets	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Operating expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
1201-1	Ministry administration		
	Salaries and wages		\$17,620,600
	Employee benefits		\$2,536,000
	Transportation and communication		\$1,131,300
	Services		\$17,474,200
	Supplies and equipment		\$850,200
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$39,612,300
	Sub-items:		
	Main office		
	Salaries and wages	\$3,614,400	
	Employee benefits	\$389,600	
	Transportation and communication	\$305,400	
	Services	\$353,700	
	Supplies and equipment	\$77,200	\$4,740,300
	Financial and administrative services		
	Salaries and wages	\$7,253,700	
	Employee benefits	\$1,469,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$428,200	
	Services	\$7,303,300	
	Supplies and equipment	\$353,900	\$16,808,200
	Human resources		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,471,800	
	Employee benefits	\$208,200	
	Transportation and communication	\$35,200	
	Services	\$179,500	
	Supplies and equipment	\$64,800	\$1,959,500
	Communications services		
	Salaries and wages	\$5,280,700	
	Employee benefits	\$469,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$73,600	
	Services	\$291,400	
	Supplies and equipment	\$164,100	\$6,278,900

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Legal services		
	Transportation and communication	\$255,300	
	Services	\$7,728,800	
	Supplies and equipment	\$173,400	\$8,157,500
	Audit services		
	Transportation and communication	\$33,600	
	Services	\$1,617,500	
	Supplies and equipment	\$16,800	\$1,667,900
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$39,612,300
	Statutory appropriations		
Statutory	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$47,841
Statutory	Minister without portfolio's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$21,715
Statutory	Parliamentary assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$16,173
	Statutory appropriations		
	Other transactions		
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Ministry Administration Program		\$39,699,029

Capital expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1201-3	Ministry administration	
	Other transactions	\$1,000
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000
	Total capital expense for Ministry Administration Program	\$2,000

Capital assets

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1201-2	Ministry administration	
	Land and marine fleet - asset costs	\$1,000
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000
	Total capital assets for Ministry Administration Program	\$1,000

Agencies, Income Security and Pensions Policy Program - vote 1202

This program includes pension and income security policy analysis, policy development and legislation. This program is responsible for tracking emerging trends and developments and identifying the economic and fiscal implications of pension and income security policies, and for advising and assisting the Deputy Minister of Finance, the Minister and the government in formulating major economic, fiscal and policy documents. This program is also responsible for

facilitating the Minister's oversight and accountability of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, including the horse-racing sector, and for managing the Ontario Deposit Return Program for beverage alcohol containers.

Vote summary

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
6	Income Security and Pension Policy	\$11,180,300	\$4,308,000	\$6,872,300	\$6,169,964
7	Revenue agencies oversight	\$97,782,800	\$96,367,600	\$1,415,200	\$95,754,137
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$108,963,100	\$100,675,600	\$8,287,500	\$101,924,101
	Total operating expense	\$108,963,100	\$100,675,600	\$8,287,500	\$101,924,101

Standard account by item and sub-items

Operating expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
1202-6	Income Security and Pension Policy		
	Salaries and wages		\$4,461,400
	Employee benefits		\$528,200
	Transportation and communication		\$37,000
	Services		\$1,107,900
	Supplies and equipment		\$44,800
	Transfer payments		
	Basic Income pilot	\$5,000,000	
	Transition fund	\$1,000	\$5,001,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$11,180,300
1202-7	Revenue agencies oversight		
	Salaries and wages		\$2,912,500
	Employee benefits		\$360,700
	Transportation and communication		\$62,200
	Services		\$1,143,100
	Supplies and equipment		\$97,000
	Transfer payments		
	Horse Racing Partnership Funding Program		\$93,419,700
	Subtotal		\$97,995,200
	Less: recoveries		\$212,400
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$97,782,800

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Total operating expense for agencies, Income Security and Pensions Policy Program		\$108,963,100

Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program - vote 1203

This program develops and implements sound economic, tax and inter-governmental taxation and fiscal strategies to stimulate economic growth and job creation; forecasts, monitors and reports on the performance of the Ontario economy; provides expertise and advice on sound economic design of government initiatives; develops demographic forecasts for Ontario and its 49 census divisions; develops the policy and legislative framework for Ontario's taxation and benefits systems and the financial services industry; develops and provides strategic oversight of and advice related to the government's fiscal plan; assists the Minister of Finance and the government in formulating Ontario's finance policy and strategies with respect to federal-provincial fiscal arrangements; develops, monitors and reports on the fiscal plan strategies and results for the province; provides analysis and advice regarding Ontario's interest in, and regulation of, the provincial financial services sector and regulatory agencies, such as insurance, deposit taking and the capital markets, including the proposed Co-operative Capital Markets Regulatory System; and provides policy advice to clients, managers, and decision makers in the areas of fiscal and financial management. The program provides oversight and advice on provincial-municipal issues within the context of the Province's fiscal plan, working closely with other ministries and municipal stakeholders. The program also advises on tax policies affecting Ontarians, including personal income tax policy, payroll tax policy, estate administration tax policy, corporate tax policy, commodity tax policy, and sales tax policy, assessment and property tax policy, grants to municipalities, and education property tax rates, as well as providing oversight of the property assessment system and the province's main transfer payment to municipalities. In addition, the program reflects the transfer of dedicated electricity earnings from the province to the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation.

This program assists the Minister, Deputy Minister of Finance and the government in formulating the fiscal plan and reporting the results of the Province through the Ontario Budget, Ontario Quarterly Finances, Ontario Economic Accounts, Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, and Ontario's Public Accounts. The program undertakes annual population projections for use in resource allocation and planning, leads preparation of the Long-term Report on the Economy and contributes to the Pre-Election Report on Ontario's Finances required by the *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act*.

Vote summary

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1	Economic policy	\$12,719,300	\$11,118,600	\$1,600,700	\$10,482,875
4	Financial Services Policy Division	\$4,577,700	\$2,319,500	\$2,258,200	\$2,840,397
5	Provincial-local finance	\$23,707,500	\$20,532,500	\$3,175,000	\$19,133,038
6	Municipal support programs	\$521,822,400	\$568,722,400	(\$46,900,000)	\$647,067,400
8	Office of the budget	\$3,504,300	\$2,239,400	\$1,264,900	\$2,239,400
23	Taxation policy	\$11,377,700	\$11,377,700	-	\$8,087,700
12	Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation dedicated electricity earnings	\$137,818,700	\$492,000,000	(\$354,181,300)	\$1,038,000,000
	Expenses related to auto sector shares	-	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$91,833
		\$715,527,600	\$1,108,311,100	(\$392,783,500)	\$1,727,942,643

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Total operating expenses to be voted				
\$	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>				\$37,500,000
\$	Guarantees and indemnities, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000		
\$	Payments under the <i>Tax Increment Financing Act, 2006</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total statutory appropriations	\$2,000	\$2,000		\$37,500,000
	Total operating expense	\$715,529,600	\$1,108,313,100	(\$392,783,500)	\$1,765,442,643

Operating assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Strategic assets – loans and investments		\$87,000,000	(\$87,000,000)	
	Total operating assets to be voted		\$87,000,000	(\$87,000,000)	
	Total operating assets		\$87,000,000	(\$87,000,000)	

Capital expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
14	Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000		
\$	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total capital expense	\$2,000	\$2,000		

Capital assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
13	Economic, Fiscal and Financial Policy Program	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total capital assets	\$1,000	\$1,000		

Standard account by item and sub-items

Operating expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
1203-1	Economic policy		
	Salaries and wages		\$8,876,100
	Employee benefits		\$1,093,600
	Transportation and communication		\$166,100
	Services		\$1,774,500
	Supplies and equipment		\$308,000
	Transfer payments		
	Grants in support of economic and financial services policy research		\$501,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$12,719,300
1203-4	Financial Services Policy Division		
	Salaries and wages		\$3,052,600
	Employee benefits		\$416,500
	Transportation and communication		\$51,500
	Services		\$1,011,500
	Supplies and equipment		\$45,600
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$4,577,700
1203-5	Provincial-Local finance		
	Salaries and wages		\$6,833,200
	Employee benefits		\$899,100
	Transportation and communication		\$223,000
	Services		\$15,637,200
	Supplies and equipment		\$115,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$23,707,500
1203-6	Municipal support programs		
	Transfer payments		
	Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund	\$505,000,000	
	Special payments to municipalities	\$16,822,400	\$521,822,400
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$521,822,400
1203-8	Office of the budget		
	Salaries and wages		\$2,767,300
	Employee benefits		\$321,800
	Transportation and communication		\$41,600
	Services		\$361,300
	Supplies and equipment		\$12,300
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$3,504,300
1203-23	Taxation policy		

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Salaries and wages		\$6,997,400
	Employee benefits		\$1,030,500
	Transportation and communication		\$211,900
	Services		\$2,933,800
	Supplies and equipment		\$204,100
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$11,377,700
1203-12	Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation dedicated electricity earnings		
	Other transactions		
	Electricity sector dedicated income		\$137,818,700
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$137,818,700
	Statutory appropriations		
	Other transactions		
Statutory	Guarantees and indemnities, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations		
	Transfer payments		
Statutory	Payments under the <i>Tax Increment Financing Act, 2006</i>		\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program		\$715,529,600

Capital expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1203-14	Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program	
	Other transactions	\$1,000
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000
	Total capital expense for Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program	\$2,000

Capital assets

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1203-13	Economic, Fiscal and Financial Policy Program	
	Land and marine fleet - asset costs	\$1,000
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000
	Total capital assets for Economic, Fiscal, and Financial Policy Program	\$1,000

Financial Services Industry Regulation Program - vote 1204

The Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) regulates the province's financial services sector, including insurance companies, health service providers for auto insurance, pension plans, credit unions, caisses populaires, mortgage brokers, agents and administrators, loan and trust companies, and co-operatives. FSCO also makes recommendations to the Minister of Finance on matters affecting these sectors. In addition, FSCO is responsible for the administration of the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund (MVACF) which compensates people injured in automobile accidents in Ontario where there is no other insurance available to respond to the claim. FSCO is also responsible for the administration of the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund (PBGF). The PBGF pays a minimum level of pension benefits if a plan is wound up with insufficient assets.

FSCO works with the Ministry of Finance, consumers and industry stakeholders to protect the public interest and enhance public confidence in the regulated sectors.

Vote summary.

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	\$2,488,600	\$2,488,600	-	\$1,532,459
2	Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$2,489,600	\$2,489,600	-	\$1,532,459
S	Bad debt expense, the Financial Administration Act	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total operating expense	\$2,490,600	\$2,490,600	-	\$1,532,459

Operating assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
5	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total operating assets	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Capital expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
4	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
S		\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>				
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	\$1,000		
	Total capital expense	\$2,000	\$2,000		

Capital assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
3	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$4,868,700	\$4,046,400	\$822,300	\$3,000,529
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,868,700	\$4,046,400	\$822,300	\$3,000,529
	Total capital assets	\$4,868,700	\$4,046,400	\$822,300	\$3,000,529

Standard account by item and sub-items**Operating expense**

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1204-1	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	
	Salaries and wages	\$42,292,500
	Employee benefits	\$11,250,000
	Transportation and communication	\$1,014,200
	Services	\$44,935,900
	Supplies and equipment	\$577,800
	Subtotal	\$100,070,400
	Less: recoveries	\$97,581,800
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$2,488,600
1204-2	Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund	
	Salaries and wages	\$2,323,300
	Employee benefits	\$348,500
	Transportation and communication	\$88,600
	Services	\$7,640,500
	Supplies and equipment	\$174,400
	Subtotal	\$10,575,300
	Less: recoveries	\$10,574,300
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$2,490,600

Operating assets

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1204-5	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	
	Deposits and prepaid expenses	\$1,000
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000
	Total operating assets for Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$1,000

Capital expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1204-4	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	
	Other transactions	\$1,000
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,037,800
	Less: recoveries	\$1,036,800
	Total capital expense for Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$2,000

Capital assets

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1204-3	Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	
	Information technology hardware	\$760,000
	Business application software - salaries and wages	\$1,389,900
	Business application software - employee benefits	\$309,300
	Business application software - asset costs	\$2,409,500
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,868,700
	Total capital assets for Financial Services Industry Regulation Program	\$4,868,700

Investing in Ontario Program - vote 1208

The Investing in Ontario program has responsibility for the distribution of all or part of the consolidated surplus for a fiscal year (reduced by any allocation to the reduction of the accumulated deficit that may be prescribed by regulation) to eligible recipients for the purposes, and in the manner as may be prescribed by regulation. Eligible recipients must also be prescribed by regulation and may only include entities, other than individuals, that do not carry on their activities for the purposes of gain or profit.

Vote summary**Capital expense**

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
1	Investing in Ontario	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Capital expense

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1208-1	Investing in Ontario	
	Transfer payments	
	Investing in Ontario Act, 2008	\$1,000
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Total capital expense for Investing in Ontario Program	\$1,000

Tax and Benefits Administration Program - vote 1209

This program is responsible for the effective and efficient administration of Ontario tax statutes and a number of benefit programs and for maintaining the integrity of Ontario's tax system. It conducts tax compliance activities including audit, inspection, investigation and collections and delivers key benefit programs for low-income seniors and families. Central to this role is the provision of high quality services to clients including information and advisory services. Accountability for managing the relationship with the Canada Revenue Agency, which collects the majority of the province's taxes on its behalf, also rests with this program. The program leads the province's efforts in addressing the underground economy, contraband tobacco, corporate tax-avoidance, and other revenue integrity measures. In addition, the program supports the delivery of enterprise-wide initiatives such as the collection of non-tax revenues and benefits transformation, including providing automated income verification and related administrative services for various programs such as the Ministry of the Attorney General's Child Support Service. The program also works in partnership with First Nations on a range of issues including tobacco. In limited circumstances, the program provides grants to not-for-profit organizations and selected First Nations communities related to tax administration.

Vote summary

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Tax and benefits administration	\$435,627,600	\$402,273,900	\$33,353,700	\$328,546,002
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$435,627,600	\$402,273,900	\$33,353,700	\$328,546,002
\$	Payments to private collection agencies, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	-	\$4,901,923
\$	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$45,215,900	\$32,000,000	\$13,215,900	\$46,647,263
	Total statutory appropriations	\$50,715,900	\$37,500,000	\$13,215,900	\$51,549,186
	Total operating expense	\$486,343,500	\$439,773,900	\$46,569,600	\$380,095,188

Operating assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
2	Assets	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$199,961
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$400,000	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$199,961
S	Advances, the <i>Education Act</i>	\$19,600,000	\$19,600,000	-	\$18,831,561
S	Advances, the <i>Northern Services Boards Act</i>	\$4,100,000	\$4,100,000	-	\$3,928,173
S	Advances, the <i>Local Roads Boards Act</i>	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	-	\$4,487,915
	Total statutory appropriations	\$28,200,000	\$28,200,000	-	\$27,247,649
	Total operating assets	\$28,600,000	\$28,550,000	\$50,000	\$27,447,610

Capital expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
3	Tax and benefits	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
S	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$2,637,600	\$2,637,600	-	\$2,637,609
	Total statutory appropriations	\$2,637,600	\$2,637,600	-	\$2,637,609
	Total capital expense	\$2,638,600	\$2,638,600	-	\$2,637,609

Capital assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
4	Tax and benefits	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total capital assets	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Standard account by item and sub-items**Operating expense**

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
1209-1	Tax and benefits administration			
	Salaries and wages			\$86,480,400
	Employee benefits			\$13,362,900

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Transportation and communication			\$3,936,000
	Services			\$195,142,000
	Supplies and equipment			\$2,107,300
	Transfer payments			
	Guaranteed annual income system	\$137,607,600		
	Small business transition support	\$1,000		
	Tax compliance partnership agreements	\$15,000		\$137,623,600
	Subtotal			\$438,652,200
	Less: recoveries			\$3,024,600
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$435,627,600
	Sub-items:			
	Strategy, stewardship and program policy			
	Salaries and wages	\$19,441,900		
	Employee benefits	\$3,266,200		
	Transportation and communication	\$635,000		
	Services	\$163,702,900		
	Supplies and equipment	\$637,100		
	Transfer payments			
	Tax compliance partnership agreements	\$15,000		\$187,698,100
	Tax compliance and benefits			
	Salaries and wages	\$67,038,500		
	Employee benefits	\$10,096,700		
	Transportation and communication	\$3,301,000		
	Services	\$31,439,100		
	Supplies and equipment	\$1,470,200		
	Transfer payments			
	Guaranteed annual income system	\$137,607,600		
	Small business transition support	\$1,000		\$137,608,600
	Subtotal		\$250,954,100	
	Less: recoveries		\$3,024,600	\$247,929,500
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$435,627,600
	Statutory appropriations			
	Services			
Statutory	Payments to private collection agencies, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$5,500,000
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$45,215,900
	Total operating expense for Tax and Benefits Administration Program			\$486,343,500

Operating assets

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1209-2	Assets	
	Advances and recoverable amounts	
	Guaranteed annual income system	\$400,000
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$400,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Advances and recoverable amounts	
Statutory	Advances, the <i>Education Act</i>	\$19,600,000
Statutory	Advances, the <i>Northern Services Boards Act</i>	\$4,100,000
Statutory	Advances, the <i>Local Roads Boards Act</i>	\$4,500,000
	Total operating assets for Tax and Benefits Administration Program	\$28,600,000

Capital expense

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1209-3	Tax and benefits	
	Other transactions	\$1,000
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$1,000
	Statutory appropriations	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$2,637,600
	Total capital expense for Tax and Benefits Administration Program	\$2,638,600

Capital assets

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1209-4	Tax and benefits	
	Land and marine fleet - asset costs	\$1,000
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$1,000
	Total capital assets for Tax and Benefits Administration Program	\$1,000

Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Program - vote 1210

This program is responsible for supporting implementation of the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan by leading strategic policy and legislative functions related to the Plan. The program will also assist with transitional activities associated with establishment of the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Administration Corporation.

Vote summary**Operating expense**

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
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Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan	\$1,531,000	\$14,000,000	(\$12,469,000)	-
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$1,531,000	\$14,000,000	(\$12,469,000)	-
	Total operating expense	\$1,531,000	\$14,000,000	(\$12,469,000)	-

Operating assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan	-	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	-	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	-
S	Loans, the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Administration Corporation Act, 2015	\$240,000,000	-	\$240,000,000	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$240,000,000	-	\$240,000,000	-
	Total operating assets	\$240,000,000	\$1,000	\$239,999,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Operating expense

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
1210-1	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan	
	Salaries and wages	\$860,000
	Employee benefits	\$141,000
	Transportation and communication	\$50,000
	Services	\$474,000
	Supplies and equipment	\$5,000
	Transfer payments	
	Ontario Retirement Pension Plan	\$1,000
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$1,531,000
	Total operating expense for Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Program	\$1,531,000

Operating assets

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
	Statutory appropriations	
	Loans and Investments	
Statutory	Loans, the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Administration Corporation Act, 2015	\$240,000,000
	Total operating assets for Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Program	\$240,000,000

Treasury Program

This program is responsible for the development, direction, operation and formulation of policies for the management of the Province's debt, investments, credit ratings, investor relations, and related financial administration activities; providing centralized banking and cash management services to the Province; reporting on the financial position of the Province to investors and the public to facilitate borrowing activities; providing electricity sector financial analysis and support for any direct or indirect provincial liabilities and monitoring the fiscal implications; advice to government and broader public sector on financing initiatives and policies; provision of guarantees and loans by the Province and assistance in investments to its Crown Corporations and agencies; and arranging custodial and fiscal agency services for the Province and certain agencies. It is also responsible for the issuance of Ontario Savings Bonds. The Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) provides a broad range of financial services to Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEEFC) and Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (Infrastructure Ontario).

Vote summary

Operating expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
S	Interest on Debt, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$11,307,428,600	\$10,802,901,200	\$504,527,400	\$10,039,921,083
	Total operating expense	\$11,307,428,600	\$10,802,901,200	\$504,527,400	\$10,039,921,083

Standard account by item and sub-items

Operating expense

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
Statutory	Statutory appropriations interest on debt, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		
	Interest on Ontario securities		
	For general purposes	\$10,825,160,100	
	Canada Pension Plan Investment Board	\$503,424,000	
	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	\$4,407,000	
	Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation	\$888,000	\$11,333,879,100
	Less: interest on investments		\$464,576,000
	Less: interest capitalized in Ministry appropriations		\$45,829,500
	Less: other interest, exchange, discount and commission		\$36,045,000
			\$10,787,428,600
	Interest on debt payable to Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation		\$520,000,000
	Total operating expense for Treasury Program		\$11,307,428,600

Trillium Trust Program

The Trillium Trust provides for the dedication of prescribed net revenue gains / fiscal benefits from the sale of designated assets to help support investments in infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, transit and other priority infrastructure.

Vote summary

Capital expense

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
\$	Infrastructure expenditures, the <i>Trillium Trust Act</i>	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total capital expense	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Capital assets

Item number	Item	Estimates 2016-2017	Estimates 2015-16	Difference between 2016-17 and 2015-16	Actual 2014-15
\$	Infrastructure expenditures, the <i>Trillium Trust Act</i>	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total capital assets	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Capital expense

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
	Statutory appropriations infrastructure expenditures, the <i>Trillium Trust Act</i>	
	Other transactions	
Statutory	Transfers from Trillium Trust	\$1,000
	Total capital expense for Trillium Trust Program	\$1,000

Capital assets

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
	Statutory appropriations infrastructure expenditures, the <i>Trillium Trust Act</i>	
Statutory	Investments in tangible capital assets	\$1,000
	Total capital assets for Trillium Trust Program	\$1,000

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Footnotes

- [1] ^a Total operating expense includes statutory appropriations, special warrants and total operating expense to be voted.
- [2] ^a Total operating assets includes statutory appropriations, special warrants and total operating assets to be voted.



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Expenditure Estimates for the Ministry of Community and Social Services (2017-18)

The 2017-2018 Expenditure Estimates set out details of the operating and capital spending requirements of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2017.

Summary

The Ministry of Community and Social Services promotes resilient and inclusive communities through delivering and funding programs that help people achieve their potential, build independence and improve their quality of life.

Ministry program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Operating expense				
701	<u>Ministry Administration Program</u> (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#vote1)	\$38,464,900	\$37,179,100	\$1,285,800	\$34,173,657
702	<u>Adults' Services Program</u> (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#vote2)	\$12,232,302,500	\$11,342,200,100	\$890,102,400	\$11,174,480,849
703	<u>Poverty Reduction Strategy Program</u> (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#vote3)	\$66,426,300	\$13,134,300	\$53,292,000	\$4,496,467
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$12,337,193,700	\$11,392,513,500	\$944,680,200	\$11,213,150,973

Vote	Program	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Statutory appropriations	\$28,095,914	\$39,611,914	(\$11,516,000)	\$39,598,368
	Ministry total operating expense	\$12,365,289,614	\$11,432,125,414	\$933,164,200	\$11,252,749,341
	Consolidation adjustment - hospitals	(\$18,934,800)	(\$18,280,800)	(\$654,000)	(\$19,259,071)
	Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$12,346,354,814	\$11,413,844,614	\$932,510,200	\$11,233,490,270
	Operating assets				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#voted)	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Ministry total operating assets	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Capital expense				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#voted5)	\$46,124,900	\$39,207,000	\$6,917,900	\$37,958,712
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$46,124,900	\$39,207,000	\$6,917,900	\$37,958,712
	Statutory appropriations	\$26,446,000	\$28,314,700	(\$1,868,700)	\$26,112,215
	Ministry total capital expense	\$72,570,900	\$67,521,700	\$5,049,200	\$64,070,927
	Capital assets				

Vote	Program	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2017-18#vote6)	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162
	Ministry total capital assets	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162
	Ministry total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$12,418,925,714	\$11,481,366,314	\$937,559,400	\$11,297,561,197

Reconciliation to previously published data

Operating expense	2016-17 Estimates	2015-16 Actual
Total operating expense previously published ⁽¹⁾	\$11,418,515,114	\$11,249,912,674
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions from other Ministries	\$15,270,100	\$4,496,467
Transfer of functions to other Ministries	(\$1,659,800)	(\$1,659,800)
Restated total operating expense	\$11,432,125,414	\$11,252,749,341

Capital expense	2016-17 Estimates	2015-16 Actual
Total capital expense previously published ⁽²⁾	\$67,314,700	\$64,070,927
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions from other Ministries	\$207,000	-

Capital expense	2016-17 Estimates	2015-16 Actual
Restated Total capital expense	\$67,521,700	\$64,070,927

Ministry Administration Program - vote 701

The Ministry Administration Program supports the development and implementation of the Ministry's priorities by providing senior management, corporate offices and field staff with policy and program direction, strategic financial and resource management advice, as well as administrative and operational support services.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Operating expense				
1	Ministry Administration	\$38,464,900	\$37,179,100	\$1,285,800	\$34,173,657
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$38,464,900	\$37,179,100	\$1,285,800	\$34,173,657
S	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$47,841	\$47,841	-	\$49,301
S	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$16,173	\$16,173	-	\$16,667
S	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-
	Total statutory appropriations	\$65,014	\$65,014	-	\$65,968
	Total operating expense	\$38,529,914	\$37,244,114	\$1,285,800	\$34,239,625

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote - Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
701-1	Ministry Administration		

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Salaries and wages		\$19,874,700
	Employee benefits		\$2,601,300
	Transportation and communication		\$1,492,900
	Services		\$14,096,800
	Supplies and equipment		\$399,200
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$38,464,900
	Sub-items:		
	Executive Offices		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,801,900	
	Employee benefits	\$189,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$85,400	
	Services	\$14,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$34,800	\$2,125,800
	Business Services		
	Salaries and wages	\$6,942,900	
	Employee benefits	\$942,400	
	Transportation and communication	\$284,500	
	Services	\$1,288,100	

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Supplies and equipment	\$71,100	\$9,529,000
	Human resources		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,980,400	
	Employee benefits	\$182,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$26,500	
	Services	\$165,900	
	Supplies and equipment	\$6,600	\$2,362,100
	Communications services		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,512,500	
	Employee benefits	\$96,300	
	Transportation and communication	\$73,700	
	Services	\$497,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$18,400	\$2,197,900
	Legal services		
	Salaries and wages	\$40,000	
	Employee benefits	\$5,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$34,300	
	Services	\$4,709,100	

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Supplies and equipment	\$21,200	\$4,809,700
	Audit services		
	Services	\$861,400	\$861,400
	Information Services		
	Salaries and wages	\$7,597,000	
	Employee benefits	\$1,185,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$988,500	
	Services	\$6,561,300	
	Supplies and equipment	\$247,100	\$16,579,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$38,464,900
	Statutory appropriations		
Statutory	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$47,841
Statutory	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$16,173
	Statutory appropriations		
	Other transactions		
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Ministry Administration Program		\$38,529,914

Adults' services Program - vote 702

Through the Adults' Services Program effective and accountable community-based services are directed to those most in need. Ontario's Social Assistance programs provide financial and employment supports to eligible individuals who are in need, including people with disabilities, and their families.

The Community and Developmental Services include Community Services, Developmental Services, and the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy. The Community Services programs provide funding for community-based services and supports for women experiencing violence and their children, human trafficking victims and survivors, and individuals who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing, or deafblind. The Developmental Services programs provide services and supports for adults with a developmental disability and children with developmental and/or physical disabilities through community-based service providers, and direct funding through Passport and Special Services at Home. These programs promote greater social inclusion, independence and choice for adults with a developmental disability and their families by helping them live and participate in their communities. The Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy programs are culturally appropriate programs designed and delivered by and for indigenous peoples to improve healing, health and wellness outcomes.

The Custodian of Adoption Information provides adoption information disclosure services to adopted adults, adoptive parents, and birth families. The Family Responsibility Office works to improve the financial security of families by collecting and distributing child and spousal support payments pursuant to court orders and domestic contracts filed with the courts.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Operating expense				
3	Financial and employment supports	\$9,592,399,200	\$8,938,591,900	\$653,807,300	\$8,847,361,508
6	Community and Developmental Services	\$2,586,271,100	\$2,348,766,500	\$237,504,600	\$2,270,961,546
7	Family Responsibility Office	\$53,632,200	\$54,841,700	(\$1,209,500)	\$56,157,795
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$12,232,302,500	\$11,342,200,100	\$890,102,400	\$11,174,480,849
S	Bad debt expense, the Financial Administration Act	\$28,030,900	\$39,546,900	(\$11,516,000)	\$39,532,400
	Total statutory appropriations	\$28,030,900	\$39,546,900	(\$11,516,000)	\$39,532,400

Item number	Item	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Total operating expense	\$12,260,333,400	\$11,381,747,000	\$878,586,400	\$11,214,013,249
	Operating assets				
9	Adults' services	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Total Operating assets	\$32,636,000	\$45,304,000	(\$12,668,000)	\$26,276,021
	Capital expense				
8	Adults' services	\$46,124,900	\$39,207,000	\$6,917,900	\$37,958,712
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$46,124,900	\$39,207,000	\$6,917,900	\$37,958,712
S	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$26,446,000	\$28,314,700	(\$1,868,700)	\$26,112,215
	Total statutory appropriations	\$26,446,000	\$28,314,700	(\$1,868,700)	\$26,112,215
	Total capital expense	\$72,570,900	\$67,521,700	\$5,049,200	\$64,070,927
	Capital assets				
11	Adults' services	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162
	Total capital assets	\$3,310,000	\$1,950,500	\$1,359,500	\$2,628,162

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote - Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense			
702-3	Financial and employment supports			
	Salaries and wages			\$169,156,900
	Employee benefits			\$26,861,000
	Transportation and communication			\$9,315,600
	Services			\$79,312,800
	Supplies and equipment			\$2,360,600
	Transfer payments			
	Ontario Disability Support Program - financial assistance		\$5,091,206,900	
	Ontario Disability Support Program - employment assistance		\$48,857,100	
	Ontario Works - financial assistance		\$2,737,093,500	
	Ontario Works - employment assistance		\$208,618,100	
	Ontario Drug Benefit Plan		\$1,219,616,700	\$9,305,392,300
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$9,592,399,200
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			

Vote - Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$28,030,900
702-6	Community and developmental services			
	Salaries and wages			\$25,959,100
	Employee benefits			\$8,898,200
	Transportation and communication			\$796,200
	Services			\$11,293,000
	Supplies and equipment			\$199,000
	Transfer payments			
	Residential services		\$1,485,786,000	
	Supportive services		\$811,796,200	
	Violence Against Women		\$148,723,500	
	Supports to community living		\$58,570,000	
	Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy		\$34,249,900	\$2,539,125,600
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$2,586,271,100
702-7	Family Responsibility Office			
	Salaries and wages			\$31,194,800
	Employee benefits			\$4,336,000
	Transportation and communication			\$2,298,600

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Services			\$15,228,200
	Supplies and equipment			\$574,600
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$53,632,200
	Total operating expense for Adults' services Program			\$12,260,333,400
	Operating assets			
702-9	Adults' services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance	\$32,632,000		
	Residential services	\$1,000		
	Supportive services	\$1,000		
	Violence Against Women	\$1,000		
	Supports to Community Living	\$1,000		\$32,636,000
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$32,636,000
	Sub-items:			
	Financial and employment supports			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Ontario Disability Support Program - financial assistance	\$32,632,000		\$32,632,000

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Community and developmental services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Residential services	\$1,000		
	Supportive services	\$1,000		
	Violence Against Women	\$1,000		
	Supports to community living	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$32,636,000
	Total Operating assets for Adults' services Program			\$32,636,000
	Capital expense			
702-8	Adults' services			
	Transfer payments			
	Capital grants		\$501,000	
	Partner facility renewal		\$41,006,800	\$41,507,800
	Other transactions			
	Capital Investments			\$4,617,100
	Total capital expense to be voted			\$46,124,900
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			

Vote - Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$26,446,000
	Total capital expense for Adults' services Program			\$72,570,900
	Capital assets			
702-11	Adults' services			
	Business application software -- asset costs			\$3,310,000
	Total capital assets to be voted			\$3,310,000
	Total capital assets for Adults' services Program			\$3,310,000

Poverty Reduction Strategy Program - vote 703

The Poverty Reduction Strategy overseen by the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy has been established to support Ontario's multi-year priority outcome of reducing poverty, inequality and exclusion. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office (PRSO) oversees the cross-enterprise implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and addresses responsibilities under the *Poverty Reduction Act, 2009* including the preparation and tabling of an Annual Report. The PRSO leads initiatives to continue lifting people out of poverty including developing a food security strategy and managing the Local Poverty Reduction fund to support, showcase and evaluate grassroots community action projects that target local solutions to poverty. The program is also responsible for the design and implementation of a Basic Income Pilot that is jointly overseen with the Minister of Community and Social Services.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2017-18	Estimates 2016-17	Difference between 2017-18 and 2016-17	Actual 2015-16
	Operating expense				
1	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office	\$66,426,300	\$13,134,300	\$53,292,000	\$4,496,467
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$66,426,300	\$13,134,300	\$53,292,000	\$4,496,467
	Total operating expense	\$66,426,300	\$13,134,300	\$53,292,000	\$4,496,467

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote - item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
703-1	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office		
	Salaries and wages		\$3,468,500
	Employee benefits		\$364,600
	Transportation and communication		\$28,300
	Services		\$6,364,800
	Supplies and equipment		\$13,500
	Transfer payments		
	Basic income pilot	\$41,494,600	
	Local poverty reduction fund	\$14,700,000	\$56,194,600
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$66,426,300
	Total operating expense for Poverty Reduction Strategy Program		\$66,426,300

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Footnotes

- [1] ^ Total operating expense includes statutory appropriations, special warrants and total operating expense to be voted.
- [2] ^ Total capital expense includes statutory appropriations, special warrants and total capital expense to be voted.



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Expenditure Estimates for the Ministry of Community and Social Services (2018-19)

The 2018-2019 Expenditure Estimates set out details of the operating and capital spending requirements of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2018.

Summary

The Ministry of Community and Social Services promotes resilient and inclusive communities through delivering and funding programs that help people achieve their potential, build independence and improve their quality of life.

Ministry program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
701	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote1)	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote2)	\$13,119,669,800	\$12,204,028,400	\$915,641,400	\$11,498,120,315
703	Poverty Reduction Strategy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote3)	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$13,223,198,700	\$12,308,919,600	\$914,279,100	\$11,544,917,255
	Statutory appropriations	\$32,083,314	\$28,095,914	\$3,987,400	\$25,062,575
	Ministry total operating expense	\$13,255,282,014	\$12,337,015,514	\$918,266,500	\$11,569,979,830
	Consolidation adjustment - Hospitals	(\$22,399,500)	(\$18,934,800)	(\$3,464,700)	(\$20,404,621)
	Consolidation adjustment - Restructuring Provisions for the Transition Exit Initiative				(\$427,728)
	Operating expense adjustment - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account Reclassification	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	
	Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$13,234,882,514	\$12,318,080,714	\$916,801,800	\$11,549,147,481
	Operating assets				
701	Ministry Administration Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote4)	\$1,000		\$1,000	
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote5)	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
703	Poverty Reduction Strategy Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote6)	\$1,000		\$1,000	
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$37,161,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,525,900	\$38,339,059

Vote	Program	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Ministry total operating assets	\$37,161,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,525,900	\$38,339,059
	Capital expense				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote7)	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Statutory appropriations	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Ministry total capital expense	\$77,961,600	\$72,570,900	\$5,390,700	\$87,536,517
	Capital assets				
702	Adults' Services Program (https://www.ontario.ca/page/expenditure-estimates-ministry-community-and-social-services-2018-19#vote8)	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Ministry total capital assets	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Ministry total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$13,312,844,114	\$12,390,651,614	\$922,192,500	\$11,636,683,998
Operating expense		2017-18 Estimates	2016-17 Actual		
Total operating expense previously published ⁱⁱⁱ		\$12,365,289,614	\$11,560,576,384		

Operating expense	2017-18 Estimates	2016-17 Actual
Government reorganization		
Transfer of functions from other Ministries	-	\$10,233,346
Transfer of functions to other Ministries	(\$28,274,100)	(\$829,900)
Restated total operating expense	\$12,337,015,514	\$11,569,979,830

Ministry Administration Program - vote 701

The Ministry Administration Program supports the development and implementation of the ministry's priorities by providing senior management, corporate offices and field staff with policy and program direction, strategic financial and resource management advice, as well as administrative and operational support services.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
1	Ministry administration	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$36,870,100	\$38,464,900	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,563,594
S	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$47,841	\$47,841	-	\$49,301
S	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>	\$16,173	\$16,173	-	\$13,102
S	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000	-	-

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Total statutory appropriations	\$65,014	\$65,014	-	\$62,403
	Total operating expense	\$36,935,114	\$38,529,914	(\$1,594,800)	\$36,625,997
	Operating assets				
10	Accounts receivable	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
701-1	Ministry administration		
	Salaries and wages		\$19,944,200
	Employee benefits		\$2,609,200
	Transportation and communication		\$1,492,900
	Services		\$12,424,600
	Supplies and equipment		\$399,200
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$36,870,100

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Sub-items:		
	Executive Offices		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,801,900	
	Employee benefits	\$189,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$85,400	
	Services	\$14,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$34,800	\$2,125,800
	Business Services		
	Salaries and wages	\$6,695,800	
	Employee benefits	\$904,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$284,500	
	Services	\$1,047,400	
	Supplies and equipment	\$71,100	\$9,002,900
	Human resources		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,980,400	
	Employee benefits	\$182,700	
	Transportation and communication	\$26,500	

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Services	\$165,900	
	Supplies and equipment	\$6,600	\$2,362,100
	Communications services		
	Salaries and wages	\$1,512,500	
	Employee benefits	\$96,300	
	Transportation and communication	\$73,700	
	Services	\$497,000	
	Supplies and equipment	\$18,400	\$2,197,900
	Legal services		
	Salaries and wages	\$40,000	
	Employee benefits	\$5,100	
	Transportation and communication	\$34,300	
	Services	\$4,709,100	
	Supplies and equipment	\$21,200	\$4,809,700
	Audit services		
	Services	\$861,400	\$861,400
	Information Services		

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Salaries and wages	\$7,913,600	
	Employee benefits	\$1,231,300	
	Transportation and communication	\$988,500	
	Services	\$5,129,800	
	Supplies and equipment	\$247,100	\$15,510,300
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$36,870,100
	Statutory appropriations		
Statutory	Minister's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$47,841
Statutory	Parliamentary Assistant's salary, the <i>Executive Council Act</i>		\$16,173
	Statutory appropriations		
	Other transactions		
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>		\$1,000
	Total operating expense for Ministry Administration Program		\$36,935,114
	Operating assets		
701-10	Accounts receivable		
	Advances and recoverable amounts		
	Advances and recoverable - in-year recoveries		\$1,000

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Total operating assets to be voted		\$1,000
	Total operating assets for Ministry Administration Program		\$1,000

Adults' Services Program - vote 702

Through the Adults' Services Program effective and accountable community-based services are directed to those most in need. Ontario's Social Assistance programs provide financial and employment supports to eligible individuals who are in need, including people with disabilities, and their families.

The Community and Developmental Services include Community Services, Developmental Services, and the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy. The Community Services programs provide funding for community-based services and supports for women experiencing violence and their children, human trafficking victims and survivors, and individuals who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deafblind. The Developmental Services programs provide services and supports for adults with a developmental disability and children with developmental and/or physical disabilities through community-based service providers, and direct funding through Passport and Special Services at Home. These programs promote greater social inclusion, independence and choice for adults with a developmental disability and their families by helping them live and participate in their communities. The Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy programs are culturally appropriate programs designed and delivered by and for Indigenous peoples to improve healing, health and wellness outcomes.

The Custodian of Adoption Information provides adoption information disclosure services to adopted adults, adoptive parents, and birth families. The Family Responsibility Office works to improve the financial security of families by collecting and distributing child and spousal support payments pursuant to court orders and domestic contracts filed with the courts.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
3	Financial and Employment Supports	\$10,076,838,300	\$9,564,125,100	\$512,713,200	\$9,080,565,297
6	Community and Developmental Services	\$2,986,809,200	\$2,586,271,100	\$400,538,100	\$2,361,172,581

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
7	Family Responsibility Office	\$56,022,300	\$53,632,200	\$2,390,100	\$56,382,437
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$13,119,669,800	\$12,204,028,400	\$915,641,400	\$11,498,120,315
8	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$32,018,300	\$28,030,900	\$3,987,400	\$25,000,172
	Total statutory appropriations	\$32,018,300	\$28,030,900	\$3,987,400	\$25,000,172
	Total operating expense	\$13,151,688,100	\$12,232,059,300	\$919,628,800	\$11,523,120,487
	Operating assets				
9	Adults' Services	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Total operating assets	\$37,159,900	\$32,636,000	\$4,523,900	\$38,339,059
	Capital expense				
8	Adults' Services	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
	Total capital expense to be voted	\$51,401,200	\$46,124,900	\$5,276,300	\$61,433,907
5	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Total statutory appropriations	\$26,560,400	\$26,446,000	\$114,400	\$26,102,610
	Total capital expense	\$77,961,600	\$72,570,900	\$5,390,700	\$87,536,517

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Capital assets				
11	Adults' Services	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets to be voted	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370
	Total capital assets	\$4,783,900	\$3,310,000	\$1,473,900	\$1,098,370

Standard account by item and sub-items.

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense			
702-3	Financial and Employment Supports			
	Salaries and wages			\$176,083,700
	Employee benefits			\$27,587,400
	Transportation and communication			\$9,315,600
	Services			\$79,871,500
	Supplies and equipment			\$2,360,600
	Transfer payments			
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance		\$5,556,474,300	

Vote- Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Employment Assistance		\$48,857,100	
	Ontario Works - Financial Assistance		\$2,822,185,900	
	Ontario Works - Employment Assistance		\$209,607,900	
	Ontario Drug Benefit Plan		\$1,144,494,300	\$9,781,619,500
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$10,076,838,300
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			
Statutory	Bad debt expense, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$32,018,300
702-6	Community and Developmental Services			
	Salaries and wages			\$26,801,800
	Employee benefits			\$9,111,900
	Transportation and communication			\$796,200
	Services			\$14,479,300
	Supplies and equipment			\$199,000
	Transfer payments			
	Residential services		\$1,715,334,200	

Vote- item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Supportive services		\$943,567,100	
	Violence Against Women		\$172,123,400	
	Supports to Community Living		\$68,974,600	
	Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy		\$35,421,700	\$2,935,421,000
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$2,986,809,200
702-7	Family Responsibility Office			
	Salaries and wages			\$32,622,300
	Employee benefits			\$4,534,500
	Transportation and communication			\$2,298,600
	Services			\$15,992,300
	Supplies and equipment			\$574,600
	Total operating expense to be voted			\$56,022,300
	Total operating expense for Adults' Services Program			\$13,151,688,100
	Operating assets			
702-9	Adults' Services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			

Vote- Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Ontario Works Financial Assistance		\$1,000	
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance		\$37,154,900	
	Residential Services		\$1,000	
	Supportive Services		\$1,000	
	Violence Against Women		\$1,000	
	Supports to Community Living		\$1,000	\$37,159,900
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$37,159,900
	Sub-items:			
	Financial and Employment Supports			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Ontario Works Financial Assistance	\$1,000		
	Ontario Disability Support Program - Financial Assistance	\$37,154,900	\$37,155,900	\$37,155,900
	Community and Developmental Services			
	Advances and recoverable amounts			
	Residential Services	\$1,000		
	Supportive Services	\$1,000		

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
	Violence Against Women	\$1,000		
	Supports to Community Living	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Total operating assets to be voted			\$37,159,900
	Total operating assets for Adults' Services Program			\$37,159,900
	Capital expense			
702-8	Adults' Services			
	Transfer payments			
	Capital Grants		\$1,000	
	Partner Facility Renewal		\$49,645,900	\$49,646,900
	Other transactions			
	Capital Investments			\$1,754,300
	Total capital expense to be voted			\$51,401,200
	Statutory appropriations			
	Other transactions			
Statutory	Amortization, the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>			\$26,560,400
	Total capital expense for Adults' Services Program			\$77,961,600
	Capital assets			

Vote- Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount	Amount
702-1.1	Adults' Services			
	Business application software - asset costs			\$4,783,900
	Total capital assets to be voted			\$4,783,900
	Total capital assets for Adults' Services Program			\$4,783,900

Poverty Reduction Strategy Program - vote 703

The Poverty Reduction Strategy overseen by the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy has been established to support Ontario's multi-year priority outcome of reducing poverty, inequality and exclusion. The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office (PRSO) oversees the cross-enterprise implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and addresses responsibilities under the Poverty Reduction Act, 2009 including the preparation and tabling of an Annual Report. The PRSO leads initiatives to continue lifting people out of poverty including developing a food security strategy and managing the Local Poverty Reduction Fund to support, showcase and evaluate grassroots community action projects that target local solutions to poverty. The program is also responsible for the design and implementation of a Basic Income Pilot that is jointly overseen with the Minister of Community and Social Services.

Note: recoveries under Operating Expense for Poverty Reduction Strategy Office include recoveries of \$2,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account, which are based on forecasts of anticipated revenues and contingent upon a sufficient balance standing to the credit of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating expense				
	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346
	Total operating expense	\$66,658,800	\$66,426,300	\$232,500	\$10,233,346

Item number	Item	Estimates 2018-19	Estimates 2017-18	Difference between 2018-19 and 2017-18	Actual 2016-17
	Operating assets				
2	Poverty Reduction Strategy	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets to be voted	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-
	Total operating assets	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-Item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Operating expense		
703-1	Poverty Reduction Strategy Office		
	Salaries and wages		\$4,824,400
	Employee benefits		\$643,700
	Transportation and communication		\$20,300
	Services		\$2,489,200
	Supplies and equipment		\$13,500
	Transfer payments		
	Basic Income Pilot	\$44,192,300	
	Food Security and Climate Change Impact Fund	\$1,675,400	

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount	Amount
	Local Poverty Reduction Fund	\$14,800,000	\$60,667,700
	Subtotal		\$68,658,800
	Less: recoveries		\$2,000,000
	Total operating expense to be voted		\$66,658,800
	Total operating expense for Poverty Reduction Strategy Program		\$66,658,800
	Operating assets		
703-2	Poverty Reduction Strategy		
	Advances and recoverable amounts		
	Basic Income Pilot		\$1,000
	Total operating assets to be voted		\$1,000
	Total operating assets for Poverty Reduction Strategy Program		\$1,000

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Footnotes

- [1] ^ Total operating expense includes Statutory Appropriations, Special Warrants and total operating expense to be voted.

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SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.


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Ontario's Basic Income Pilot

April 24, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot for Ontario

Ontario is launching a pilot project to assess whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers, improve health and education outcomes for people on low incomes, and help ensure that everyone shares in Ontario's economic growth.

Ontario's March 2016 Budget was the beginning of the process toward designing the Basic Income pilot. That Budget announced a commitment to create a Basic Income pilot project to test the model in Ontario.

In June 2016, the government asked long-time basic income advocate the Hon. Hugh Segal to provide advice on how to best design a made-in-Ontario pilot. His report, Finding a Better Way: A Basic Income Pilot for Ontario, was released in November 2016. It included a number of key considerations and recommendations on how the Government of Ontario should design a basic income pilot. The discussion paper provided advice and recommendations in the areas of pilot design, site selection, basic income amount, delivery, outcomes and measures, and governance and administration.

Speaking to People Across Ontario

The Government of Ontario used Mr. Segal's report to launch the consultation phase of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP) in November 2016. Consultations were held across the province, giving people a voice in determining what the pilot could look like. Consultations were broad and inclusive, gathering input from a cross-section of people in Ontario. These consultations included in-person public meetings, online surveys and written submissions to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to express their opinions on how the pilot should work.

Between Nov. 3, 2016 and Jan. 31, 2017:

- 32,870 people responded to the public survey
- 1,213 people responded to the expert survey
- 1,193 people attended the in-person meetings

537 written submissions were received from private citizens and community groups.

In March 2017, Ontario released the Basic Income Consultations: What We Heard report summarizing the feedback gathered from the consultations. The feedback received during this consultation phase was critical in designing the OBIP.

Pilot Objective

Ontario's economy is in a relatively strong position, however many people in the province are not feeling that growth in their everyday lives. People are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living and facing "precarious employment" with little job security or benefits. The three-year OBIP, which will begin in late spring 2017, will study whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers and give people the security and opportunity they need to achieve their potential. It will also study whether giving people a basic income can be a simpler and more economically effective way to provide income security support to people living on low incomes.

The pilot will measure outcomes in areas such as:

- Food security
- Stress and anxiety
- Mental health
- Health and healthcare usage
- Housing stability
- Education and training
- Employment and labour market participation

Locations

The pilot will take place in the following locations:

- Hamilton, Brantford and Dufferin County - Launching late spring 2017
- Thunder Bay and the surrounding area - Launching late spring 2017
- Lindsay - Launching by fall 2017

The locations were selected so that the pilot can study outcomes in urban, rural and mixed urban/rural areas. The regions were also assessed for their economic need, demographics and access to local resources and services.

First Nations

The government is working with First Nations communities and partners on an approach that reflects the advice and unique perspectives of First Nations communities, organizations and peoples. In a separate but parallel process, a basic income pilot for First Nations is being co-created and designed in collaboration with First Nations partners.

Evaluation

The study will be evaluated by a third-party research consortium to be announced shortly. The province will also form an advisory group with research and evaluation experts to ensure the OBIP is conducted with the utmost integrity, rigour and ethical standards.

Participants

Study participants will be:

- Randomly selected
- 18 to 64 years old
- Living in one of the selected locations for the past 12 months or longer
- Living on a lower income.

Individuals will be informed and provide consent to participate in the pilot. Participation in the pilot will be voluntary, and participants can opt out at any time.

How the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Works

The payment will ensure a minimum level of income is provided to participants. Aligning with the advice of Hugh Segar, payments based on 75 per cent of the Low Income Measure (LIM), plus other broadly available tax credits and benefits, would provide an income that will meet household costs and average health-related spending.

Following a tax credit model, the Ontario Basic Income Pilot will ensure that participants receive:

- Up to \$16,989 per year for a single person, less 50 per cent of any earned income
- Up to \$24,027 per year for a couple, less 50 per cent of any earned income
- Up to an additional \$6,000 per year for a person with a disability.

Participants in the pilot will be able to increase their total earnings by combining a basic income with income they earn through work. The basic income amount will decrease by \$0.50 for every dollar an individual earns by working.

The basic income will be responsive to changes in a participant's circumstances, such as a significant decrease in earnings, change in family composition, or change in disability status.

Ontario will invest \$50 million per year in the OBIP for each of the three years of the pilot.

Impact on existing benefits

Child tax benefits

Participants currently receiving child benefits, such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) and the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB), will continue to be eligible to receive them during the pilot.

CPP and EI benefits

Participants on Employment Insurance (EI) or on the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) will have their monthly basic income payment reduced dollar for dollar.

Drug and dental benefits

People receiving support through Ontario Works who enter the pilot will continue to receive the Ontario Drug Benefit, and people on the Ontario Disability Support Program will continue to receive the Ontario Drug Benefit and dental benefits.

Basic income examples

1. Single individual with two children on Ontario Works who has no employment earnings.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$16,989
Ontario Works - Maximum Basic Needs and Shelter	\$12,228	
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$16,668	\$16,668

Net Total	\$28,896	\$33,657
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2. Single individual with two children who works a full-time minimum-wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$6,245
Net Employment Earnings	\$20,106	\$20,106
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$17,668	\$16,232
Net Total	\$37,774	\$42,583

3. Couple with two children, with both parents working full time in a minimum-wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$2,538
Net Employment Earnings	\$39,199	\$39,199
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$12,186	\$11,361
Net Total	\$51,385	\$53,098

Next Steps

Later this spring, randomly selected individuals from the Hamilton, Brantford, Brant County and Thunder Bay locations will receive information in the mail inviting them to apply to be part of the OBIP.

Eligible individuals will then be selected to either receive the basic income or be part of a control group made up of people who will not receive payments. Individuals receiving the basic income will be compared to the selected control group. Supports will be available to assist potential participants in completing their applications both centrally (via phone or email) and locally (in-person). Payments are expected to begin in the summer 2017.

Individuals living in Lindsay will receive information in the fall of 2017.

Up to 4,000 participants receiving payments through the OBIP will be included in the pilot at full implementation.

For information on OBIP visit ontario.ca/basicincome.

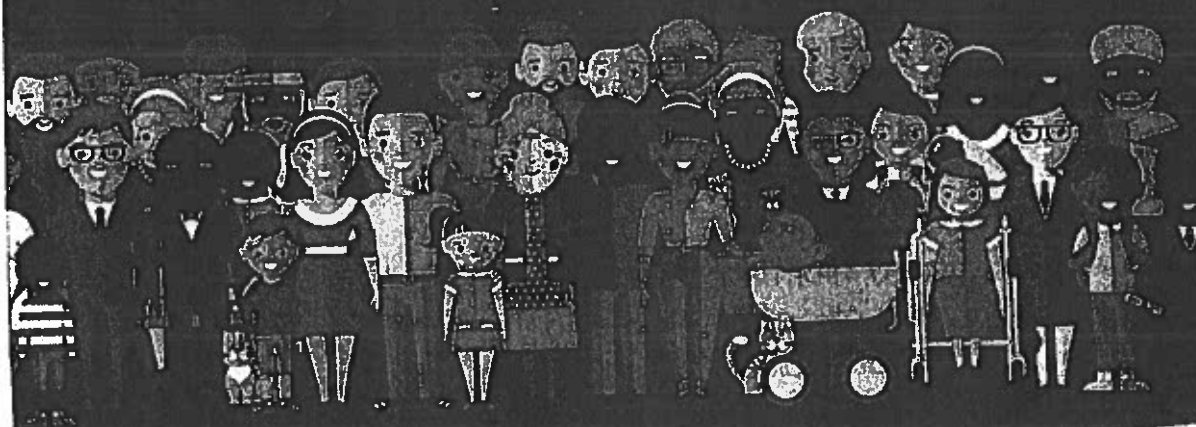
- XEconlab is also studying the idea of a basic income in Oakland, California
- Read about the impact of the Dauphin, Manitoba basic income experiment in the 1970s
- The OBIP was also informed by a number of expert reports from across the political spectrum, including feedback from the Mowat Centre, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, and the Fraser Institute.


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Basic Income Pilot:


Information Booklet

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Cette brochure d'information est disponible dans les deux langues officielles. Veuillez contacter les administrateurs du Projet pilote portant sur le revenu de base en composant le **1 844 806-6270** ou en envoyant un courriel à **applybi@ontario.ca** pour demander une copie en français.





BASIC INCOME PILOT: INFORMATION BOOKLET

This Booklet contains the information you need before deciding to apply to be a participant in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP). **Please read the entire Booklet carefully before completing the Application Form in your package as there are several steps to the application process.** If you are applying as part of a couple, your spouse or common-law partner should also read this Booklet.

The Booklet will help you learn

- if you may be eligible to participate and
- what you can expect if you submit your application and are accepted as a participant.

The OBIP is a research project to study the impact of Basic Income. Participants will be an active part of this research.

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SECTION 1: WHAT IS THE BASIC INCOME PILOT?

Ontario is exploring new ways to help people reach their full potential. Our economy is in a relatively strong position, however many people in the province are not feeling that growth in their everyday lives. People are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living and facing various barriers, such as "precarious work" with little job security or benefits. The three-year Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP) will study whether a basic income can better support vulnerable workers and give people the security and opportunity they need to achieve their potential. It will also study whether giving people a basic income can be a simpler and more economically effective way to provide income security support to people living on low incomes.

Through the pilot, participants will receive a basic annual income, which will help people with their basic needs and improve health, education and job prospects. We will rigorously test this new approach and will work with a third-party evaluator to review the evidence from the pilot.

Two Groups Participating in the Research Study

At the start, the Pilot will select two groups of eligible applicants who will be asked to participate in the research study:

1. One group will receive monthly Basic Income payments for up to a three-year period. This group is called the **Basic Income Group**.
2. One group will not receive monthly Basic Income payments, but will actively participate in the research study. This group is called the **Control Group**.

These two groups are required because the study will follow what is called a randomized controlled trial (RCT) study. In this type of study, the people in both groups are compared to each other over time to see how the participants who receive Basic Income respond to it. The study will be done by Third Party Evaluators.

People in these two groups will be regularly asked about their health, employment, and housing through surveys.

You will also be asked to allow Third Party Evaluators to review your personal information. Your personal health information and information about the other services you receive from the Government of Ontario will help us understand the full impact of the Basic Income. Your consent will be required before personal information will be collected and shared with Third Party Evaluators. We will ask for this consent after you are determined to be eligible to participate, and this consent can be revoked at any time.

Comparing people in these two groups will tell the evaluators how Basic Income helps people living on low incomes better meet their basic needs and improve their education, employment, and health.

Who is eligible to participate in the Pilot?

If you received this package in the mail, you are invited to apply for the Basic Income Pilot. This package is unique to you and should not be copied or shared with others. At the top of your invitation letter you will find a **reference number**.

The first step in the process is to determine if you are eligible to participate in the Pilot. To be eligible to participate in the Pilot, you must meet all of the eligibility criteria below. If you will be applying as part of a couple, your spouse/common-law partner must also meet all of these criteria.

Even if you are eligible you may not receive Basic Income payments.

You will be asked to complete these surveys periodically during the pilot period.

People chosen for the Pilot are not required to participate and may opt out at any time.

Your reference number is unique to you and only you can use it. This number cannot be shared.

You must meet all of criteria here to participate. If applying as a couple, your spouse/common-law partner must also meet the eligibility criteria.

Age

Eligible participants for the Basic Income Pilot will be between the ages of 18-64 years of age as of April 24, 2017.

Residency

You and if applicable, your spouse/common-law partner should have lived within your Pilot area including: Hamilton, Brant County, Brantford, Thunder Bay and area, or Lindsay for 12 months or longer as of April 24, 2017.

Spousal/Common-law Status

If you have a spouse, he or she will also need to complete the Application Form and participate in the Pilot. To be considered as a couple in the Pilot, you should have indicated that you had a spouse or common-law partner in your 2016 or previous T1 General Forms.

Definition of spouse and common-law partner

Spouse

This applies only to a person to whom you are legally married.

Common-law partner

This applies to a person who is not your spouse, with whom you are living in a conjugal relationship, and to whom at least one of the following situations applies, if he or she:

- a. has been living with you in a conjugal relationship, and this current relationship has lasted at least 12 continuous months

Note

In this definition, 12 continuous months includes any period you were separated for fewer than 90 days because of a breakdown in the relationship.

- b. is the parent of your child by birth or adoption, or
- c. has custody and control of your child (or had custody and control immediately before the child turned 19 years of age) and your child is wholly dependent on that person for support.

Financial Eligibility

To assess whether you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) are financially eligible to participate, we will use your and your spouse's/common-law partner's 2016 T1 General – Income Tax and Benefit Form and the 2016 Notice of Assessment. **You can submit a copy of these with your application.** If you are selected to receive monthly Basic Income Payments, it will be used to calculate the amount of these payments.

To be considered for participation in the Pilot you must have earned:

- a. less than \$33,978 if you are a single person
- b. less than \$48,054 if you are a couple
- c. less than \$45,978 if you are a single person with a disability
- d. less than \$60,054 if you are a couple where one of you has a disability
- e. less than \$72,054 if you are a couple where both of you have a disability.

Please note: Not everyone who is participating in the Pilot will get Basic Income payments.

If I don't have a copy of my 2016 tax return, how do I get a copy?

If you filed your taxes, you will be able to access this information through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). You should contact the CRA to receive this information. You can access most of your personal information, and other information the CRA holds, online through My Account (<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/myaccount/>) or by calling the CRA at 1-800-959-8281.

Can I still apply to the Basic Income Pilot if I have not filed my 2016 taxes?

Yes, if you did not file your 2016 taxes you can still apply to participate in the Basic Income Pilot. You can use your 2015 T1 General Form and Notice of Assessment if you have them. If you do not have your 2015 information, we have a process to get you started and enrolled in the Pilot – please contact us.

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Disability:

Basic Income Pilot participants may be eligible to receive an additional disability supplement of up to \$8,000 per year. You can receive this supplement if you or your spouse/common-law partner are currently determined to be disabled under at least one of the following programs provided by the provincial or federal governments:

- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario
- Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan – Disability

If you or your spouse/common-law partner currently receive any of the above because of a disability, please send documentation with your application confirming your eligibility for one of the programs. Documentation can include:

- An ODSP payment stub or eligibility notices
- Proof of services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario
- A Canada Pension Plan – Disability (CPP-D) payment stub or eligibility notices.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be selected to be a participant in the Pilot.

The next section outlines what will happen after you submit your Application Form.

For ongoing financial eligibility and evaluation purposes you will be asked to complete your taxes in every year you are participating in the Pilot. We can help ask us how.

SECTION 2: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM?

After you submit your Application Form, your information will be reviewed by Basic Income Pilot administrators for completeness and eligibility to participate in the Pilot.

Everyone who submits an Application Form will get a letter confirming whether or not they are eligible to participate in the Pilot.

This decision will be based on the information you provided in the Application Form.

If your application is determined to be ineligible, the letter will identify the reason(s) why.

What if I disagree with the eligibility decision?

If you would like to discuss your eligibility decision in more detail, please contact us at 1-844-806-6270 or email applybi@ontario.ca.

Eligible Applicants:

If you are determined to be eligible to participate, you will receive additional information and materials to complete before being accepted into the Pilot:

- A confirmation letter
- An estimate of how much your monthly Basic Income payments may be
- A survey: you will be asked to complete a survey and consent to the collection and disclosure of your personal information for the purposes of the research study and evaluation. Note: only eligible applicants will receive the survey.

What is the survey for?

This survey will collect personal information about you and your family. This information will be used to set a starting point for how things in your life change during the Pilot. This information may also be used to analyze the characteristics of pilot participants, such as age group, gender, and experience with social assistance. This information will be collected by Third Party Evaluators and will be used to support the administration and evaluation of the Pilot.

Completing the Survey

The survey may be completed and submitted by mail. To make enrolment into the Pilot smoother, you may be contacted by phone or email to see if you need assistance completing the survey. The sooner your survey is done, the sooner we can tell you if you will be receiving Basic Income payments.

After the surveys are received, participants will be selected and placed into one of two groups as part of the randomized controlled trial:

1. One group will receive monthly Basic Income payments (Basic Income Group)
2. One group will not receive monthly Basic Income Payments (Control Group). This group will actively participate in the research study.

Each group will have a maximum number of participants, and not all persons who submitted surveys will be selected to participate.

Study and Evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot

As part of the research study and evaluation of the Pilot, we will request additional consent for the sharing and/or collection of your personal information. Details regarding this additional consent will be shared with you if you are eligible to participate in the Pilot. This will be included in the baseline survey for you to review and complete. Participating in the study and evaluation means:

Completing Surveys: You will be asked to complete surveys periodically throughout the Pilot. These surveys will ask you questions about your experiences while in the Pilot, such as stress levels, work, family, health, education, and housing. Surveys may be done by mail, online, over the phone and/or in person.

Questions in the surveys will be on things like:

- Food security
- Stress and anxiety
- Mental health
- Health and health care usage
- Housing stability
- Education and training
- Employment

Are there any risks to answering questions in the surveys?

As you complete the surveys, you may experience some emotional discomfort when answering some survey questions. The surveys will ask you to reflect on your personal experiences while participating in the Basic Income Pilot.

You will be asked to complete surveys about your experiences while in the Pilot.

Access to and Analysis of Data Collected by Government Institutions:

For the purposes of the study, we will be looking at personal information that is collected from other government services and programs. The Pilot will ask for your consent to collect and access your personal information from other government programs and services. Your consent may be needed for the evaluators to access and/or disclose your information that is held by third parties or other parts of the government, such as the following:

- The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), a not-for-profit research institute that holds health related information.
- The Ministry of Community and Social Services for the purposes of understanding the differences between social assistance and Basic Income.
- The Ministry of Housing and municipal service managers for the purposes of understanding the impact Basic Income may have on Rent-Geared-to-Income supports.
- The Ministry of Education and municipal service managers for the purposes of understanding the impact Basic Income may have on the Child Care Fee Subsidy.

The study will be conducted by Third Party Evaluators. Details about this team will be shared with Pilot participants at a later date.

Privacy: What you need to know

Since this is a research study, participants in both the Basic Income Group and the Control Group will need to provide personal information to study how Basic Income has affected their lives.

Personal information will be disclosed, collected and used for four purposes:

- Reviewing eligibility for the Pilot
- Selection of Pilot participants, both to receive payments and to be in the Control Group
- Determining Basic Income payments for those chosen to receive payments
- Study and evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot.

Determining Eligibility and Selecting Participants

The Application Form asks you provide your personal information, which will be disclosed to and collected from third parties (for example, the Canada Revenue Agency) and used to assess your eligibility to participate in the Pilot. The disclosure and collection of your personal information will be with the following:

- a. The information you provide in the Application Form will be shared with the Ontario Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to verify your income, and calculate the amount of monthly payments should you be selected.
- b. The MOF will receive this information to support the administration of the Basic Income payments. If you are selected to participate in the Pilot, these payments will be delivered by the MOF.
- c. Some information will be shared with the CRA. The CRA will only receive your name, date of birth and Social Insurance Number. This is needed to verify your income, calculate the amount of your monthly payments should you be selected to receive them and to support the evaluation of the Basic Income Pilot. Monitoring your income is part of the evaluation of the Pilot, so this verification will continue throughout your participation. All verification between the MOF and CRA will be done through a secure automated income verification process currently used for other benefits and programs.

Protection of Privacy

Privacy is a fundamental right of every Ontarian. Ontario public institutions are required by law to protect your personal information, and to follow strict rules when collecting, using and disclosing your personal information. All information collected throughout the Basic Income Pilot will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act. After you understand what will happen if you participate in the Pilot, you can decide to participate. You may leave the Pilot at any time and do not need to offer any reason for doing so. This can be done by contacting us at 1-844-808-6270 or emailing applybi@ontario.ca.

- Personal information collected on the application form, as well as to survey responses, will be destroyed if you opt out of the Pilot and request your personal information be destroyed.
- If you do not request your records be destroyed, your records will be retained according to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the policies of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The Basic Income Pilot will not share your personal information with any third party, including other governments and the media, without your consent. You are not required to engage with another third party if they contact you. That decision is entirely up to you.

Public reports about the Pilot results will be released throughout the duration of the Pilot. These reports will not include any personal or identifiable information. If you are participating in the Pilot, we will share any reports with you before they are released to the public.

Participants Selected for the Control Group

If you are selected to participate in the Basic Income Pilot and selected to the Control Group, you will be asked to participate in the evaluation but will not receive Basic Income payments. As highlighted on page 11, participating in the evaluation means completing surveys and sharing your personal information. For each survey you complete, you will receive compensation for your time and effort in completing the survey.

Beyond completing surveys and sharing your personal information, nothing else will change. There will be no changes to your access to social assistance or other government services, providing you continue to be eligible for those programs and services.

Participants Selected to Receive Monthly Basic Income Payments

How much is the Basic Income?

If you are chosen to participate in the Basic Income Group and receive monthly payments, the amounts you receive will depend on:

- whether you are single or part of a couple
- the amount of income you earned in the last year through employment and other sources, such as CPP-D or Employment Insurance (EI)
- whether or not you and/or your spouse/common-law partner have a disability.

Single or a couple

The amount of the Basic Income payment will depend on whether you are a single individual or have a spouse/common-law partner as defined by the CRA. Both single individuals and couples may be eligible to participate in the Pilot.

Amount of earned income

The amount you receive from the Basic Income will also depend on how much you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) earned last year. The basic income will be responsive to changes in a participant's circumstances, such as a significant decrease in earnings, change in family composition, or change in disability status.

Employment Earnings

For the purposes of the Pilot, the Basic Income payment is reduced by \$0.50 for every \$1.00 of employment income. Employment income can consist of amounts you receive as salary, wages, bonuses, tips, gratuities, and honoraria. This would also include any income you received through self-employment.

Examples:

Jacob has no employment income and is single. He receives the maximum Basic Income for a single (\$16,989 per year).

Malcolm has \$5,000 in self-employment income which he claimed on his T1 General Form. His Basic Income is reduced by \$2,500 to \$14,489 per year, but his income is \$19,489.

Judy has \$15,000 in employment income which she claimed on her T1 General Form. Her Basic Income is reduced by \$7,500 to \$9,489 per year, but her income is \$24,489.

Income from Investments and Other Earnings

Income from other things like investment income and other earnings will reduce Basic Income payment dollar for dollar. This means that for every \$1.00 received through other sources, the Basic Income is reduced by \$1.00.

Income from Other Sources

Payments from programs like Employment Insurance (EI) and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will reduce Basic Income payment dollar for dollar. This means that for every \$1.00 received through other sources, the Basic Income is reduced by \$1.00.

Income Related to Children

Payments, such as child support payments and Canada Child Benefit/Ontario Child Benefit, will not affect how the Basic Income payment is calculated.

Disability supplement

Individuals with a disability, as outlined on page 8 of this booklet, are eligible to receive up to an additional \$8,000 per year, or \$500 per month of Basic Income.

Basic Income Payment Table

The table below shows the maximum amount of Basic Income and the annual earnings that would reduce the Basic Income amount to \$0.

	Maximum Basic Income Amount, no other income	Annual employment earnings* limit where Basic Income is reduced to \$0
Single adult	\$16,349	\$32,698
Couple	\$24,027	\$48,054
Single adult with a disability	\$24,349	\$48,698
Couple with one adult with a disability	\$30,027	\$60,054
Couple with both adults with a disability	\$38,027	\$76,054

* Total earnings of the single or couple, assumes no other income,
50 per cent reduction rate for employment income

Ongoing Expectations to Receive Payments

File Taxes

To participate in the Pilot you will be asked to complete your taxes in every year you are participating in the study. This is important because your eligibility and amount of Basic Income payments are directly tied to the information in your annual tax assessment. It is also an important part of the evaluation. This applies to both the Basic Income Group and the Control Group.

Participate in the Evaluation

You will be asked to answer surveys to participate in the Pilot. The Pilot is a test to determine if a basic income is a more effective way to provide income support. Through the Pilot, we will evaluate how receiving a basic income might affect the well-being of people living on low-incomes who live in different parts of Ontario and in different life situations.

What happens at the end of the Pilot?

The Pilot will run for up to three years. When the Pilot enters its final year, the Basic Income payments will be reduced gradually to prepare participants for the end of the study. The intent of this gradual reduction is to reduce any impact of ending Basic Income payments. Participants will receive information about this before any payments are reduced.

Voluntary

Participation in the Basic Income Pilot is entirely voluntary – no one is required to participate and they can choose to leave the Pilot at any time and do not need to offer any reason for doing so. The Basic Income Pilot will follow an "opt in" model where interested people who receive this application package should complete and submit the Application Form to be considered for the Pilot.

Your participation in the Pilot is temporary. Any decisions you make about your future based on the amount you receive from Basic Income should take this into account. Participants will get notifications about the close of the Pilot in advance.

SECTION 3: HOW WILL GETTING MONTHLY BASIC INCOME PAYMENTS IMPACT OTHER BENEFITS?

If you currently receive social assistance

If you currently receive social assistance (Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), you will have to withdraw from those programs in order to participate in the Basic Income Group and receive payments. Basic Income payments will replace all payments you receive from Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

How do I withdraw from social assistance?

To withdraw from social assistance, you will have to contact your local OW or ODSP office and speak with your caseworker.

Note: Do not contact your social assistance caseworker to withdraw from social assistance until you have received confirmation that you have been selected to receive monthly Basic Income payments. If you are selected to receive Basic Income payments, you will receive a letter confirming your participation in the Pilot. This letter can be shown to your caseworker when informing them of your decision to withdraw from social assistance.

If I voluntarily withdraw from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, what happens to my drug and dental benefits?

OW and ODSP recipients will remain eligible for drug benefits, and those on ODSP will remain eligible for dental benefits if they were receiving them prior to entering the Pilot. Children of OW and ODSP recipients will remain eligible for dental benefits if they were receiving them prior to entering the Pilot.

- OW clients who withdraw from OW to participate in the Pilot will lose access to all discretionary benefits, including dental.

What happens to the other supports I receive?

Other than prescription drugs (OW and ODSP) and dental benefits (ODSP only), many of the services and supports available to you as a social assistance recipient will not be available to you when you withdraw from social assistance to participate in the Basic Income Pilot.

- In some cases, some employment supports may remain available for persons with a disability.

Questions about what will happen to your social assistance?

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What will happen to the benefits I receive, which are delivered outside of social assistance, or are available to me if I don't receive social assistance?

Subsidized Housing – Rent-Geared-to-Income

If you are currently living in social housing and receiving rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance, you will not have to leave social housing or stop receiving RGI assistance while receiving Basic Income payments. Individuals in receipt of RGI assistance pay 30 per cent of their gross household income in rent. If you are participating in the Pilot, the Basic Income payments will be considered income for determining your monthly rent payments. This will mean that your monthly rent payment may increase to reflect your increased income with Basic Income payments.

If you are a social assistance recipient, the rent you pay in social housing could be tied to the pre-established social assistance rent scales. Since you will be withdrawing from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, the rent scales will no longer apply, and you will have to pay 30 per cent of your gross household income in rent to your housing provider.

Here's an example: Single individual working with a full-time minimum wage job who currently receives RGI assistance:

Example	Current	Pilot
Annual Basic Income		
Single individual with full-time minimum wage job – Annual income:	\$18,458	\$18,458
Monthly income used to calculate RGI "rent", less \$75 employment deduction		
Annual RGI "rent" payment	\$5,267/year (\$439/month)	\$7,141/year (\$595/month)

* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

You will be expected to report income changes to your local housing administrator in order to make any necessary adjustments to your monthly rent. For more information about subsidized housing, please contact your local Service Manager.

Trillium Drug Program

The Trillium Drug Program is for people who spend approximately 3-4 per cent or more of their after-tax household income on prescription drug costs. Trillium Drug Program participants must pay an annual deductible. For most people, this deductible is 3-4 per cent of their after-tax household income. Once the quarterly deductible has been paid, program recipients pay a \$2 co-payment for each prescription filled/refilled.

Participants receiving Basic Income payments may access the Trillium Drug Program, providing they meet that program's eligibility criteria. If participating in the Pilot results in an increase to your household income, this could impact your eligibility for the Trillium Drug Program, and could increase the annual deductible you pay.

You can get more information about the Trillium Drug Program, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-high-prescription-drug-costs.
- by calling
 - 1-800-575-5386 (toll free)
 - 1-800-387-5559 (TTY)
 - 416-642-3038 (In Toronto area)
- in person at your pharmacy.

Healthy Smiles Ontario

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth **17 years old and under** from low-income households. The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment.

The income thresholds as of July 1, 2017 will be as follows:

Household Includes	Adjusted Family Net Income
1 child	\$22,700 or lower
2 children	\$24,482 or lower
3 children	\$26,264 or lower
4 children	\$27,927 or lower
5 children	\$29,600 or lower

If your adjusted family net income is above the thresholds listed above, your children may not be eligible for Healthy Smiles Ontario in the future. The Basic Income payments will contribute to your adjusted family net income.

- Depending on your family structure and income, the Basic Income payments may make your family ineligible to receive Healthy Smiles Ontario.
- Once estimated payments are provided to you, you will need to decide if Basic Income is right for you and your family.

You can get more information about Healthy Smiles Ontario, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care
- by calling
Toll-free: 1-844-296-6806
TTY toll-free: 1-800-387-5559
416-327-4282 (TTY Toronto only)
- by contacting your local public health unit:
www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/nso_phu.aspx

What if I am a social assistance recipient and currently receive Healthy Smiles Ontario?

Children are automatically enrolled in Healthy Smiles Ontario if their family currently receives social assistance. Children who received dental coverage under Healthy Smiles Ontario through social assistance will continue to receive dental coverage if their parent participates in the Basic Income Group of the Pilot, providing they are 17 years old and under.

Child Care Fee Subsidy

Child care fee subsidy funded by the Ministry of Education is an income-tested benefit provided to low and middle income parents to help them pay for their child care needs. The amount of subsidy received is dependent on the total cost of child care and your adjusted family net income.

Participants receiving Basic Income payments are not excluded from receiving child care fee subsidy, providing their family continues to remain eligible for subsidy. The Basic Income payments may increase your adjusted family net income, so the contribution you make to child care while receiving the child care fee subsidy may increase.

Here's an example: A single parent with two children working full time in a minimum wage job participates in the Pilot.

	Current	Basic Income Pilot
Employment Earnings	\$12,148.90	\$12,148.90
Basic Income	N/A	\$6,245
Total Adjusted Family Net Income	\$12,148.90	\$18,393.90
Parental Contribution	\$148.80/year (\$12.41/month)	\$773.40/year (\$64.45/month)

You can get more information about child care fee subsidy, including how to apply:

- online at www.ontario.ca/page/child-care-subsidies
- by contacting your Consolidated Municipal Service Manager/District Social Services Administration Board:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/websiteServiceManagers.html

What if I am a social assistance recipient and currently receiving a full subsidy?

Families on social assistance are automatically eligible to receive a full child care fee subsidy. If a person withdraws from social assistance to participate in the Pilot, they would lose the automatic eligibility for full child care fee subsidy. They may still be eligible to receive the child care fee subsidy, but the parental contribution they pay may increase.

Provincial and Federal Refundable Tax Credits

There are a number of income tested tax credits and benefits currently available to Ontarians that are delivered by the Governments of Ontario and Canada, such as:

Government of Ontario:

- Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit
- Ontario Sales Tax Credit
- Ontario Child Benefit

Government of Canada

- Working Income Tax Benefit
- Goods and Services Tax Credit
- Canada Child Benefit

Basic Income payments may increase an individual's or family's adjusted family net income and may change the amount they receive under the broadly available tax credits.

You can get more information about:

- Ontario tax credits and benefits online at
www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-tax-credits-and-benefits
- federal programs and benefits online at:
www.cra-arc.gc.ca/ndvdlis-fmls/menu-eng.html

Basic income illustrative examples:

1. Single individual with two children on Ontario Works who has no employment earnings.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$16,939
OW - Maximum Basic Needs and Shelter	\$12,228	
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$16,668	\$16,668
Net Total	\$28,896	\$33,657

2. Single individual with two children who works a full-time minimum wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$6,246
Net Employment Earnings	\$20,106	\$20,106
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$17,001	\$16,232
Net Total	\$37,774	\$42,583

3. Couple with two children, with both parents working full time in a minimum wage job.

	Current	Pilot
Basic Income		\$2,588
Net Employment Earnings	\$39,199	\$39,199
Other Tax Benefits (e.g. OCB/CCB)	\$12,186	\$10,621
Net Total	\$51,385	\$53,008

SECTION 4: COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Each section of the Application Form must be completed for your eligibility to be considered. If you have any questions while filling out the information, do not hesitate to contact us.

We can be reached at 1-844-806-6270 and applybi@ontario.ca

In order to successfully complete the Application Form you will need:

- Your reference number included in your invitation letter
- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN), and if applicable, your spouse/common-law partner's SIN
- Copies of your and your spouse's/common-law partner's 2016 T1 General – Income Tax and Benefit Form and the 2016 Notice of Assessment – We will request the information you provided to the Canada Revenue Agency as part of your 2016 tax return to determine your eligibility to participate in the Pilot, and the amount you could receive.
- If you did not file your taxes, please see Section 1 of this Booklet or contact us – you can still apply
- Verification of you and/or your spouse's/common-law partner's disability (if applicable)

Step 1: Your Personal Information

Reference Number

Provide the reference number included at the top of your invitation letter. This reference number is unique and can only be used by you and your spouse/common-law partner. **This number is not to be shared.**

Name

Provide both your last and first name. If you have a single name, please report it as your last name.

Date of Birth

Enter your date of birth. Your date of birth should follow the YYYY/MM/DD format. To participate in the Pilot you should be between the ages of 18 and 64, as of April 24, 2017.

Social Insurance Number (SIN)

Your SIN is the nine-digit number that identifies you for income tax purposes under section 237 of the Income Tax Act and is used for certain federal and provincial programs. Your SIN is needed to confirm your identity and to verify your income with the CRA.

Home Address: provide information about where you live

Provide your address and how long you've lived there. This will be used to confirm that you live in your Pilot region. Please indicate how long you have lived (in years and months) at your current address. We may ask you to verify this.

Previous Address

If you have lived at more than one address in the last 12 months, please provide your previous address.

Mailing Address

If your mailing address is different from your home address, please list those details here. This address will be used to send you letters, updates, payments and/or statements.

- If you have a different mailing address, this address should also be within your Pilot region for you to be eligible to participate in the Pilot.

Contact Information

Insert your e-mail address, your home phone and cell phone numbers if you have them.

- Please indicate whether you would prefer to be contacted by Basic Income Pilot administrators by e-mail or by phone. If you have no preference, leave the boxes blank.

The Basic Income Pilot is committed to delivering services and supports to you in your language of choice. Please indicate whether you would prefer we engage with you in English or French. If you would prefer another language, please tell us your preferred language and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Information About Disability Status

Check the disability-related programs that apply to you and/or your spouse/common-law partner. If you and/or your spouse/common-law partner checked one or more of the programs, please send documentation that confirms your eligibility for that program along with this application.

Please see page 8 of this Information Booklet for information related to the disability status and the disability supplement.

Step 2: Your Spouse's/Common-law Partner's Information, if applicable

Complete this section with your spouse's/common-law partner's personal information.

Step 3: Your Income Information

Information about your and your spouse's/common-law partner's income will be used to determine whether you can participate in the Basic Income Pilot. This information will also be used to calculate how much your Basic Income payments will be.

To successfully enrol in the Basic Income Pilot, please submit a copy of your tax information. Please refer to page 7 for additional information.

Step 4: Declaration by you and your spouse/common-law partner

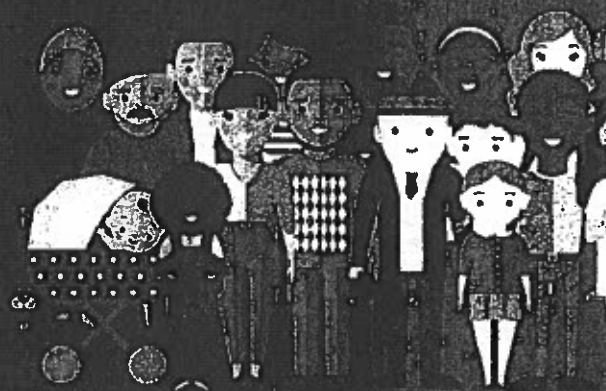
You and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) should read this section very carefully and sign in the designated area for your application to be considered complete. Your and your spouse's/common-law partner's signature at the bottom of this section of the Application Form means that you understand what it means to participate in the Pilot.

Questions? Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application and what will happen in the Pilot, please contact us to discuss in more detail.

We can be reached at 1-844-806-6270 and applybi@ontario.ca

**For more information on Basic
Income in Ontario, visit:**
ontario.ca/basicincome



Basic Income Application Form

Please complete the following (please print)

Disponible dans les deux langues officielles. Veuillez contacter les administrateurs du Projet pilote portant sur le revenu de base en composant le 1-844-806-6270 ou en envoyant un courriel à applybi@ontario.ca pour demander une copie en français.

You will need:

- Your reference number included in your invitation letter
 - Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
 - Your 2016 T1 General Income Tax and Benefit Form
 - Your 2016 Notice of Assessment
- ☛ If you do not have these tax forms, you can still apply to participate in the Pilot. Please call us at 1-844-806-6270 or email applybi@ontario.ca – we are here to help you.
- ☛ Only individuals invited to apply with a reference number can apply for the Pilot. If you are applying as a couple, you will also need the SIN and tax information for your spouse/common-law partner.
- ☛ The **Information Booklet** explains the documents you need and how to complete the sections below.

Need help? Call: 1-844-806-6270 Email: applybi@ontario.ca

I certify that the information given on this form and in any attached documents is to the best of my knowledge correct and true.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse/Common-law Partner

Date

Step 1: Your Personal Information

Complete this section with your personal information. For more information on this section and what is required, please refer to Section 4: Completing the Application Form in the Information Booklet.

Reference Number			<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>			
Name						
Last Name:				First Name:		
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):				Social Insurance Number:		
Home Address						
Apartment/Unit Number:		Street Number:		Street Name:		
City/Town:		Province:		Postal Code:		
How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months						
Previous Address						
Apartment/Unit Number:		Street Number:		Street Name:		
City/Town:		Province:		Postal Code:		
How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months						
Mailing Address (if different from above)						
Apartment/Unit Number:		Street Number:		Street Name:		
City/Town:		Province:		Postal Code:		
Contact Information						
E-mail:		Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		
Do you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone						
Your language of correspondence: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please Specify: _____						
Information About Disability Status (if applicable)						
If you have a disability please indicate the source of all of your supports:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) <input type="checkbox"/> Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan – Disability						
If you checked any of the boxes above, please attach to this application form verification that you are eligible for and/or receive these supports, such as recent payment stubs or eligibility notices. Please see the Information Booklet - Section 1: page 8 for more information.						
Do you have a Spouse/Common-law Partner? YES <input type="radio"/> Go to Step 2 NO <input type="radio"/> Go to Step 3						

Step 2: Your Spouse/Common-law Partner's Information, if applicable

Complete this section with your spouse's/common-law partner's personal information. For more information about what this means, please refer to Section 4: Completing the Application Form in the Information Booklet.

You and your spouse/common-law partner must have both indicated that you have a spouse/common-law partner in your 2016 (or previous) T1 General Forms. Please note that your spouse must also meet the Basic Income eligibility criteria.

Name		
Last Name:	First Name:	
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):	Social Insurance Number:	
Previous Address		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Home Address (if different than your spouse/common-law partner)		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Mailing Address (if different from above)		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Contact Information		
E-mail:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Do you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone		
Your language of correspondence: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please Specify: _____		
Information About Disability Status (if applicable)		
If you have a disability please indicate the source of all of your supports:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan – Disability		
If you checked any of the boxes above, please attach to this application form verification that you are eligible for and/or receive these supports, such as recent payment stubs or eligibility notices. Please see the Information Booklet – Section 1: page 8 for more information.		

Step 3: Your Income Information

To verify your income, please submit the following information.

Attach a copy of these forms with your application

- ☐ 2016 T1 General Form
- ☐ 2016 Notice of Assessment

If you did not file your taxes in 2016, attach a copy of your:

- ☐ 2015 T1 General Form
- ☐ 2015 Notice of Assessment

☛ If you completed the Application Form but do not have these tax forms, you can still apply to participate in the Pilot. Please call us at 1-844-806-6270 or email applypl@ontario.ca - we are here to help you.

☛ If you are applying as a couple, attach the same forms for your spouse/common-law partner.

Don't Forget – These are the documents you may need to send us with your completed and signed Application Form:

For Information About Disability Status, if applicable:

- ☐ Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- ☐ Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario
- ☐ Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan – Disability

Documents like payment stubs and eligibility decisions can be used for this.

Tax Information:

We would also like copies of your and your spouse/common-law partner's tax information. This can include:

- ☐ 2016 T1 General Form
- ☐ 2016 Notice of Assessment
- ☐ 2015 T1 General Form
- ☐ 2015 Notice of Assessment

Step 4: Declaration and Consent (complete spousal/ common-law partner information, if applicable)

DECLARATIONS:

This section is to make sure you understand the key elements of what participation in the Pilot will mean and how it could impact you.

Administration

I/we the undersigned:

1. Have read the Information Booklet (Section 1) and understand the eligibility criteria to participate in the Pilot.
2. Understand that if eligible to participate:
 - the selection process will be anonymous and random,
 - I/we will receive notification of the selection results,
 - there is no appeal process, and
 - the selection could result in one of the following three outcomes:
 - I. receive Basic Income payments (Basic Income Group), or
 - II. not receive Basic Income payments (Control Group), or
 - III. not participate in the Basic Income Pilot.
3. Understand that the Basic Income payments might affect my other government and non-government subsidies, benefits, and services, particularly those that are based on my/our income.
4. Understand that participation in the Pilot is voluntary and I/we can leave the Pilot at any time and do not need to provide a reason for leaving.

Drug and Dental Benefits (Information Booklet - Section 3: page 19)

I/we the undersigned:

1. Understand that I/we cannot receive payments, benefits (including discretionary benefits), and services provided by the Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) while receiving Basic Income payments, with the exception of some drug and dental benefits.
2. Understand that everyone currently receiving drug benefits from social assistance will still have access to drug benefits, if applicable, while participating in the Basic Income Pilot.
3. Understand that ODSP recipients, spouses of ODSP recipients, and children of ODSP and Ontario Works recipients will still receive dental benefits, if applicable, while participating in the Pilot.
4. Understand that the method and delivery organization for drug and dental benefits may change.

Evaluation

I/we the undersigned:

1. Understand that eligibility during the Basic Income Pilot will require ongoing interaction with the Basic Income Pilot evaluation team. This interaction will involve the completion of surveys which will be done periodically during the Pilot.
2. Understand that if I am assigned to the Control Group, I will not receive a Basic Income payment but I will be compensated for each survey I complete.
3. Understand that all information collected through surveys will be confidential and will be stored in a secure digital environment.
4. Understand that if eligible to participate in the Pilot, additional personal information and consent will need to be provided to the evaluators, along with my/our consent for the collection, use and disclosure of this information.

CONSENTS

This section is to make sure you understand how the information collected in this Application Form will be shared to support the Basic Income Pilot.

I/we the undersigned:

1. Consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information contained in this form by and between the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) for the purposes of determining eligibility for the Basic Income Pilot, processing and administering applications, and for research.
2. Consent to the collection and disclosure of the personal information between the MOF and the Canada Revenue Agency for the purposes of verifying income, determining eligibility and determining Basic Income payments for the duration of my/our participation in the Pilot. This authorization will only apply if you are participating in the Pilot as part of the Basic Income Group and the Control Group. The amount of Basic Income you receive will be shared with MCSS for Pilot administration and evaluation purposes.
3. Consent to the disclosure by the Canada Revenue Agency of my/our tax records, on condition that the information will be used solely by the MOF to verify income and to determine eligibility under the Basic Income Pilot. This authorization is valid for the 2016 and following taxation years for which I/we are eligible to participate in the Basic Income Pilot. The authorization will expire upon termination of the Basic Income Pilot and/or when participation in the Basic Income Pilot ends.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse/Common-law Partner

Date

Notice with Respect to the Collection of Personal Information

(Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

(Ministry of Revenue Act)

This section is to make sure you understand why we are collecting information and who you can contact if you have any questions.

The collection of this information is necessary for the proper administration of the Basic Income Pilot and, in particular, to determine eligibility for the Pilot and to study its impact. Any questions regarding the collection, use and disclosure of personal information should be directed to Basic Income Pilot Administrators by mail to the Basic Income Pilot Branch, 77 Wellesley St. W., Box 175, Toronto, ON M7A 1N3, or by phone at 1-844-806-6270 or by email at applybi@ontario.ca.

Independent Review Board

All of the application materials you received have been reviewed by an Independent Review Board (IRB). An IRB is a group of scientific and non-scientific individuals who perform the initial and ongoing ethical review of the research study with the Research Participant's rights and welfare in mind. This study has been reviewed by Veritas Independent Review Board (IRB).

If you require any explanations or have any questions about the scientific and scholarly aspects of the Basic Income Pilot research, please email applybi@ontario.ca or call 1-844-806-6270 and direct research-related inquiries to the Primary Contact, Kevin Pal.

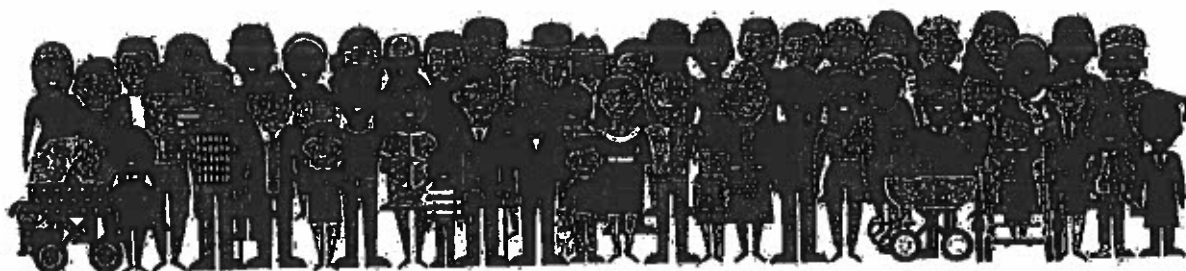
Primary Contact:

Kevin Pal, Director
Basic Income Pilot Branch
Ministry of Community and Social Services
Telephone: 1-844-806-6270

If you have any study-related comments, complaints or concerns contact Kevin Pal, the Primary Contact for the Basic Income Pilot. Please call the IRB if you need to speak to a person independent from the project and the research staff.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, call the Manager of Veritas IRB 24 hours per day and 7 days per week at 514-337-0442 or toll-free at 1-866-384-4221.

Funding Support: This study is being funded by the Government of Ontario.



Ontario Basic Income Pilot Consent Form

DECLARATIONS

This section is to inform you of how information will be collected, used and disclosed for the purposes of administration, research and evaluation of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP).

I/we:

1. Have read the Basic Income Pilot Information Booklet (Section 2 - Pages 9 - 17) for detailed information on completing surveys, the study and evaluation of the OBIP, and privacy of personal information. As part of my initial OBIP application form, I/we authorized the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to share information for the purposes of determining and verifying ongoing eligibility for OBIP, and this authorization will continue.
2. Understand that the evaluation of the OBIP will include studying whether providing consistent and predictable income support will lead to better outcomes for individuals, better support vulnerable workers, and give people the security and opportunity they need to achieve their potential. The evaluation will look at and measure key outcomes of participants in areas such as:
 - a. Food security
 - b. Stress and anxiety
 - c. Mental health
 - d. Health and healthcare usage
 - e. Housing stability
 - f. Education and training
 - g. Employment and labour market participation
3. Understand that before I/we can be randomly placed into the Basic Income Group or the Control Group, I/we must sign and return this Consent Form and complete the Baseline Survey. We understand that if placed in the Basic Income Group, I/we will receive Basic Income payments.
4. Understand that I/we may be asked to provide additional consents over the course of my/our participation in the OBIP.
5. Understand that my/our participation in the OBIP including providing my/our consent, is voluntary. I/we may withdraw my/our consent at any time, and cease to participate in the OBIP.

CONSENTS

All OBIP participant(s), including your spouse/common-law partner, if applicable, must sign the consent below.

I/we:

1. Authorize the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) to collect my/our responses and personal information captured in the baseline survey and other surveys, and disclose to these to the ministries listed in the chart below for research and evaluation purposes of the OBIP.

2. Authorize MCSS to indirectly collect from the ministries listed in the chart below, and for those ministries to disclose to MCSS, the personal information outlined in the chart below. MCSS will need to disclose personal information to the ministries listed in the chart below to facilitate the collection of that personal information from them that is necessary for my participation in, the administration of, and the evaluation of the OBIP.

Personal Information, in this consent, includes name(s), date of birth, and address.

The above details will be used for the purposes of identifying you to the other ministries listed in the chart below.

Entity	Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information
Ministry of Community and Social Services	<p>MCSS will collect and use my/our personal information, including social assistance member IDs, for the purposes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administering the OBIP • Administering social assistance programs (Ontario Works or ODSP) • Research and evaluation of the OBIP in relation to social assistance
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care	<p>MCSS will collect and use Ontario health numbers for health research purposes.</p> <p>MCSS will collect, use and disclose my/our personal information as defined above.</p> <p>This information will be used and disclosed by MCSS to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for the purposes of research and evaluation of the Basic Income's impact on my/our health, mental health and well-being, and dental health.</p> <p>MCSS will collect and use information from MOHLTC about my/our:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care usage, health outcomes, and other information related to my/our health • Dental care usage, including Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) by my/our children
Ministry of Housing	<p>MCSS will collect, use, and disclose my/our personal information to the Ministry of Housing (MHO) and housing providers and service managers for the purpose of research and evaluation of the Basic Income's impact on my/our housing.</p> <p>MCSS will collect and use information from MHO about my/our access and use of housing supports and subsidies.</p>
Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development	<p>MCSS will collect, use, and disclose my/our personal information to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) for the purposes of research and evaluation of the Basic Income's impact on my/our postsecondary education, training and employment.</p> <p>MCSS will collect and use information from MAESD about my/our:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usage of training programs and supports • Usage of employment programs and supports • Usage of student financial assistance programs and supports.
Ministry of Education	<p>MCSS will collect, use, and disclose my/our personal information, and my/our child(ren)'s information if applicable to the Ministry of Education (EDU) for the purposes of research and evaluation of the Basic Income's impacts on my/our child care and education.</p>

	<p>MCSS will collect and use information from EDU about my/our and my/our child(ren)'s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education outcomes, including school attendance, scores, and educational attainment. • Usage of child care services and supports.
Ministry of Finance	<p>MCSS will collect, use, and disclose my/our personal information, including Social Insurance Number and income tax information, to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) for the purposes of OBIP administration and research.</p> <p>MCSS will collect and use information from MOF about my/our tax information.</p>

3. If you and your spouse/common law partner are receiving drug and dental benefits under ODSP or drug benefits under the Ontario Works program, these benefits will continue if you leave social assistance and receive Basic Income payments as a randomly selected participant of the Basic Income Group. Please check the box below that applies to you:

- ☐ Ontario Works (drug benefits will continue as well as dental benefits for children)
☐ Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) (drug and dental benefits will continue)

I/we authorize the MCSS, the ODSP or Ontario Works delivery agent, as applicable, and MOHLTC collecting, using, and disclosing my/our personal information, including personal health information, necessary for the administration of drug and dental benefits.

4. I/we authorize the MCSS to collect personal information from, and disclose information to, the ODSP and/or Ontario Works delivery agents for the purposes of determining or verifying my/our ongoing eligibility for Basic Income payments. This is necessary because persons who receive Basic Income payments cannot also receive monthly social assistance payments (ODSP and Ontario Works).

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OBIP Reference Number

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(If applicable) Applicant's social assistance Member ID

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date

Signature of Spouse/Common-law Partner

Print Name

Date

Any household members, who are 16 and 17 years of age, must also sign the consent form.

Signature of Dependent age 16 or 17

Print Name

Date

Signature of Dependent age 16 or 17

Print Name

Date

Signature of Dependent age 16 or 17

Print Name

Date

COLLECTION OF HEALTH NUMBER

This form is to be filled by all OBIP participant(s), including spouses/common-law partners, if applicable. Information about your child(ren), if applicable, must also be included for research and evaluation purposes.

OBIP participant Health Number

Health Number _____ Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Spouse (if applicable) Health Number

Health Number _____ Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Dependent children (16 and 17 years of age)

Dependent 1 (16-17 years) Health Number _____

Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Dependent 2 (16-17 years) Health Number _____

Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Parents may only provide personal health information on behalf of their child(ren) if they are under 16 years of age.

Child 1 (under 16 years) Health Number _____

Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Child 2 (under 16 years) Health Number _____

Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Child 3 (under 16 years) Health Number _____

Version Code (two letters after 10 digits) _____

Birth Date (YYYY/MM/DD) _____ / _____ / _____

Notice with Respect to the Collection of Personal Information

**(Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
(Personal Health Information Protection Act)
(Ministry of Revenue Act)**

This section is to make sure you know who you can contact if you have any questions regarding this consent form.

The collection of this information is necessary for the proper administration of the Basic Income Pilot, and to study its impact. Any questions regarding the collection, use and disclosure of personal information should be directed to Basic Income Pilot Administrators.

Mail:

The Basic Income Pilot Branch
77 Wellesley St. W.,
Box 175
Toronto, ON
M7A 1N8

Phone: 1-844-806-6270

Email: applybi@ontario.ca

Independent Review Board

All of the application materials you received have been reviewed by an Independent Review Board (IRB). An IRB is a group of scientific and non-scientific individuals who perform the initial and ongoing ethical review of the research study with the Research Participant's rights and welfare in mind. This study has been reviewed by Veritas Independent Review Board (IRB).

If you require any explanations or have any questions about the scientific and scholarly aspects of the Basic Income Pilot research, please email applybi@ontario.ca or call 1-844-806-6270 and direct research-related inquiries to the Primary Contact, Debbie Burke-Benn.

Primary Contact:

Debbie Burke-Benn, Director
Basic Income Pilot Branch
Ministry of Community and Social Services
Telephone: 1-844-806-6270

If you have any study-related comments, complaints or concerns contact Debbie Burke-Benn, the Primary Contact for the Basic Income Pilot. Please call the IRB if you need to speak to a person independent from the project and the research staff.

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THIS IS EXHIBIT "M"
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 2 / DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018



A Commissioner, etc.

Ontario Basic Income Pilot Application Form

Need help or have questions? Call: 1-844-217-4516 Email: basicincome@ontario.ca

Disponible dans les deux langues officielles. Veuillez contacter les administrateurs du Projet pilote portant sur le revenu de base en composant le 1-844-217-4516 ou en envoyant un courriel à basicincome@ontario.ca pour demander une copie en français.

Please read the application form fully and fill out the sections that apply to you. To complete the application form, you will need your:

- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Health Card (Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP))
- Income Tax Forms (If you did not file your taxes, you can still apply to be in the Pilot), such as:
 - 2016 Notice of Assessment
 - 2016 T1 General Income Tax Form OR 2016 Detailed Notice of Assessment OR your Proof of Income Statement
- Document(s) that show that you and/or your spouse/common-law partner receive disability supports or services
- Signed consent form

You can submit this application form either:

In person – if you are bringing this application to an in-person enrolment session, please read the application form fully and fill out the sections that apply to you and your spouse/common-law (if applicable). You may also need to bring information about your spouse/common-law partner and children.

By mail – you can complete this application form, attach your documents, and mail it to back us.

If you need any help filling out this application form, please call us at 1-844-217-4516 or email basicincome@ontario.ca – We are here to help!

I agree to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot and I certify that the information given on this form and, in any attached documents, is to the best of my knowledge correct and true.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse/Common-Law Partner

Date

Step 1: Applicant's Personal Information

Reference Number (Ministry Use Only)		
Applicant Information		
Last Name:	First Name:	
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):	Social Insurance Number:	
Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Man <input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> I don't identify with the options above. My gender identity is: _____		
Are you currently a student at a college or university? <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Home Address		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months		
Previous Home Address (if you have not lived at your home address for at least 12 months)		
City/Town:	Province:	
How long did you live at this previous home address? _____ Years _____ Months		
Mailing Address (complete only if different from home address)		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Contact Information		
Email:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Do you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone		
Your language of correspondence: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please Specify: _____		
Social Assistance Status (if applicable)		
Check the box that applies: <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Works <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)		Ontario Works or ODSP Member ID (9-digit number on your pay stub): _____

Health Card Number (if you are on social assistance)		
If you checked the box for Ontario Works or OOSP on the previous page, please fill out your Health Card number (OHIP) so that you can still get drug benefits.		
Health Number (OHIP): _____	Version Code (2 letters after 10 digits) _____	
Do you have children: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fill out the Health Number(s) below <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Go to Disability Status		
Children less than 16 years of age. As a parent, you can provide personal health information on behalf of your child(ren) if they are under 16 years of age. Please fill out their health card numbers (OHIP) so that they can still get drug benefits.		
Health Number (OHIP):	Version Code:	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):
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Health Number (OHIP):	Version Code:	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):
Dependent children, who are 16 and 17 years of age, must provide their own health number so that they can still get drug benefits. They will also need to consent to the collection and use of their personal health information, and sign the consent form on page 9. This is because the age of majority is 16 years of age in the Personal Health Information Protection Act.		
Health Number (OHIP):	Version Code:	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):
Health Number (OHIP):	Version Code:	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):
Health Number (OHIP):	Version Code:	Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):
Disability Status (if applicable)		
If you have a disability, please check all supports that you receive:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan - Disability		
Spouse/Common-Law Partner		
Do you have a spouse/common-law partner? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Go to Step 2 <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Go to Step 3		
* What is a common-law partner?		
This applies to a person who is not your spouse, with whom you are living in a conjugal relationship, and to whom at least one of the following situations applies. He or she:		
a. has been living with you in a conjugal relationship, and this current relationship has lasted at least 12 continuous months;		
Note: In this definition, 12 continuous months includes any period you were separated for less than 90 days because of a breakdown in the relationship.		
b. is the parent of your child by birth or adoption; or		
c. has custody and control of your child (or had custody and control immediately before the child turned 19 years of age) and your child is wholly dependent on that person for support.		

Step 2: Spouse/Common-Law Partner's Personal Information (if applicable)

Spouse/Common-Law Partner Information		
Last Name:		First Name:
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD):		Social Insurance Number:
Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> Man <input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> I don't identify with the options above. My gender identity is: _____		
Are you currently a student at a college or university? <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Home Address (complete only if different from applicant's home address in Step 1)		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months		
Previous Home Address (if you have not lived at your home address for at least 12 months)		
City/Town:		Province:
How long have you lived at the above address? _____ Years _____ Months		
Mailing Address (complete only if different from home address)		
Apartment/Unit Number:	Street Number:	Street Name:
City/Town:	Province:	Postal Code:
Contact Information		
Email:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Do you prefer to be contacted by email or phone? <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone		
Your language of correspondence: <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please Specify: _____		
Social Assistance Status (if applicable)		
Check the box that applies:		Ontario Works or ODSP Member ID (9-digit number on your pay stub):
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Works		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)		_____
Health Card Number (if you are on social assistance)		
If you checked the box for Ontario Works or ODSP above, please fill out your Health Card number (OHIP) so that you can still get drug benefits.		
Health Number (OHIP): _____		Version Code (2 letters after 10 digits) _____
Disability Status (if applicable)		
If you have a disability, please check all supports that you receive:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Services and supports through Developmental Services Ontario		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Pension Plan/Québec Pension Plan -- Disability		

Step 3: Attach your tax forms and other documents if you are mailing in this application form or bring these with you to the in-person enrolment session

INCOME TAX FORMS: Attach a copy of these tax forms for both you and your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) with your application:

- 2016 Notice of Assessment
- 2016 T1 General Income Tax Form OR 2016 Detailed Notice of Assessment OR your Proof of Income Statement Card

What if I do not have a copy of my T1 General Income Tax Form?

If you don't have your T1 General Income Tax Form, you can request the information from your 2016 tax return from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

There are two ways to do this:

1. If you have access to the internet and a printer, you can log on to your My Account profile at the CRA website. You can then view and print your 2016 "Detailed Notice of Assessment" or your "Proof of Income Statement". These documents contain all of the information that you submitted in your T1 and other tax return documents.
2. You can also call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281 and request these documents be mailed to you.

Once you have the printed or mailed copies of these documents, include them with your application, or bring them with you to an in-person enrolment session.

What if I did not file my taxes in 2016?

If you and/or your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) did not file your taxes in 2016, you can send in your 2016 Notice of Assessment and 2016 T1 General Income Tax Form or 2016 Detailed Notice of Assessment or Proof of Income Statement.

If you and/or your spouse/common-law partner (if applicable) did not file any taxes in 2015 and 2016, call us at 1-844-217-4516 and we can send you a Declaration of Income and you can give us an estimate of how much money you made in the 2016 tax year, including any deductions.

To continue to be in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot, you will have to file your taxes for the current year and we can help you file your taxes, if needed.

DISABILITY STATUS: If you checked any of the Disability Status boxes in Step 1 and/or Step 2, attach a copy of any documents that show that you are eligible to or already receive any supports.

For example, you can attach a copy of:

- Notice of eligibility
- Payment stub

Need help? ☎ Call: 1-844-217-4516 ✉ Email: basicincome@ontario.ca

Step 4: Consent Form (please read and sign on page 9)

We want to make sure that you understand what it means for you to be in the Pilot and how it could impact you.

Your participation in the Pilot is up to you. If you want to participate in the study, you need to consent to everything below to be part of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

To be in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP), I/we understand and consent to the following: (check each box)

Administration

I/we understand the following:

- ☐ That the requirements to be able to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP) and understand that Basic Income payments might affect my/our other government and non-government subsidies, benefits, and services, particularly those that are based on my/our income:
 - Tax benefits, such as Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) and Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
 - Provincial programs, such as subsidized housing – Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI), Trillium Drug Program, Healthy Smiles Ontario, and Child Care Fee Subsidy.
- ☐ That I/we cannot receive monthly Basic Income payments and Ontario Works or ODSP payments at the same time.
- ☐ That my/our participation in the Pilot is voluntary, and I/we can leave the OBIP at any time for any reason. As a research participant, if I/we withdraw consent and leave the study, I/we have the right to have my/our data and information withdrawn as well.
- ☐ That if I/we leave the OBIP, I/we cannot enroll back into the OBIP.

I/we consent and agree to the following:

- ☐ To the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, like names, date of birth, address, change in my/our spousal relationships and Social Insurance Number (SIN), contained in this form by and between the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) for the purposes of determining eligibility for the OBIP, processing and administering Basic Income payments, and for research.
- ☐ To the collection and disclosure of the personal information between the MOF and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for the purposes of verifying income, determining eligibility and determining Basic Income payments for the duration of my/our participation in the Pilot. This authorization will only apply if I/we are participating in the OBIP as part of the Basic Income Group or the Comparison Group. The amount of basic income I/we receive will be shared with MCSS for Pilot administration and evaluation purposes.
- ☐ To the disclosure by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) of my/our tax records, on condition that the information will be used solely by the MOF to verify income and to determine eligibility under the OBIP. This authorization is valid for the 2016 and following taxation years for which I/we are eligible to participate in the OBIP. The authorization will expire upon termination of the OBIP and/or when my/our participation in the OBIP ends.

- ☐ To let MCSS gather and use my/our personal information, including Ontario Works or ODSP member IDs, for the purposes of administering the OBIP and administering Ontario Works and ODSP.
- ☐ That, if I/we apply for assistance from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), my/our personal information including my/our first name, last name, SIN, date of birth, and income will be shared between MCSS and MAESD, and any other organizations involved in the administration of the OSAP, such as postsecondary institutions and the National Student Loan Service Centre, for the purposes of administering and financing OSAP and by Employment and Social Development Canada administering and financing the integrated Canada-Ontario Student Loans Program. "Administering and financing" include all the activities listed on my/our OSAP application form.

Research and Evaluation

I/we understand the following:

- ☐ That in order to participate in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP), I/we also must participate in a research study. This study is being done to find out what impacts a basic income has on people's lives. I/we understand the OBIP Evaluation Team is conducting this study. I/we understand that the OBIP Evaluation Team will ask questions about my/our health, employment, housing and other outcomes of interest.
- ☐ All participants living in Lindsay will receive Basic Income payments for up to a three-year period. Participants living in Hamilton, Brantford, Brant County or Thunder Bay and surrounding area will be assigned to two groups. One group receives Basic Income payments for up to a three-year period. The other group is called the Comparison Group, and they do not receive Basic Income payments. This helps the OBIP Evaluation Team find out if Basic Income payments has an impact on people's lives.

To make sure the Pilot is fair, participants are assigned to their group randomly using a process that gives everyone the same odds of being assigned to each group. This process is automated and cannot be influenced by either government or the OBIP Evaluation Team.
- ☐ That if I/we am/are randomly placed in the Comparison Group, I/we will not receive Basic Income payments, but I/we will be compensated for each survey I/we complete.
- ☐ That personal information collected through surveys and other ways will be confidential and stored in a secure digital environment. I/we understand that only government ministries and agencies, and the OBIP Evaluation Team will have access to this information.
- ☐ That my/our name and personal information will not be included in results and reports of this study, and that my/our data will be de-identified for research purposes.

If selected to participate in the OBIP, I/we consent and agree to the following:

- ☐ To complete a baseline survey before I/we will be randomly assigned to either the Basic Income Group (and receive a Basic Income payments) or the Comparison Group (and not receive Basic Income payments).
- ☐ To work with the OBIP Evaluation team to fill out surveys and other documents, and to be contacted about other optional research, like focus groups.

- ☐ To let MCSS gather and use my/our personal information, like names, date of birth, address and Ontario Works or ODSP member IDs, to link to Ontario Works and ODSP databases and study the impact of a basic income compared to social assistance.
- ☐ To let the OBIP Evaluation Team collect my/our Health Card Number (OHIP) in the baseline survey for the purposes of health research.
- ☐ To let MCSS gather, use and share my/our personal information and personal health information, like names, date of birth, address, and Health Card Number, with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and its agencies, including the Institute of Clinical and Evaluative Sciences (ICES), to link to health-related databases and study how a basic income impacts my/our health outcomes, health care usage, dental care usage, including Healthy Smiles Ontario, by my/our children, and other information related to my/our health.
- ☐ To let MCSS gather, use and share my/our personal information, like names, date of birth, address and Social Insurance Number (SIN), with the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Statistics Canada to link to tax, employment, immigration and social assistance databases and study how a basic income impacts my income and other tax benefits.
- ☐ To let MCSS gather, use and share my/our personal information, like names, date of birth and address, with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) to link to related databases and study how a basic income impacts my/our post-secondary education, training and employment.

Social Assistance (if this applies to you)

I/we understand the following:

☐ That:

- If I/we are leaving Ontario Works, my/our family will still get drug benefits
- If I/we are leaving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), my/our family will still get drug benefits and I/we will still get dental benefits.

☐ That:

If I/we are leaving Ontario Works or ODSP, I/we will not get the following health, employment, and other benefits, including:

- **Health benefits**, such as vision care; help with diabetic supplies, incontinence supplies, and medical transportation; help with the consumer contribution for the Assistive Devices Program; health benefits for recipients who are no longer eligible for social assistance and have high health costs; basic health benefits for recipients who leave social assistance for work and don't get coverage through their employer; help with extra costs of a special diet for a medical condition.
- **Employment benefits**, such as help to cover child care costs if working, starting a job or involved in work-related activity; help with the costs of starting a job, training program, or business; help with financial management through the Work-Related Benefit (ODSP only); help with moving from income support to work (ODSP only) programs.
- **Other benefits**, such as the Transition Child Benefit and Guide Dog Benefit.

This list above covers most benefits provided through social assistance. Please speak with your Ontario Works or ODSP caseworker to confirm which benefits you are currently receiving.

- ☐ That my/our other government and non-government subsidies, benefits, and services may change if I/we leave Ontario Works or ODSP to participate in the OBIP.
- ☐ That Basic Income payments may not be protected from garnishment and that Basic Income payments may affect my/our current financial situation, including outstanding debts and money owed for spousal or child support.
- ☐ That if I/we decide to leave the OBIP, I/we can reapply to Ontario Works or be rapidly reinstated to ODSP.

I/We consent and agree to the following:

- ☐ To leave Ontario Works or the ODSP to get Basic Income payment because I/we cannot receive a monthly Basic Income payments and Ontario Works or ODSP payments at the same time.
- ☐ To let MCSS collect, use and share my/our personal information, like names, date of birth, address and member IDs, with Ontario Works and/or the ODSP to ensure that I/we don't incur Ontario Works or ODSP overpayments.
- ☐ To let MCSS collect and share my/our personal health information, such as my health card number (OHIP), with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to make sure that I/we will still get my/our drug benefits and dental benefits.

Informed Consent Signature: Please Sign Here

We want you to make an informed decision before you sign this consent form. If you still have any questions about this consent form or how participating in the Pilot will impact you, please call us at 1-844-217-4516.

I/We have read the consent and understand what it means to be a part of the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse/Common-law Partner

Date

Any household members or dependent children, who are 16 and 17 years of age, must provide their consent to the collection and use of their personal health information, and sign the consent form. This is because the age of majority is 16 years of age in the Personal Health Information Protection Act.

Signature of Dependent age 16 or 17

Print Name

Date

Signature of Dependent age 16 or 17

Print Name

Date

Notice of Collection

(Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Ministry of Revenue Act,
Personal Health Information Protection Act)

We want to make sure that you know who you can talk to if you have any questions about being in this research study.

We are asking for your personal information for administrative, research, and evaluation purposes. If you have any questions about how we are collecting, using, and sharing your personal information you can contact the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (OBIP) Administrators directly by mail to the Basic Income Pilot Branch, 77 Wellesley St. W., Box 175, Toronto, ON M7A 1N3, by phone at 1-844-217-4516 or by email at basicincome@ontario.ca.

If you need any explanations or have any questions about the scientific and scholarly aspects of the OBIP research, please email basicincome@ontario.ca or call 1-844-217-4516 and direct research-related inquiries to the Primary Contact, Debbie Burke-Benn. Or you can contact the OBIP Evaluation Team with research related questions.

Primary Contact

Debbie Burke-Benn, Director
Basic Income Pilot Branch
Ministry of Community and Social Services
Telephone: 1-844-217-4516

OBIP Evaluation Team

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Independent Review Board

An Independent Review Board (IRB), Veritas IRB, has reviewed this study. An IRB is a group of scientific and non-scientific individuals who perform the initial and ongoing ethical review of the research study with your rights and welfare in mind.

Please call the IRB if you need to speak to a person independent from the Pilot and the evaluation team.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, call the Manager of Veritas IRB 24 hours per day and 7 days per week at 514-337-0442 or toll-free at 1-866-384-4221.

Funding Support: the Government of Ontario is funding this study.



Tab N

THIS IS EXHIBIT "N"
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS ²¹ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018



A Commissioner, etc.



Ontario

Order in Council 988/2018

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

The Orders in Council specified in Column A of Appendix A to this Order be revoked effective the date specified in Column B of Appendix A to this Order.

Appendix A

Premier and President of the Council

Approved and Ordered : June 29, 2018

Schedule A - Order in Council 988/2018

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Appendix A

Column A	Column B (effective date)
448/2015 – Established the position of Premier's Business Advisor	June 29, 2018
105/2018 – Reappointed Ed Clark as the Premier's Business Advisor	June 29, 2018
1842/2015 – Established the position of the External Advisor for the <i>Implementation of Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care</i>	August 28, 2018
1843/2015 – Appointed Dr. Gail J. Donner as the External Advisor for the <i>Implementation of Patients First: A Roadmap to Strengthen Home and Community Care</i>	August 28, 2018
275/2018 – Re-established the position of Special Advisor for Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for 1 year	June 29, 2018
276/2018 – Authorized the remuneration for the Special Advisor for Climate Change	June 29, 2018
330/2018 – Authorized John Godfrey, as Special Advisor for Climate Change	June 29, 2018
598/2018 – Extended the position of Special Advisor, International Missions and Tours	June 29, 2018
599/2018 – Reappointed Gavin Menzies as the Special Advisor, International Missions and Tours, to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs	June 29, 2018
600/2018 – Authorized the remuneration of the Special Advisor, International Missions and Tours	June 29, 2018
512/2017 – Established the position of Special Advisor, Chief Investment Officer	June 29, 2018
513/2017 – Appointed Allan O'Dette, as Special Advisor, Chief Investment Officer	June 29, 2018
514/2017 – Authorized the remuneration of Allan O'Dette, Special Advisor, Chief Investment Officer	June 29, 2018

Column A	Column B (effective date)
458/2018 – Established the position of Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs	June 29, 2018
459/2018 – Reappointed Karen Pitre as Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs	June 29, 2018
460/2018 – Authorized the remuneration of Karen Pitre, Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs	June 29, 2018
461/2018 – Established the Community Hubs Framework Advisory Group	June 29, 2018
1986/2016 – Established the position of Independent Special Advisor on Corrections Reform	December 31, 2018
1987/2016 – Appointed Howard Sapers as the Independent Special Advisor on Corrections Reform for 3 years	December 31, 2018
1988/2016 – Authorized the remuneration of Howard Sapers, Independent Special Advisor on Corrections Reform	December 31, 2018
1269/2016 – Reappointed Monique Smith as Ontario's representative in Washington D.C. for 3 years	June 29, 2018
2242/2017 – Established the position of Special Advisor, Chief Scientist, as amended by 2441/2017	June 29, 2018
2243/2017 – Appointed Molly Shoichet as Special Advisor, Chief Scientist, as amended by 2442/2017	June 29, 2018
2461/2017 – Authorized the remuneration of Molly Shoichet, Special Advisor, Chief Scientist	June 29, 2018
956/2013, as amended by 1065/2016 – Extended the term of the position of Ontario Lead Negotiator for the Matawa Regional Process to December 25, 2018	June 29, 2018
1065/2016 – Reappointed the Honourable Frank Iacobucci as the Ontario Lead Negotiator for the Matawa Regional Process	June 29, 2018
1267/2017 – Established the Basic Income Pilot Ministers' Advisory Council	June 29, 2018
1268/2017 – Established the position of Research and Evaluation Chair of the Basic Income Pilot Research and Advisory Committee	June 29, 2018

Column A	Column B (effective date)
1385/2017 -- Appointed Kwame McKenzie as the Research and Evaluation Chair of the Basic Income Pilot Research and Advisory Committee	June 29, 2018
2239/2017 -- Appointed the Expert Advisory Panel for Health Care Transformation in Correctional Facilities	June 29, 2018
2240/2017 -- Established the remuneration for members of the Expert Advisory Panel for Health Care Transformation in Correctional Facilities.	June 29, 2018
1492/2015 -- Established the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
1493/2015 -- Appointed Ed Clark to the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
1494/2015 -- Appointed Alan Hibben to the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
1495/2015 -- Appointed David Leith to the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
1496/2015 -- Appointed Thomas Rahilly to the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
1497/2015 -- Appointed Sharon Ranson to the Expert Investment Advisory Committee on the sale of Hydro One shares	June 29, 2018
106/2018 -- Established the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Task Force	June 29, 2018
130/2018 -- Established the remuneration of the members of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Task Force	June 29, 2018
2450/2017 -- Established the Ontario Energy Board Modernization Panel	June 29, 2018
2451/2017 -- Established the remuneration for members of the Ontario Energy Board Modernization Panel	June 29, 2018
2101/2017 -- Established the High Speed Rail Planning Advisory Body	June 29, 2018
2102/2017 -- Established the remuneration for the members of the High Speed Rail Planning Advisory Body	June 29, 2018
133/2018 -- Renamed the High Speed Rail Planning Advisory Body in OICs 2101/2017 and 2102/2017	June 29, 2018

Tab O

THIS IS EXHIBIT "C"
TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUIM
SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 21 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018



A Commissioner, etc.

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Dr. Kwame McKenzie
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Dear Dr. McKenzie:

I am writing to advise you that Order in Council 1385/2017, appointing you as the Special Advisor (Chair) for the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee for the Basic Income Pilot (BIP) has been revoked and your appointment has come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

Please note that you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to the work you did as REAC Chair as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

A reminder that as REAC Chair you are entitled to have any reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out duties for the Committee reimbursed. Please submit any outstanding receipts for expenses incurred up to June 29, 2018 as required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invaluable expert strategic advice and recommendations, as well as the for the time and effort you have given while serving as Special Advisor (Chair) for the Research and Evaluation Committee, Basic Income Pilot.

Sincerely,


Lisa MacLeod
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Mr. Michael Pedersen
86 Woodlawn Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 1G7

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

I am writing to advise you that Order in Council 1267/2017 establishing the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) for the Ontario Basic Income Pilot has been revoked and your appointment has come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invaluable expert strategic advice and recommendations, as well as for the time and effort you have given while serving as a member of the MAC.

Please note that you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to the work you did on the MAC as outlined in the Terms of Reference for MAC.

A reminder that MAC members are entitled to have any reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out their duties for the Council reimbursed. Please submit any outstanding receipts for expenses incurred up to June 29, 2018 as required.

Thank you again for your leadership to support the achievements of the Basic Income Pilot.

Sincerely,


Lisa MacLeod
Minister

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**Mrs. Armine Yalnizyan
204 Bayview Heights Drive
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mrs. Yalnizyan:

I am writing to advise you that Order in Council 1267/2017 establishing the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) for the Ontario Basic Income Pilot has been revoked and your appointment has come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invaluable expert strategic advice and recommendations, as well as for the time and effort you have given while serving as a member of the MAC.

Please note that you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to the work you did on the MAC as outlined in the Terms of Reference for MAC.

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Thank you again for your leadership to support the achievements of the Basic Income Pilot.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Susan McIssac
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Dear Mrs. McIssac:

I am writing to advise you that Order in Council 1267/2017 establishing the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) for the Ontario Basic Income Pilot has been revoked and that your appointment as the MAC Chair has come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invaluable expert strategic advice and recommendations, as well as for the time and effort you have given while serving as Chair of the MAC.

Please note that you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to the work you did on the MAC as outlined in the Terms of Reference for MAC.

A reminder as MAC Chair you are entitled to have any reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out duties for the Council reimbursed. Please submit any outstanding receipts for expenses incurred up to June 29, 2018 as required.

Thank you again for your leadership to support the achievements of the Basic Income Pilot.

Sincerely,


Lisa MacLeod
Minister

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Mr. Craig Alexander
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am writing to advise you that Order in Council 1267/2017 establishing the Ministers' Advisory Council (MAC) for the Ontario Basic Income Pilot has been revoked and your appointment has come to an end effective June 29, 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invaluable expert strategic advice and recommendations, as well as for the time and effort you have given while serving as a member of the MAC.

Please note that you are required to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. Accordingly you cannot use or disclose any information obtained as a result of your appointment for any purpose unrelated to the work you did on the MAC as outlined in the Terms of Reference for MAC.

A reminder that MAC members are entitled to have any reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out their duties for the Council reimbursed. Please submit any outstanding receipts for expenses incurred up to June 29, 2018 as required.

Thank you again for your leadership to support the achievements of the Basic Income Pilot.

Sincerely,


Lisa MacLeod
Minister

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A Commissioner, etc.



NEWS
Office of the Premier

A Government for the People
Speech from the Throne
July 12, 2018 2:10 P.M.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, ladies and gentlemen, people of Ontario:

As the representative of Her Majesty the Queen, it is my honour to open the first session of the 42nd Parliament by delivering the Speech from the Throne.

I want to issue a special welcome to you — the elected members of the Ontario legislature, both new and returning.

Each of you has earned your seat in this chamber by earning the confidence and trust of your fellow Ontarians. It is a high honour and distinction that should be cherished.

For this chamber belongs to the people.

Not just in that all are welcome to witness your proceedings.

Though that should always be the case.

But also in that every seat in this chamber ultimately belongs to the Ontarians who sent you here.

The privilege of democracy is to temporarily occupy these seats on the people's behalf.

And in so doing, to always be mindful that the power exercised here must always be — and only be — exercised with the people's best interest in mind.

A Government for the People

In a time of global turmoil and change, maintaining and strengthening the bond between the people and their public representatives must always be top of mind for us all.

It is very much top of mind for your new government.

A government for the people.

It is a government that has been given a clear mandate directly from Ontarians.

A government that recognizes that this mandate comes with high expectations.

Not just in the policies it advances.

But also in the manner in which it conducts itself.

Your new government does not take these responsibilities lightly.

For the fact is that Ontario is at a critical juncture.

We face mounting challenges at home and abroad.

These challenges, if left unchecked, threaten livelihoods and impair public services.

We cannot afford to dither or delay.

To overcome these challenges, we must challenge the status quo.

Reject the old compromises.

And embrace change.

It will also require us to move past the politics of division.

We must look beyond our differences — in race, region, language, gender, religion, lifestyle, sexual orientation or creed — and recognize that all of us are Ontarians and Canadians first.

Because no matter where any of us come from, or how long we have lived here, it should be clear that when Ontarians work together, there is no challenge that cannot be overcome.

Together, we can create unprecedented jobs and prosperity — and send a message to the world that Ontario is open for business.

We can once again put Ontario on a healthy financial footing — and ensure that we can afford to maintain and strengthen our hospitals, schools and other vital public services.

And we can rebuild trust between the people and their government — based on a shared and simple principle.

You should not be forced to pay more and work harder to make life easier for your government.

Instead, your government should be working harder, smarter and more efficiently to make life better for you.

Your government intends to take a number of immediate and longer-term steps to meet these challenges, including, where necessary, the introduction of legislation:

A Government That Trusts Taxpayers

Your government's plan for the people will begin by trusting the taxpayer.

Ontarians work hard for their money. They treat their hard-earned money with respect — and are right to expect their government will do the same.

Your new government believes that no dollar is better spent than the dollar that is left in the pockets of the taxpayer.

That is why your government will take action to reduce gas prices.

Lower your hydro bills.

And provide meaningful, necessary tax relief to parents, small businesses and the working poor.

It also includes scrapping the cap-and-trade carbon tax here in Ontario. And opposing other carbon tax schemes in all of their forms.

These oppressive taxes make life unaffordable for families and put thousands of Ontario jobs at risk.

In a time of economic uncertainty, a punishing carbon tax is the last thing Ontario families and businesses can afford.

Your government will use every tool at its disposal to fight those who would hurt Ontario families and jobs by imposing such a tax on our province.

A Government That Will Help Create and Protect Jobs

Because, in the current climate, creating and protecting jobs should be something that unites us all.

None of us are oblivious to the ominous warnings from other nations about the future of our trading relationships.

In this time of uncertainty, we are proud to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our federal government, provincial counterparts, businesses and workers to not only protect the jobs we have today — but to also build a stronger economy for the future:

We will work cooperatively with the federal government to stand up to tariffs and make sure Ontario's best interests are reflected in the NAFTA negotiations.

And Ontario will not be standing on the sidelines. We are a proud trading partner to the world — including to the 28 U.S. states for which Ontario is the number-one or number-two export destination. We will take our message to anyone who will listen.

And here at home we will also take action to protect jobs — including the thousands of jobs across Ontario that depend on the continued operation of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

And, by lowering taxes, reducing the regulatory burden and making life easier for entrepreneurs, your government will make sure the world knows that Ontario is open for business.

A Government That Will Be Accountable

Your government also intends to take immediate steps to restore faith in Ontario's public institutions.

In many places this faith is shaken. Ontario's finances have been left in a precarious position.

And too many people are feeling excluded from a system that too often seems tilted in the direction of insiders and the elite.

Your government intends to tackle this problem root and stem.

It will begin by calling a Commission of Inquiry into the financial practices of government to identify ways to restore accountability and trust in Ontario's public finances.

The era of accounting tricks and sleight of hand must end.

It will also include a thorough, line-by-line audit of all government spending that will identify and eliminate duplication and waste.

And your government will act swiftly to restore public confidence in Ontario's electricity system — starting with Hydro One.

And ultimately, your government intends to return Ontario to a balanced budget on a timetable that is responsible, modest and pragmatic.

A Government That Will Respect You

Ultimately, a government for the people must also be a government of respect.

Your new government assumes responsibility with great humility. Recognizing that, on so many issues, the people who know best live and work well outside government's walls.

You can count on your government to respect our doctors, nurses and other health care practitioners by working collaboratively with them to ensure we have a system that treats everyone fairly while putting the interests of patients first.

It will be a health care system that can count on long-term stable funding, including 15,000 new long term care beds over the next five years and a historic new \$9.8 billion investment in mental health and addictions, including supportive housing.

You can also count on your government to respect parents, teachers and students by getting back to basics and replacing failed ideological experiments in the classroom — with tried-and-true methods that work.

It will include scrapping the failed experimental 'Discovery Math' curriculum and focusing on the fundamentals that allow our children to succeed.

It will also include respecting parents by replacing the current sex-education curriculum with a new age-appropriate one that is based on real consultation with parents.

And it will include respecting the parents of children with autism, by increasing supports for the families who need it most.

Your new government will also respect our municipal partners.

Whether by partnering with Toronto and other GTA municipalities to build a world-class transit system.

Addressing the transportation needs of other Ontario urban centres.

Or respecting the wishes of rural municipalities by putting an end to unfair, unaffordable green energy contracts that have been imposed on them over local objections.

You can also count on your government to respect our men and women in uniform.

It will include honouring the Canadian heroes of the war in Afghanistan by building a new monument.

And creating a dedicated hotline to provide assistance to our military families here at home.

You can count on your government to respect the men and women of Ontario's police services — by freeing them from onerous restrictions that treat those in uniform as subjects of suspicion and scorn.

And ensuring they have the tools, support and resources they need to enforce the law and protect innocent families from the menace of drug, gun and gang-related violence.

It will respect businesses and job creators in Ontario — who know, far better than any government, what is necessary to get Ontario growing so that we can once again be the engine of Canada's economy.

Your new government will respect consumers and trust adults to make the responsible choices that work best for them. That's why it will expand the sale of beer and wine to convenience stores, grocery stores and big-box stores.

And it will respect workers — across all professions and trades — by ensuring everyone gets a fair opportunity to compete for opportunities and build their careers here in Ontario.

A New Dawn in Ontario

Change will not be easy.

It will require a unity of purpose. A clear vision. And a lot of hard work.

But Ontario has everything it needs to succeed.

Abundant natural resources.

World-class health care and education systems.

The good fortune to sit at the crossroads of global and continental trade.

And the greatest, hardest-working people in the world.

The challenges facing our province are real. And they will not be taken lightly.

So yet, the road ahead will not be easy.

But the path is clear.

A new day has dawned in Ontario.

A day of prosperity and opportunity.

For everyone.

And help is here.

Thank you.

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NEWS

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Ontario's Government for the People to Reform Social Assistance to Help More People Get Back on Track

July 31, 2018 3:00 P.M.

TORONTO - Ontario is working on a plan to reform Social Assistance so that it helps more people break the cycle of poverty, re-enter the workforce and get back on track.

"We need to do more than just help people remain mired in poverty," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, in announcing the reform plan. "We're going to hit the pause button on the previous government's patchwork system and replace it with a system that helps stabilize people in need and support them to succeed."

MacLeod highlighted that the government has set an accelerated 100 day deadline to develop and announce a sustainable Social Assistance program that focuses on helping people lift themselves out of poverty. In the intermediate term, the government will provide current Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients with an across-the-board 1.5 per cent increase in support rates to help them with a higher cost of living. As part of this reform, MacLeod also announced that the Province will be winding down Ontario's Basic Income research project in order to focus resources on more proven approaches.

"Our plan will help get people back to work and keep them working, while supporting people with disabilities to work when they are able and participate in their communities," said MacLeod. "And our efforts to fix social assistance will go hand-in-hand with our commitments to reduce gas prices by 10 cents per litre, lower hydro rates, and provide targeted tax relief for working parents and minimum wage earners, all of which will provide focused benefits to lower income families."

Over the past 15 years the number of Ontarians forced to go on Social Assistance has skyrocketed by 55 per cent. One in five people stays on Ontario Works for five or more years, and if they leave almost half return, 80 per cent of them within a year. This is what a cycle of poverty looks like.

"Social assistance will always be about compassion for people in need, but it must also be about lifting people up and helping them get their lives back on track through more jobs, more

opportunities and more hope. Tackling the serious issues facing our social assistance system is not an easy thing to do. But it is the right thing to do. And we will get this right."

Kristen Tedesco, Ministry of Children, Community and Social
Services
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NEWS

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Helping People with A Plan to Reform Social Assistance

July 31, 2018 3:00 P.M.

Social assistance programs are an important part of Ontario's safety net, which must be designed to help the most vulnerable.

Currently, Ontario's safety net is far from perfect. Too many people are struggling for independence, and one in seven Ontarians live in poverty.

Social Assistance by the Numbers

- One in five people stay on Ontario Works for more than five years.
- 57 per cent more single people are on Ontario Works than 15 years ago.
- Almost half the people who leave Ontario Works return—90 per cent of them within a year.
- Lack of work is the largest single reason people apply for social assistance, with disability second. The number of people relying on the Ontario Disability Support Program has been going up by 3 per cent annually—an additional 10,000 more people every year.
- Social assistance staff spend between 75 and 90 per cent of their time on paperwork, instead of helping people get back on track.

Reforming Social Assistance

Over the next 100 days, Ontario will work on a plan to reform social assistance so it helps more people break the cycle of poverty, re-enter the workforce and get back on track.

While work is underway, people receiving support through the Ontario Disability Support Program will receive a 1.5 per cent cost of living increase on September 1, 2018. Ontario Works recipients will receive the same increase on October 1, 2018.

The 1.5 per cent across the board adjustment includes:

- Basic needs and shelter maximums for singles and families.
- Board and lodge rates for singles and families
- Institutional rates (ODSP only)
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities

In addition, the following rates and benefits will increase by 1.5 per cent:

- Temporary Care Assistance
- Adults living with parents rate (Ontario Works only)
- Dependents with Dependents rate (Ontario Works only)

- Advanced Age Allowance (Ontario Works only)
- First Nations emergency hostel services per diem (board and lodge, and personal needs allowance) (Ontario Works only)
- Double disabled maximum (ODSP only)
- Special Boarder Allowance
- Remote Communities Allowance
- Personal Needs Allowance
- Guide Dog Benefit
- Budgetary requirements for residents of interval and transition homes
- The rate table used for calculating the income charge for sponsored immigrants living with their sponsor.

What Is Being Paused:

While work is underway on a new plan for social assistance, Ontario will not proceed with initiatives announced in Chapter 1, Section 7 of the previous government's 2018 Budget.

The following changes that were implemented in April and July of 2018 will remain in effect.

Effective April 20, 2018

- Exemption from the cap on the provincial contribution to Ontario Works Discretionary Benefits expenditures (First Nation Ontario Works Delivery Partners only)
- Exemption of income paid under an employment training program (Residents of First Nation Communities only)
- Exemption of orphan's and disabled contributor's child benefit payments from other jurisdictions
- Maintain dependent children attending school away from their primary residences in the parental benefit unit.
- Maintain dependent adults and dependent children in the parental benefit unit while in full time post-secondary education away from home
- Changes to eligibility requirements for refugee claimants

Effective July, 2018

- For the Ontario Disability Support Program, a new prescribed class for persons in receipt of an award under the English and Wabigoon River Systems Mercury Contamination Settlement Agreement Act, 1996.

Winding Down the Basic Income Research Project

Ontario will wind down the Basic Income research project. The three-year study of no-strings attached payments is not the answer Ontario families need. Ontario will focus resources on more proven approaches.

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A-Commissioner, etc.



NEWS

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Ontario's Government for the People Announces Compassionate Wind Down of Basic Income Research Project

August 31, 2018 4:30 P.M.

TORONTO - Ontario's Government for the People announced today that the Basic Income research project will wind down at the end of the fiscal year.

"We have a broken social service system. A research project that helps less than four thousand people is not the answer and provides no hope to the nearly two million Ontarians who are trapped in the cycle of poverty," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "We are winding down the basic income research project in a compassionate way."

The wind down of the basic income research project was first announced in July and it is now confirmed that payments to eligible participants will continue until March 31, 2019. This will allow participants enough time to transition to more proven support programs without putting an undue burden on Ontario taxpayers.

"Ontario's Government for the People is winding down this research with a compassionate and lengthy runway. Winding the research up at the end of the fiscal year is the best option for those in the research project," said Minister MacLeod.


The research project had an extraordinary cost for Ontario taxpayers which, according to the Ministry of Finance, would require increasing the HST from 13 per cent to 20 per cent if implemented across the province.

The Government for the People has committed to a 100-day review of social assistance and poverty reduction strategies in Ontario to best assist the 1 in 7 people in the province who are living in poverty. The plan is expected on November 8, 2018.

Kristen Tedeo Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
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Ontario Basic Income Pilot
 33 King St W
 Oshawa ON L1H 8H6

First name Last name
 Address
 Address
 City, Province, Postal Code

Issue Date:
 Letter No:
 Reference Number:

Dear <name>

Thank you for your participation in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

On July 31, 2018, the government announced that they will begin to wind-down the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. This is your notification that the Pilot will be ending in March 2019.

What does this mean for you?

As a participant in the payment group, you will remain in the Pilot and continue to receive payments until March 25, 2019. Your payments will be maintained at the amount of your July 2018 payment. Should you have a significant change in your circumstances, please contact us at applyBI@ontario.ca or at 1-844-217-4516.

You will not be asked to complete any additional surveys.

If you have been eligible to receive dental and/or drug benefits, you will continue to receive these benefits for the duration of the Pilot.

Information about Social Assistance

A streamlined application process will be available to former ODSP and OW clients who wish to reapply to social assistance. In particular, former ODSP clients will not need to have their disability re-adjudicated when they reapply. You will be contacted shortly about this process or please call us at 1-844-217-4516 if you have any questions in the meantime.

If you are not a former ODSP or OW client but think you may be eligible please contact a local office at this link <http://www.officelocator.mcsc.gov.on.ca/>. You may also apply on-line through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services at: https://mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/apply_online.aspx

If you were determined to be a person with a disability under the ODSP Act during your pilot enrollment, your disability will not have to be re-adjudicated when you apply.

Information about your benefits

Enquiries 1-844-217-4516

Teletypewriter (TTY) 1-888-544-3137



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Benefit Change	What you Need to Know/Do
I am on OSAP. How do I get my living expenses paid by OSAP once BI stops?	You will need to take this notice letter to your Financial Aid Office which will be able to reassess your new income level and adjust your OSAP accordingly.
What will happen to my Housing Benefits/ Rent Geared to Income?	You should contact your municipal service manager as soon as you get this notice letter so they are aware that you have received your notice. Your housing provider or Service Manager will assist you and recalculate your rent and/or subsidies based on your new income after you leave BI.
What happens to my Child Care Fee Subsidy?	You will need to take this notice letter to your municipality. Your municipality will assist you to determine your eligibility for fee subsidies and the amount of parental contribution.
Will my Canada Child Tax Benefit, Ontario Child Benefit, or Ontario Trillium Benefit change because of higher income I received this year through Basic Income Pilot?	<p>Until July 2019, your payments from these benefits will not be affected by your 2018 Basic Income payments.</p> <p>However, when you submit your tax forms next year, you may get a different amount from these benefits starting in July 2019. As mentioned in the consent section of the Basic Income Application Form, these benefits may be impacted by the income you received from the Pilot.</p>

You can choose to leave the Ontario Basic Income Pilot for any reason at any time.

If you have any questions, please email us at applyBI@ontario.ca or call us at 1-844-217-4516.

Thank you for your participation in the Pilot.

Sincerely,

Ontario Basic Income Pilot Administrator



Ontario Basic Income Pilot
 33 King St W
 Oshawa ON L1H 8H6

First name Last name
 Address
 Address
 City, Province, Postal Code

Issue Date:
 Letter No:
 Reference Number:

Important Notice — Request for Information

Dear <insert applicant name>:

Thank you for participating in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

Please also note that on July 31, 2018, the government announced that they will begin to wind-down the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. This is your notification that the Pilot will be ending in March 2019.

In order to finalize your eligibility, we need to confirm with you the following information:

<Insert manually selected option(s) from table>:

1. We need to confirm you live in Ontario
2. Your last name does not match the information we have.
3. Your spouse's last name does not match our information.
4. Your first name does not match our information.
5. Your spouse's first name does not match our information.
6. Your date of birth does not match our information.
7. Your spouse's date of birth does not match our information.
8. Your Social Insurance Number does not match our information.
9. Your spouse's Social Insurance Number does not match our information.
10. Your marital status does not match our records.
11. Your spouse's information does not match our information.
12. There are some outstanding items that require further confirmation

Please contact me at 1-888-777-9671 to provide the information requested as soon as possible so that your Basic Income can be adjusted accordingly. If we do not hear from you by October 15th to confirm this information, your last Basic Income payment will be on November 23rd, 2018.

A streamlined application process will be available to former ODSP and OW clients who wish to reapply to social assistance. In particular, former ODSP clients will not need to have their disability re-adjudicated when they reapply. You will be contacted shortly about this process or please call the BI team at 1-844-217-4516 if you have any questions about this in the meantime.

Enquiries 1-844-217-4516

Teletypewriter (TTY) 1-888-544-3137



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If you were determined to be a person with a disability under the ODSP Act during your pilot enrollment, your disability will not have to be re-adjudicated when you apply.

Sincerely,

<Insert name of Verification Officer>
Ontario Basic Income Pilot Administrator



Ontario Basic Income Pilot
33 King St W
Oshawa ON L1H 8H6

First name Last name
Address
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City, Province, Postal Code

Issue Date:
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Important Notice

Dear <insert applicant name>:

Thank you for your participation in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot.

We have determined that you are not eligible to continue receiving Basic Income payments for the following reason(s):

<select applicable option(s) 1-3>

1. You and/or your spouse/common-law partner do not meet the age requirement of over 18 or under 65 years of age.
2. You are not a resident of Ontario.
3. The new calculation for OBIP results in a payment of \$0.00. This table shows how your Basic Income payment was calculated:

Basic Income Payment Calculation Summary	
Maximum Allowance (Including Disability)	<insert>
Less 50% of income from employment	<insert>
Less 100% of other income	<insert>
Annual Basic Income	<insert>
Monthly Basic Income	<insert>

Because you are no longer eligible, your last Basic Income payment will be issued on or around September 25th.

Should you have a significant change in your circumstances, please contact us at applybi@ontario.ca or at 1-844-217-4516. Please also note that on July 31, 2018, the government announced that they will begin to wind-down the Ontario Basic Income Pilot. The Pilot will be ending in March 2019.

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If you were determined to be a person with a disability under the ODSP Act during your pilot enrollment, your disability will not have to be re-adjudicated when you apply.

If you have any questions, updates or need more information please contact us at 1-844-217-4516.

Sincerely,

Ontario Basic Income Pilot Administrator

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TO THE AFFIDAVIT OF DREW VANDERDUM
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A Commissioner, etc.

Court File No. 18/97

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

BETWEEN:

**DANA BOWMAN, GRACE MARIE DOYLE HILLION, SUSAN LINDSAY,
and TRACEY MECHEFSKE**

Plaintiffs

- and -

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO,
as represented by the Minister of Children,
Community and Social Services.**

Defendants

Pursuant to s. 7(1) of the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.27.

NOTICE OF ACTION

Please be advised that the above-mentioned Plaintiffs, on behalf of the intended class, intend to commence a class action proceeding against Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

The Plaintiffs, on behalf of the intended class, intend to make claim pursuant to the *Class Proceedings Act*, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.6, alleging anticipatory breach of contract, negligence, and misfeasance in public office.

Particulars of the intended class action claim against the Crown are:

1. the Plaintiffs and all members of the intended class are individuals who entered into the Ontario government's basic income pilot project; a research study;
2. the stated purposes of the basic income pilot project research study included testing and conducting research to inform comprehensive income support reform;

3. in exchange for payment, the Plaintiffs and all members of the intended class agreed in writing to, *inter alia*, forego Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), as applicable; share their personal information; complete surveys and other documents; and participate in research;
4. The period of the research study was stated and known as three (3) years;
5. on July 31, 2018, the Defendant announced that the basic income pilot project research study would be cancelled prior to completion after just over one year;
6. the Defendant is responsible for the administration of the basic income pilot project research study to the 4,000 Ontario residents engaged;
7. the statements, acts and omissions of the Defendant indicate that her decision to cancel the basic income pilot project research study was irrational and made with disregard and/or indifference to both the legality of her decision at law and its significant economic impacts on the Plaintiffs and all members of the intended class; and
8. the Defendant's decision to cancel the basic income pilot project research study has caused direct, significant harm to the Plaintiffs and all members of the intended class, which the Defendant could reasonably have foreseen.

The Plaintiffs, on behalf of the intended class, will make claims for remedies including damages, declarations and/or orders to rectify the anticipatory breach of contract, negligence, and misfeasance in public office.

This shall be your good and sufficient notice of the intention to commence a class action proceeding as against Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Date: August 27, 2018

Issued by


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PART I – OVERVIEW

1. The Applicants request that this Court quash the Ontario Cabinet policy choice to gradually wind-down the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (“OBIP or Pilot”) ending funding in March 2019.
2. The OBIP was established by the previous government pursuant to the Crown’s common law natural person spending powers. It was not established pursuant to statute. The purpose of the Pilot was to determine the policy question of whether providing individuals with a basic income is an approach to social assistance that should be adopted throughout the Province.
3. Following the election in June 2018, the new government announced that it would formulate a new social assistance policy.
4. Citing the extraordinary cost if basic income payments were provided throughout the Province, and its intent to form a new social assistance policy, the new government announced that the OBIP would be wound down. Basic income payments to participants under OBIP are continuing under a lengthy transition period following which eligible participants may return to receiving traditional social assistance payments.
5. The Cabinet policy choice to wind-down OBIP payments is a funding decision considering social, political and economic factors. Government funding and social policy choices do not give rise to individual rights enforceable on judicial review. The Cabinet policy choice to wind-down OBIP is not justiciable.
6. The Applicants claim that the decision is justiciable and reviewable for irrationality and for bad faith. They argue that the decision was irrational and made in bad faith.
7. First, the Applicants’ argument on irrationality is simply an argument on the merits of the decision which are not justiciable. Second, the Applicants’ approach of treating responses in the

Legislature as amounting to “reasons for decision”, and inviting the court to conduct a *de novo* hearing to assess the evidence for those reasons, is incorrect in law. Third, in any event, the choice was not irrational.

8. The policy choice was also not made in bad faith. The economic considerations for the choice belie any allegation that Cabinet was motivated by bad faith. The principal basis for the bad faith allegation is that the Province in winding down OBIP acted “inexplicably” (i.e. unethically) from a research ethics perspective, thereby harming participants. First, government has the exclusive jurisdiction to make policy choices that balance interests and may be contrary to some interests. This is not evidence of bad faith. Second, the opinions of research ethicists cannot fetter Cabinet’s policy making authority. In any event, two experts reviewed all the circumstances of the OBIP wind-down and concluded that there was no ethical violation. Third, considering the competing expert evidence, bad faith cannot be inferred on Cabinet.

9. Finally, the remedy sought of *certiorari* to quash the decision is misleading. In effect, what is really being sought is an order of *mandamus*:

- a) a court order for the Legislature to apportion funds in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets to fund payments under the OBIP;
- b) a court order for the Province to reconstitute the study including:
 - i) court orders for the Lieutenant-Governor to issue an Order-in-Council to re-establish a Ministers’ Advisory Council and appoint members of the Council.
 - ii) court orders for the Lieutenant-Governor to issue Orders-in-Council to re-establish a Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee and appoint members of the Committee.
 - iii) court orders for the Province to re-enter into contracts with third party evaluators, and to re-retain an ethics review board for the study.

10. The test for *mandamus* is not met. The Applicants do not have any legal right to reinstatement of OBIP and Cabinet is not under any legal duty to reverse its policy choice. A judicial review remedy is also discretionary, and there is no evidence that if this Court were to quash Cabinet’s

policy choice and issue the requested *mandamus* orders, the Pilot could be properly reconstituted and yield scientifically valid study results. Furthermore, since the government has determined that the Pilot will not be adopted across Ontario the continuation of the Pilot serves no government policy purpose.

11. The Applicants are Plaintiffs in a proposed class action against the Province in respect of the wind-down of the OBIP. While the Province denies any liability, the civil action forum is a more appropriate forum for the determination of any grievances alleged, should they be justiciable.

PART II – THE FACTS

A) The Ontario Basic Income Pilot – Introduction

12. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, along with other Ministries, offers numerous programs which provide various forms of social assistance, and tax credits, for individuals with low incomes.¹

13. The OBIP was first announced in Ontario's 2016 Budget Speech as a part of Ontario's comprehensive reform of social assistance supports in Ontario.² On April 24, 2017, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne announced the launch of OBIP during a speech about the then government's plans for the reform of social assistance support. During her speech, Premier Wynne stated that the purpose of OBIP was to determine if basic income is an approach that deserves to be adopted across the province as a whole.³

14. Basic income is a departure from previous models of social assistance support and would provide a guaranteed minimum income without any requirement to seek employment or report on

¹ Affidavit of Drew Vanderduim, sworn November 21, 2018 ["Vanderduim Affidavit"], paras 6-8. Respondent's Application Record ["RAR"], Tab 1, pp 3-4.

² Vanderduim Affidavit, para 9, Exhibit "C", RAR, Tab 1(C), p 38.

³ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 10, Exhibit "D", RAR, Tab 1(D), p 44.

disability status or other matters.

15. A Ministers' Advisory Council and a Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee were established pursuant to Orders-in-Council to provide advice on the design and implementation of OBIP.⁴ The government also retained third party evaluators to analyze the research data and retained the Veritas Independent Review Board to provide guidance from a research ethics perspective.⁵

B) OBIP Policy Design

16. The OBIP was designed as a randomized controlled trial with participants being placed into either a control group, who did not receive any payments, or an intervention group, who received monthly OBIP payments.⁶ The OBIP payments were greater than traditional social assistance payments (e.g. Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program).

17. For the payment group, OBIP payments were determined using the Negative Income Tax approach. Under this approach, single participants were eligible for a payment of up to \$16,989 per year. Couples were eligible for a payment of up to \$24,027 per year. Individuals with a disability were also eligible to receive an additional \$6,000 per year. The basic income payments were reduced by 50% of employment earnings, and 100% for income such as employment insurance and pensions (i.e. dollar for dollar). As earnings and other income increase payments fall to 0.

18. Pilot participants from Hamilton/Brantford/Brant County and Thunder Bay were assigned to either the control group or the payment group. Participants who lived in Lindsay were assigned to the payment group and were to be compared to individuals who resided in a similar sized town. There are approximately 2,500 individuals in the control group and just over 4,000 in the payment group.

⁴ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 11, Exhibit "E", RAR, Tab 1(E), pp 47-50.

⁵ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 12, RAR, Tab 1, p 5.

⁶ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 20, RAR, Tab 1, p 6-7.

19. The questions that the Pilot was to answer were: a) can a basic income better support vulnerable persons and give people the security and opportunity they need to achieve their potential; and b) can giving people a basic income be a simpler and more economically effective way to provide income security supports to people living on low incomes.⁷ These questions were to be answered by analyzing and comparing data from surveys of the control group and the payment group with respect to food security, stress and anxiety, mental health, health and healthcare usage, housing stability, education and training, and employment and labour market participation.⁸ Participants were to be provided with \$50 for each survey that they completed.⁹

20. The OBIP, described as a three year or up to three year Pilot,¹⁰ was to include a phased enrollment of participants, payments to participants for up to three years, and collection of survey data, and evaluation.¹¹

21. The principle of clinical equipoise applies to the Pilot because there was a genuine uncertainty about what intervention was most effective. This uncertainty supports the conduct of research to determine the comparative merits of different interventions. As a result, while there may be a hypothesis, it is not possible, or appropriate, to assume that the Pilot will benefit one group over the other. The outcome for participants placed in either group had the potential to be negative, positive, or neutral. The purpose of the research is to reveal the outcome. The outcome could only be assessed after evaluation of the research data.¹²

⁷ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit "L", RAR, Tab 1(L), p 167.

⁸ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit "L", RAR, Tab 1(L), pp 167-168, 174.

⁹ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 25, RAR, Tab 1, p 8.

¹⁰ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit "L", RAR, Tab 1(L), pp 167, 180.

¹¹ Vanderduim Affidavit, paras 21, 23, 25, RAR, Tab 1, pp 7-8.

¹² Affidavit of Heather Sampson, sworn December 7, 2018 ["Sampson Affidavit"], para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 307-308, 310-311.

C) Authority for OBIP

22. OBIP is not a program arising from the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act*. It was created pursuant to the Crown's common law spending powers. Authority for expenditures is derived from the *Supply Act* which provides the legal spending authority for all Ministries of the government of Ontario.¹³

23. Through the annual Budget process, Ministers bring expenditure proposals forward to Treasury Board ("TB") for approval. TB is a committee of Cabinet that oversees the allocations and approval of all government expenditures. TB allocates resources in accordance with government priorities. The Legislature then votes on the Budget.¹⁴

24. Once the Legislature passes the Budget, it is reflected in the Ministry of Finance printed estimates. These estimates become the legal spending authority for each Ministry, and are then reflected in the *Supply Act* which is enacted effective for the fiscal year. Each *Supply Act* provides the legal framework for legislative control of public spending in that fiscal year.¹⁵

25. Any amounts approved through the annual budget process are available to be used only in the financial year for which they are appropriated. For any new in-year resources for which a budget has not been approved, or enhancements to existing services for which a budget has already been set, proposals are made to TB. Conversely, decisions made to end programs for which there has been an appropriation are also done through the TB process.¹⁶

26. Funds for OBIP have been appropriated in the *Supply Act* for the fiscal year 2018-2019. No funds have been appropriated for 2019/2020. The provincial Budget for 2019/2020 will likely be

¹³ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 13, RAR, Tab 1, p 5.

¹⁴ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 14, RAR, Tab 1, p 5.

¹⁵ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 15, RAR, Tab 1, p 6.

¹⁶ Vanderduim Affidavit, paras 16-18, RAR, Tab 1, p 6.

tabled before the Legislature in the Spring of 2019.¹⁷

D) Enrollment of Participants

27. Participants were enrolled in OBIP through a phased approach between July 2017 and April 2018.¹⁸

28. From June 2017 to February 2018, the application package consisted of an Information Booklet dated May 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “OBIP Booklet”), and an Application and Consent Form. The OBIP Booklet, and Application and Consent Form, which referred back to the OBIP Booklet, were reviewed and approved by Veritas IRB, the research ethics board that was engaged by the government to provide ethical guidance.

29. Starting in February 2018, the OBIP Booklet was provided to participants as part of the application process as a reference, and a revised Application and Consent Form was utilized which incorporated parts of the OBIP Booklet.¹⁹ The revised Application and Consent Form was approved by Veritas IRB.

30. The OBIP Booklet advises in bold font to “read the entire Booklet carefully”. A phone number and an email address are provided throughout the Booklet for any questions.²⁰

31. The OBIP is described in one part of the Booklet as a three year study. Participants are advised that they could be placed in a Control Group and not receive any basic income payments, or in the Basic Income Group and receive basic income “payments for up to a three-year period” [Emphasis added]. This is the only representation made in respect of the duration of payments to

¹⁷ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 19, RAR, Tab 1, p 6.

¹⁸ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 21, RAR, Tab 1, p 7.

¹⁹ Cross-Examination of Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, dated November 30, 2018 [“Hillion Cross-Examination”], qq 29-32, 50-54, RAR, Tab 9, pp 796-797, 799-800; Cross-Examination of Susan Lindsay, dated November 30, 2018 [“Lindsay Cross-Examination”], qq 21-24, 47-52, RAR, Tab 10, pp 380, 834-835.

²⁰ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit “L”, RAR, Tab 1(L), pp 164, 166, 170, 172, 176, 182, 189, 192.

participants.²¹

32. There is no commitment in the Booklet or any of the documentation given to participants that payments will be made for a full three year period. Up to three years plainly means a maximum, not a minimum of three years. It would have been redundant to include a caution that payments may be for less than three years.

33. The OBIP was later described in the Booklet as being for “up-to three years”. Participants were advised that when the OBIP enters its “final” year payments would be reduced. Participants were further cautioned that participation is “temporary” and that “[a]ny decisions you make about your future based on the amount you receive from Basic Income should take this into account”.²²

34. The Application and Consent Form used after February 2018 further contained a tick box for Applicants to acknowledge that they understood that payments to the Basic Income Group were to be made for “up to a three-year period”:

Research and Evaluation

I/we understand the following:

[...]

- All participants living in Lindsay will receive Basic Income payments for up to a three-year period.
- Participants living in Hamilton, Brantford, Brant County or Thunder Bay and surrounding area will be assigned to two groups. One group receives Basic Income payments for up to a three-year period. The other group is called the Comparison Group, and they do not receive Basic Income payments. [Emphasis added]²³

35. Following selection into the payment group, participants were sent a letter advising them of same. The letter advised that payments would be made on about the 25th of the month, and

²¹ Vanderduin Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit “L”, RAR, Tab 1(L), p 167.

²² Vanderduin Affidavit, para 23 Exhibit “L”, RAR, Tab 1(L), p 180.

²³ Vanderduin Affidavit, para 23, Exhibit “M”, RAR, Tab 1(M), p 213.

contained a schedule of payment dates up to June 2018.²⁴

E) Ontario Elects a New Government

36. On June 7, 2018, a general election was held in Ontario and a new government was elected to Ontario's 42nd Parliament. On June 29, 2018, Premier Wynne tendered her resignation as Premier to the Lieutenant Governor ("LG"). On the same date, the LG swore in Ontario's new government.²⁵

F) Ontario's New Government Announces the Wind-Down of OBIP

37. On July 31, 2018, citing the increased number of Ontarians forced into social assistance, the lengthy reliance on social assistance programs and the cycle of poverty many Ontarians face, Ontario's newly elected government announced that it would replace the previous government's policy on social assistance with a different system to "stabilize people in need and support them to succeed". As part of the announcement, the government announced that it would increase support rates for recipients of Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program payments by 1.5%, and proceed with other measures to provide relief to low income families such as reducing gas prices, lowering hydro rates, and providing tax relief.²⁶ As part of the social assistance reform the government further announced that it would wind down OBIP to "focus resources on more proven approaches" to social assistance.²⁷

38. On August 31, 2018, Ontario elaborated on the wind-down of OBIP in an announcement noting that the Pilot itself does not help the nearly two million Ontarians trapped in the cycle of

²⁴ Affidavit of Dana Bowman, affirmed November 1, 2018 ["Bowman Affidavit"], para 12, Exhibit "B", Applicant's Application Record ["AAR"], Tab 2(B), pp 28-30; Affidavit of Susan Lindsay, affirmed November 1, 2018 ["Lindsay Affidavit"], para 9, Exhibit "E", AAR, Tab 4(E), pp 94-97; Affidavit of Tracey Mechefske, affirmed November 1, 2018 ["Mechefske Affidavit"], para 6, Exhibit "D", AAR, Tab 5(D), pp 143-145.

²⁵ Vanderduim Affidavit, paras 26, 28, RAR, Tab 1, p 8.

²⁶ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 31, Exhibit "Q", RAR, Tab 1(Q), pp 237.

²⁷ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 31, Exhibit "Q", RAR, Tab 1(Q), pp 240.

poverty. The announcement also referenced the “extraordinary cost for Ontario taxpayers” of implementing a policy of basic income throughout Ontario, and a Ministry of Finance estimate that it would require increasing the HST from 13 percent to 20 percent.²⁸ In the Legislature the Minister made remarks providing subsidiary justifications for the wind-down in responding to questions.

39. In accordance with the announcements, research under the Pilot ceased. Ontario has ended its contract with the third party evaluators retained to analyse the OBIP data,²⁹ and revoked the Orders-in-Council establishing the Ministers’ Advisory Council, and the Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee, along with the appointments to those committees.³⁰ OBIP participants have not been asked to answer any more survey questions.³¹

40. However, the Province has committed to providing participants in the payment group with full unreduced monthly basic income payments until the end of March 2019 (i.e. eight months from the July 31, 2018 announcement of the wind-down). These payments are to provide participants with assistance to transition out of OBIP, and for those eligible, to transition back to receiving payments under traditional social assistance programs (e.g. Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program), or find employment. The eight month timeframe was chosen to balance that transitional assistance “without putting an undue burden on Ontario taxpayers”.³²

G) Manner of the Wind-Down - Participants

41. The participants were informed both by way of public announcements and individual letters and telephone calls.³³

42. The July and August announcements were made via media releases reaching as many people

²⁸ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 31, Exhibit “R”, RAR, Tab 1(R), pp 242.

²⁹ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 36, RAR, Tab 1, p 10.

³⁰ Vanderduim Affidavit, paras 29-30, Exhibits “N”, “O”, RAR, Tabs 1(N)-(O), pp 218-221. 223-227.

³¹ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 35, RAR, Tab 1, p 10.

³² Vanderduim Affidavit, para 31, Exhibit “R”, RAR, Tab 1(R), p 242.

³³ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 33, RAR, Tab 1, pp 9-10.

as possible, as quickly as possible, and providing as much notice as possible.³⁴ The Applicants learned of the wind-down through the July announcement.

43. The media releases were followed up with individual letters to all 6,500 participants. Participants were informed in plain language that unreduced basic income payments would continue until the end of March 2019, that they would not be asked to complete any additional surveys, and that they would continue to receive dental and/or drug benefits if they were already receiving them. For participants who had received social assistance payments before enrolling in OBIP, they were informed about a streamlined process for reapplying to receive social assistance payments. Participants were also provided with guidance as to next steps if they were receiving OSAP, housing benefits or rent-geared to income, child care subsidies, and various tax benefits. They were also provided with a dedicated phone number and email address to contact for further assistance.³⁵

44. The letters were followed up with telephone calls to the 6,500 participants.³⁶

45. It is regrettable that the Applicants hold the mistaken view that they would receive payments for a full three years. In addition, they assert that they have suffered financial harm. Cross-examination established that there was in fact no financial harm.³⁷ Though they express disappointment, the Applicants, assuming they are eligible and unable to obtain employment, will be able to receive traditional social assistance payments (e.g. Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program) following eight months of continued basic income payments.

H) Manner of the Wind-Down - Veritas

46. The Crown did not and was not obligated to consult with Veritas prior to announcing that the

³⁴ The Applicants learned through this approach. See: Bowman Affidavit, paras 20-21, AAR, Tab 2, p 13; Affidavit of Grace Marie Doyle Hillion, affirmed October 18, 2018 ["Hillion Affidavit"], paras 10, AAR Tab 3, p 50; Lindsay Affidavit, para 11, AAR, Tab 4, p 67; Mechefske Affidavit, para 14, AAR, Tab 5, p 104.

³⁵ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 33, Exhibit "S", RAR, Tab 1(S), pp 244-249.

³⁶ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 33, RAR, Tab 1, pp 9-10.

³⁷ See Schedule "C" for a review of the Applicants' evidence.

study would be wound down. Veritas has taken offence at not being consulted and claims a right to approve or veto Cabinet's policy choice.³⁸ Veritas' view that the lack of prior consultation raises research ethical issues has no bearing on legal rights enforceable on judicial review. In any event, its view is contradicted by two expert witnesses, Professor Kluge and Professor Sampson, who opine that no consultation was required because withdrawing funding does not amount to a change to the study protocol, and because the wind-down was consistent with the study protocol.³⁹

47. The Province did consult with Veritas following the announcement of the wind-down, but Veritas refused to provide any assistance with the wind-down.⁴⁰ Veritas claims that the Province committed to participants "to the effect" of making payments for two years with a third year of reduced payments.⁴¹ There is no such "commitment" in the OBIP documentation. Veritas' view is based on its erroneous generalized characterization of the representations.

48. Both research ethicist experts Professor Kluge and Professor Sampson reviewed all the circumstances of the OBIP and its wind-down, including Veritas' letters, and have opined that there was no breach of research ethics.⁴²

49. The Applicants have tendered Professor Schafer who opines that there was a breach of research ethics. As explained below, the evidence of Professor Kluge and Sampson is to be preferred.

50. In any event, the research ethicist evidence is irrelevant. The views of research ethicists

³⁸ Cross-Examination of Eike-Henner W. Kluge, dated December 12, 2018 ["Kluge Cross-Examination"], q 4, Exhibits 6, 7, 8, RAR, Tabs 5(E)-(G), pp 543-545, 547-548, 549-550.

³⁹ Affidavit of Eike-Henner W. Kluge, sworn November 28, 2018 ["Kluge Affidavit"], para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 3(B), p 347; Kluge Cross-Examination, qq 84-86, 90, RAR, Tab 5, pp 463-464, 465; Cross-Examination of Heather Sampson, dated December 12, 2018 ["Sampson Cross-Examination"], qq 200-201, 207, 209-213 RAR Tab 4, pp 407-411.

⁴⁰ Kluge Cross-Examination, q 4, Exhibits 5, 6, 7, RAR, Tabs 5(D)-(F), pp 540, 541-544, 545-546.

⁴¹ Kluge Cross-Examination, Exhibit 8, RAR, Tab 5(G), pp 547.

⁴² Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 3(B), pp 346; Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 2(B), pp 293, 323.

cannot supersede Cabinet authority to make policy choices. Furthermore, considering two experts opine that there was no breach of research ethics there is no basis to conclude that Cabinet acted in bad faith. Ultimately, the Applicants simply disagree with the wisdom of Cabinet's policy choice.

PART III – ISSUES AND THE LAW

51. The Crown's position on the issues raised in this application is as follows:

- 1) Cabinet's policy decision is not justiciable;
- 2) In any event, Cabinet's policy choice was not irrational or in bad faith; and
- 3) The remedy sought is not appropriate.

Issue 1: The Wind-Down of the Basic Income Pilot Project Is Not Justiciable

52. OBIP and the decision to wind-down OBIP are policy choices made with regard to economic, social and political considerations. In choosing to wind-down the OBIP, Cabinet did not exercise a statutory power of decision. The authority for the creation of the OBIP and its wind down is not based on the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act* or any other statute. Only the appropriation of funds to pay for OBIP was authorized by statute, specifically the *Supply Act* which authorizes public expenditures for all Ministries. The authority for OBIP is based on the Crown's common law natural person spending powers. As explained by the British Columbia Court of Appeal:

27...it is not necessary for the government to rely on its traditional prerogative powers in this context: the Crown has the capacities and powers of a natural person and a natural person has the capacity to establish programs for public benefit and to define or restrict the distribution of such benefits.

28 ...subject to the same proviso that limits the exercise of the royal prerogative in its narrow or historical sense: the Crown may not interfere with the "rights, duties or liberties" of its subjects without legal authority. If it does so, it will like any other person be held accountable

in a court of law. [Emphasis added] ⁴³

53. Similarly, the Ontario Court of Appeal in *Black v Canada (Prime Minister)*, held that a government decision will be judicially reviewable, whether arising from statute or not, if it affects an individual's rights or obligations, or legitimate expectations.⁴⁴

54. The Applicants have identified no legal right, statutory, *Charter*, or otherwise, enforceable in this application for judicial review. The wind-down of OBIP does not interfere with any legal right, statutory, *Charter* or otherwise, of the Applicants.

55. The Applicants in the related civil action allege contractual and tort rights.⁴⁵ The mere allegation of such rights in the civil action, which are denied, do not empower this Court with the authority to award remedies on judicial review. The appropriate forum for the adjudication of the alleged civil rights, and any remedies, is the proposed civil class action.

56. Indeed, the jurisprudence consistently holds that the allocation of public resources is not justiciable and does not give rise to enforceable rights on judicial review.⁴⁶

57. In *Hamilton-Wentworth*, following a Provincial election, the Minister of Transportation

⁴³ *Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assn. of Canada v British Columbia (Attorney General)* (1997), 149 DLR (4th) 613, [1997] BCJ No 1902 (CA), at paras 27-28 [*Pharmaceutical Manufacturers*], leave to appeal dismissed [1997] SCCA No 529, **Respondent's Book of Authorities** ["RBA"], **Tab 1**.

⁴⁴ *Black v Canada (Prime Minister)* (2001), 54 OR (3d) 215, [2001] OJ No 1853 (CA), at paras 44, 47-51 [*Black*], **RBA, Tab 2**; *Pharmaceutical Manufacturers* (1997), 149 DLR (4th) 613, [1997] BCJ No 1902 (CA), at paras 27-28, **RBA, Tab 1**.

⁴⁵ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 37, Exhibit "T", **RAR, Tab 1(T)**, pp 251-255.

⁴⁶ *Hamilton-Wentworth (Regional Municipality) v Ontario (Minister of Transportation)* (1991), 2 OR (3d) 716, [1991] OJ No 439 (Div Ct), at paras 43-44 [*Hamilton-Wentworth*], leave to appeal dismissed [1991] OJ No 3201 (CA), **RBA, Tab 3**; *St. Joseph Island Hospital Assn. (c.o.b. Matthews Memorial Hospital Assn.) v Plummer Memorial Public Hospital*, [1996] OJ No 4663 (Ct J (Gen Div)), at paras 39-40 [*St. Joseph*], **RBA, Tab 4**; *Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1374 v Saskatchewan (Finance)*, 2017 SKQB 152, at para 45 [*ATU Local 1374*], **RBA, Tab 5**; *Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. v The Government of Manitoba et al.*, 2018 MBQB 131, at paras 53-65, 69 [*Manitoba Metis*], **RBA, Tab 6**; *Shah v Ontario*, [2000] OJ No 2843 (Sup Ct), at paras 14-15 [*Shah*], **RBA, Tab 7**; *Kuki v Ontario (Training, Colleges, and Universities)*, 2013 ONSC 5574, at paras 12-14, **RBA, Tab 8**; *Simon v Metropolitan Toronto (Municipality)* (1993), 99 DLR (4th) 11 (Ont Div Ct), at 15, **RBA, Tab 9**; *Re Metropolitan General Hospital and Minister of Health* (1979), 25 OR (2d) 699, [1979] OJ No 4344 (11 Ct J), at paras 9-10, 13 [*Metropolitan General Hospital*], **RBA, Tab 10**; *Apotex Inc. v Ontario (Minister of Health)* (2004), 73 OR (3d) 1, [2004] OJ No 4360 (CA), at paras 33-37, 39-40 [*Apotex*], leave to appeal refused [2005] SCCA No 8, **RBA, Tab 11**; *Ecuimates et al v Minister of Health and Long Term Care* (February 10, 2000), Court File No 99-0928 (Ont Sup Ct), at para 7, **RBA, Tab 12**.

refused to fund the building of an expressway despite the government's agreement almost 20 years earlier to jointly fund the project.⁴⁷ The Applicant alleged that the cancellation of funding was based on environmental grounds which were extraneous to the purposes of the relevant statute. Callaghan C.J.O.C., writing for the Divisional Court, dismissed the application and held that Cabinet's decision not to fund the expressway was funding policy and not subject to judicial review, but suggested in *obiter* that the Applicant was not precluded from proceeding civilly:

43 ...The government has the right to order its priorities and direct its fiscal resources towards those initiatives or programs which are most compatible with the policy conclusions guiding that particular government's action...

44 ...It is in substance a decision for the disbursement of public funds. It has been a constitutional principle of our parliamentary system for at least three centuries that such disbursement is within the authority of the legislature alone. The appropriation, allocation or disbursement of such funds by a court is offensive to principle...

46 ...Were this court to use its authority to direct the government to appropriate funds for the completion of this project by way of declaration or any other order, it would be trenching on the exclusive control the revenue of a sovereign Legislative Assembly in relation to fiscal matters. In these circumstances, there is no decision which is subject to judicial review.

47 ...The decision in issue represents an exercise of the government's right to allocate its funds as it sees proper. Such a conclusion is essential to the parliamentary system of democracy. That, however, does not foreclose the applicant or the intervenants from pursuing by way of action any claim for damages or other remedy they may be advised exists in these circumstances. [Emphasis added]⁴⁸

58. In *St. Joseph Island Hospital Assn.*, the Applicant sought to enjoin the closure of nine inpatient hospital beds. The Court rejected the suggestion that past funding required continued funding and cautioned that courts are not suited to making funding determinations:

31 ...The fact that funds have been provided in the past does not obligate the respondent to continue to offer the same level of service, nor does it create enforceable rights in the applicant to insist upon the same level of service...

38 ...Funds provided for the operations of hospitals are not infinite. Expenditure of funds for one purpose inevitably means that those funds are not available to be used for some other purpose...

⁴⁷ *Hamilton-Wentworth* (1991), 2 OR (3d) 716, [1991] OJ No 439 (Div Ct), at paras 1-2, **RBA, Tab 3**.

⁴⁸ *Hamilton-Wentworth* (1991), 2 OR (3d) 716, [1991] OJ No 439 (Div Ct), at paras 43-44, 46-47, **RBA, Tab 3**.

39 ...Courts are unsuited to the cost benefit analysis which is required to distribute health care resources.

40 Absent prima facie entitlement, courts should be loath to embark upon allocation of funds in undertakings as complex as a hospital with, in this case, an annual budget of approximately 90 million dollars. Distribution of health care resources throughout the province is a political and not a judicial function.⁴⁹

59. In *Metropolitan General Hospital*, on judicial review, the Court declined to order the Minister of Health to reinstate funding for hospital beds stating:

10 It follows and has been long held that a Minister cannot be required by mandamus or otherwise to make a particular expenditure...

13 ...The Minister has filed much material to justify the merits of his decision but I make no comment upon it or upon the case presented by the applicant because in my view it is not for me or any Court to oversee the Minister in his policy decisions or in the exercise of his discretion in the expenditure of public funds entrusted to his Department by the Legislature...the wisdom of the decision can never be the subject of judicial review. It is a political and not a judicial problem.⁵⁰ [Emphasis added]

60. The Federal Court of Appeal in *Dixon* judicially reviewing the Order-in-Council to wind-down the Somalia Inquiry, a policy decision, stated as follows:

17 ...It is a well-established principle of law and a fundamental tenet of our system of government, in which Parliament and not the Judiciary is supreme, that the courts have no power to review the policy considerations which motivate Cabinet decisions. Absent a jurisdictional error or a challenge under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,⁵¹ where Cabinet acts pursuant to a valid delegation of authority from Parliament, it is accountable only to Parliament and, through Parliament, to the Canadian public, for its decisions... [Emphasis added]⁵¹

61. In 2018, the Superior Court of Justice in *Tesla* stated that the cancellation of a subsidy program does not give rise to individual rights on judicial review:

46 ...matters of high policy i.e. purely political matters, like a decision to sign a treaty, or to declare war, or to cancel a subsidy program, affect no one's individual rights or legitimate expectations and, as such, are not subject to judicial review. I would add that, like the decision to cancel windmill subsidies in *Skypower*, the decision to cancel the cap-and-trade program and the electric car subsidy program are such decisions...

⁴⁹ *St. Joseph*, [1996] OJ No 4663 (Ct J (Gen Div)), paras 30-34, 38-40, **RBA, Tab 4**.

⁵⁰ *Metropolitan General Hospital* (1979), 25 OR (2d) 699, [1979] OJ No 4344 (H Ct J) at paras 10, 13, **RBA, Tab 10**.

⁵¹ *Dixon v Canada (Governor in Council)*, [1997] 3 FC 169, [1997] FCJ No 985 (CA), at para 17, **RBA, Tab 13**.

47 ...no one has the right to receive government subsidies generally.⁵²

62. In 2018, the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench concluded that a funding decision was not judicially reviewable:

58 ...Whether the MMF's alleged reliance on past decisions of the former Government and/or on interactions with government officials after the election of a new government have given rise to a case for damages, is a very different question than whether the Respondents' decision is properly subject to judicial review.⁵³

63. Government policy may change, especially after an election resulting in a change in government. Social programs are implemented, changed, wound down, cancelled, and followed by new social programs. These policy choices are not justiciable in the courts.

Issue 2: In any event, Cabinet's Policy Choice was not Irrational or in Bad Faith

64. Should this Honourable Court determine that Cabinet's policy choice to wind down the OBIP is reviewable,⁵⁴ it was not irrational or made in bad faith.

a) Policy Choice was Not Irrational

65. The Applicants argue that Cabinet's choice was "irrational". Reviewing the rationality or reasonableness of Cabinet's policy choice is to engage in a debate on the merits or wisdom of the policy choice which is not justiciable.

66. Irrationality is also not a judicial review standard. Unreasonableness is a judicial review standard and there does not appear to be any discernable difference between unreasonableness and

⁵² *Tesla Motors Canada ULC v Ontario (Ministry of Transportation)*, 2018 ONSC 5062, at paras 46-47 [*Tesla*], RBA, Tab 14.

⁵³ *Manitoba Metis*, 2018 MBQB 131, at para 58. RBA, Tab 6.

⁵⁴ *Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society v Ontario (Minister of Children and Youth Services)*, 2012 ONSC 5388 (Div Ct), at paras 2, 52-58 [*Huron-Perth*]. RBA, Tab 15 (While the decision contains references to policy, the decision was in the context of the exercise of a statutory power of decision and claimed rights under the statute); See also: *Metropolitan General Hospital* (1979), 25 OR (2d) 699, [1979] OJ No 4344 (11 Ct J), at para 13. RBA, Tab 10; *Thorne's Hardware Ltd. v Canada*, [1983] 1 SCR 106 at 111-112, [1983] SCJ No 10. RBA, Tab 16.

irrationality. Indeed, the Applicants seem to suggest that they are the same.⁵⁵ As the Supreme Court noted in *Dunsmuir*, even distinguishing between reasonableness and patent unreasonableness is problematic.⁵⁶

67. There is no precedent for the review of a Cabinet policy choice concerning common law spending powers, which are unconstrained by statute, on a reasonableness or rationality standard. Such a review would be beyond the Court's sphere of judicial authority and into effecting policy change.

68. The Applicants base their argument of "irrationality" by citing and extrapolating from answers given by the Minister in the Legislature in response to questions, and then inviting this court to engage in a *de novo* hearing to assess evidence for the Minister's answers. This approach is flawed. It amounts to no more than a debate over the merits or wisdom of the policy choice which is not justiciable.

69. In addition, while remarks in the Legislature may support the nature of the decision being one of policy, such remarks are political. They are not considered credible sources of statutory or regulatory intent or a basis for a claim of improper purpose.⁵⁷ Similarly, reference to such remarks by a Minister are of limited assistance in this case.

70. Having regard to the above, the Crown has not put forth evidence seeking to buttress each statement made by the Minister in the Legislature, or evidence to respond to the Applicants' interpretation of those statements as set out in the Applicants' factum.^{58 59}

⁵⁵ Applicants' Factum, paras 46-48.

⁵⁶ *Dunsmuir v New Brunswick*, 2008 SCC 9, at paras 39, 41, RBA, Tab 17.

⁵⁷ *Tesla*, 2018 ONSC 5062, at para 58, RBA, Tab 14; *Reference re Upper Churchill Water Rights Reversion Act*, [1984] 1 SCR 297 at 318-319, [1984] SCJ No 16, RBA, Tab 18.

⁵⁸ The Crown cross-examined the affiants for the Applicants, Mr. Sutherland and Professor Mulvale, who reproduced remarks given by the Minister in the Legislature, and then argued against them. Mr. Sutherland is a member of the Lindsay local network for the OBIP, and an administrator of social assistance programs for the City of Kawartha Lakes.

71. Regardless of any subsidiary reasons for winding down the OBIP as referenced in the Legislature, the main reason given for winding down the OBIP is set out in the Ministry's statements. The OBIP is being wound down due to the cost of providing a basic income across Ontario and the policy choice not to proceed with a basic income program across Ontario in any event of the results of the Pilot. These reasons for the wind-down of OBIP are rational.

72. In *Apotex*, the Ontario Court of Appeal reinforced the principle that funding decisions are for governments, and that a decision made for a purpose, even where flawed, is not irrational. The Court considered allegations that the Province's drug pricing policy was unlawful because it was arbitrary, discriminatory, and not within the purpose of the applicable legislation. The Court considered the evidence of two experts supporting the allegations. In the absence of any responding expert opinions from the Crown, the Court of Appeal stated:

37 ...the record before the court does raise concerns as to whether the government's drug pricing policy may have the effect of increasing the cost of generic drugs for the government and the public rather than lowering that cost. However, it is a policy of the government that has been enacted for a purpose, and therefore cannot be said to be arbitrary or irrational. If the policy does not work the way it was intended, as suggested by some of the evidence before the court, that is a matter to be considered by the government...

39 I agree with the Divisional Court's conclusion that the responsibility for the management of public funds rests with the government and not the court, as does the correctness of the

He questioned the Minister's statements that there was difficulty signing people up for OBIP, that some participants dropped out and did not meet their obligations such as filing their taxes, and that OBIP was failing. However, his evidence is generally that he is not aware of any evidence of these issues, and his evidence is otherwise based on his own observations, views and anecdotal accounts confined to Lindsay; Cross-Examination of Rod Sutherland, dated November 30, 2018, qq 39-44, 52-55, **RAR, Tab 12, pp 889-890, 893.**

⁵⁹ Professor Mulvale is a professor of sociology. Professor Mulvale is a long-time basic income advocate and agreed that he was acting as an advocate in this case (See: Cross-Examination of James Mulvale, dated December 13, 2018 ["Mulvale Cross-Examination"], qq 41-62, **RAR, Tab 6, pp 562-566**). He did not sign an acknowledgment of expert duty form (See *Lockridge v Director, Ministry of the Environment*, 2012 ONSC 2316 (Div Ct), at paras 93-100, **RBA, Tab 19**), where the failure to sign an expert's duty form precluded the witness from giving expert evidence). Professor Mulvale advocates for a basic income in part because it would allow persons to leave their jobs, spend more time with their families, and take sabbaticals. While nevertheless opining that providing a basic income is not a disincentive to work, every North American study he referenced comes to the opposite conclusion. The only studies he references that did not come to that conclusion were in Namibia and India, which used a grant basic income model as opposed to a negative income tax model, and are, for obvious reasons as concluded in numerous articles, not representative of Ontario. Furthermore, his claim of expertise to opine on the impact of a negative income tax on the labour market, without being a labour or tax economist, without familiarity of the tax literature, and without having ever been involved in a basic income study, is unfounded (See: Mulvale Cross-Examination, **RAR, Tab 6, pp 556-643**).

government's decisions and policies... [Emphasis added]⁶⁰

b) Policy Choice was not made in Bad Faith

i) Law of Bad Faith

73. The Supreme Court of Canada in *Entreprises Sibeca* described bad faith as follows:

26 ...the concept of bad faith can encompass not only acts committed deliberately with intent to harm, which corresponds to the classical concept of bad faith, but also acts that are so markedly inconsistent with the relevant legislative context that a court cannot reasonably conclude that they were performed in good faith. What appears to be an extension of bad faith is, in a way, no more than the admission in evidence of facts that amount to circumstantial evidence of bad faith where a victim is unable to present direct evidence of it.⁶¹

74. While examples of bad faith conduct are indeterminable, the jurisprudence contains many examples of conduct that has been found not to be bad faith:

- a) Decisions made for political purposes or for political expediency are not in bad faith.⁶²
- b) Decisions taken knowing they will cause harm does not prove bad faith.⁶³
- c) Decisions reversing or changing policies do not evidence bad faith.⁶⁴
- d) Decisions that contravene election promises do not amount to bad faith.⁶⁵
- e) Policy decisions taken without consultation do not evidence bad faith because there is no right to procedural fairness or legitimate expectation to be consulted on policy decisions.⁶⁶

⁶⁰ *Apotex*, (2004), 73 OR (3d) 1, [2004] OJ No 4360 (CA), at paras 33-39. **RBA, Tab 11.**

⁶¹ *Entreprises Sibeca Inc. v Frelighsburg (Municipality)*, 2004 SCC 61, at paras 25-26, **RBA, Tab 20.**

⁶² *CUPE v HMQ*, 2018 ONCA 309 at para 8, aff'ing 2017 ONSC 4874 [CUPE], **RBA, Tab 21**; *Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters v Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources)* (2002), 211 DLR (4th) 741, [2002] OJ No 1445 (CA), at paras 54-58 leave to appeal refused [2002] SCCA No 252 [Ontario Federation of Anglers], **RBA, Tab 22**; *Ontario Black Bear/Ontario Sportsmen and Resource Users Assn. v Ontario*, [2000] OJ No 263 (Sup Ct), at paras 45-47, **RBA, Tab 23**; *Trillium Wind Power Corporation v Ontario (Natural Resources)*, 2013 ONCA 683, at paras 52-54 [Trillium], **RBA, Tab 24**; *Dixon*, [1997] 3 FC 169, [1997] FCJ No 985 (CA), at para 17, **RBA, Tab 13.**

⁶³ *Odhavji Estate v Woodhouse*, 2003 SCC 69, at para 28 [Odhavji], **RBA, Tab 25**; *Trillium*, 2013 ONCA 683, at paras 53-54, **RBA, Tab 24.**

⁶⁴ *Skypower CL 1 LP v Ontario (Minister of Energy)*, 2012 ONSC 4979 (Div Ct), at para 83, **RBA, Tab 26**; *Ontario Federation of Anglers* (2002), 211 DLR (4th) 741, [2002] OJ No 1445 (CA), at para 58, **RBA, Tab 22**; *Manitoba Metis*, 2018 MBQB 131, at para 58, **RBA, Tab 6.**

⁶⁵ *Canadian Taxpayers Federation v Ontario (Minister of Finance)* (2004), 73 OR (3d) 621, [2004] OJ No 5239 (Sup Ct), at paras 68-71, **RBA, Tab 27.**

⁶⁶ *Gigliotti v Conseil d'Administration du Collège des Grands Lacs*, (2005) 76 OR (3d) 2762, [2005] OJ No 2759 (Div Ct), at paras 62-63, **RBA, Tab 28**; *Tesla*, 2018 ONSC 5062, at para 46, **RBA, Tab 14**; *Manitoba Metis*, 2018 MBQB

ii) Reasons, Consultation, Evidence

75. As noted above, the choice to wind down the OBIP was made for economic reasons and because the Province does not intend to implement a basic income policy throughout Ontario. There is no evidence to support the allegations that Cabinet had a bad faith motive. At issue in this case is not an operational decision targeting a particular person or corporation, rather, at issue is the government's economic and social policy choice.

76. While the broad policy choice was made without consulting the 6,500 participants in the Pilot, there is no right to procedural fairness or legitimate expectation for consultation about Crown policy choices.⁶⁷

77. The Applicants' allegation that there is a lack of evidence to support the Cabinet policy choice mistakenly assumes the Crown is required to present evidence before this Court on judicial review. This approach is legally incorrect. The Crown's expenditure of public resources is not justiciable and it is not required, as suggested, to adduce research, data, studies, etc. to justify its choice.

iii) Research Evidence

78. The majority of the Applicants' argument on bad faith is based on allegations that the Province in its wind-down of the OBIP acted "inexplicably" (i.e. unethically) from a research perspective causing harm to the Applicants.⁶⁸

79. First, governments are permitted to make policy choices that may be adverse to the interests of some persons. This is not bad faith. As the Supreme Court of Canada stated in *Odhavji*:

28 ...In a democracy, public officers must retain the authority to make decisions that, where appropriate, are adverse to the interests of certain citizens. Knowledge of harm is thus an insufficient basis on which to conclude that the defendant has acted in bad faith or

131, at paras 89, 91-92, **RBA, Tab 6**; *Amalorpavanathan v HMQRO*, 2013 ONSC 5415 (Div Ct), at paras 6-11 [*Amalorpavanathan*], **RBA, Tab 29**.

⁶⁷ *Tesla*, 2018 ONSC 5062, at para 46, **RBA, Tab 14**.

⁶⁸ Applicants' Factum, paras 73-90.

dishonestly...⁶⁹

80. Any time funding is removed or lessened it may be adverse to the interests of some individuals. This does not amount to bad faith.

81. Second, the allegations concerning research ethics are not a basis to fetter Cabinet's policy making authority. Cabinet must be at liberty to make decisions which are in its view in the public interest. Expert opinion on research ethics while potentially useful to determine the manner in which research is conducted, has no bearing on Cabinet's authority to make policy choices.

82. In any event, two experts, Professor Kluge and Professor Sampson, reviewed all the circumstances of the wind-down of the OBIP, including the Applicants' evidence of Professor Schafer, the letters from Veritas, among other documentation, and came to the conclusion that there was no violation of research ethics. Their evidence discussed more fully below, is to be preferred over the evidence of the Applicants.

83. Third, by virtue of the disagreement among the experts as to research ethics in this case, there can be no basis for concluding that Cabinet acted in bad faith.

84. For the foregoing reasons it is the Crown's position that the research ethics evidence is not of assistance to this Court on this Application. Nevertheless, the evidence is addressed below.

iv) Expert Research Ethics Evidence

Professor Kluge

85. Professor Kluge is a professor of philosophy and former Director of the Department of Ethics and Legal Affairs of the Canadian Medical Association. He was on the Human Research Ethics Board of the University of Victoria and has written extensively on research ethics. He reviewed all

⁶⁹ *Odhavji*, 2003 SCC 69, at para 28, RBA, Tab 25.

relevant documentation.⁷⁰

86. Professor Kluge's opinion centres on the representation made to participants that they would either be selected to the control group and receive no basic income payments, or be selected for the intervention group and receive basic income payments for "up to" three years.⁷¹ Indeed, this is the only representation made in the materials given to potential participants regarding the duration of any payments. There is no commitment in any of the documents to provide participants payments for a full three years. Rather, "up to" three years plainly means a maximum of three years of payments, not a minimum.⁷²

87. Providing payments for "up to" three years was necessary because enrollment of participants in the planned three year Pilot was staggered. Professor Kluge concludes that the cessation of payments within a three year period was within the agreed upon timeframe for receipt of payments.⁷³

88. He further reasons that, as payments ceased in accordance with the timeframe agreed upon, no consultation was required with participants. Indeed, cessation of payments was inherent in the design of the Pilot.⁷⁴

89. Finally, he concludes that any harm based on participants' assumption of a full three years of payments cannot be attributed to the Pilot.⁷⁵

90. Professor Kluge's opinion responds to the opinion of Professor Schafer for the Applicants.⁷⁶

Professor Schafer

⁷⁰ Kluge Affidavit, paras 1-5, 7, RAR, Tab 3, pp 330-331.

⁷¹ Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 346.

⁷² Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 346.

⁷³ Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 347; Kluge Cross-Examination, q 70, RAR Tab 5, pp 454.

⁷⁴ Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 347; Kluge Cross-Examination, q 77, RAR Tab 5, p 457.

⁷⁵ Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 346-347; Kluge Cross-Examination, qq 67-69, RAR Tab 5, pp 452-453.

⁷⁶ Kluge Affidavit, para 6, Exhibit "B", RAR Tab 3(B), p 345-347.

91. Professor Schafer is also a philosophy professor. He makes no mention of the representation that payments were for “up to” three years in his opinion even though this phrase is used no less than three times in the documents which he reviewed, and is the only reference on the duration of payments.⁷⁷

92. Rather, he seizes on the one reference that the study is for three years, as do the Applicants, and from that erroneously concludes that payments were required to be provided for a full three years.⁷⁸

93. He expressed the opinion that consultation with participants (presumably all 6,500) was required prior to winding down the study. He based that conclusion on the Tri-Council Policy Statement (“TCPS”), but there is no such requirement in the TCPS.⁷⁹ Nor was any such commitment made to participants in the study documentation.⁸⁰

94. Professor Schafer concluded that there was a lack of informed consent, although he could not recall if he had even seen the Application and Consent form.⁸¹ It is not referenced in his opinion.

95. He criticizes the manner of the wind-down but fails to mention the eight months’ notice that was provided to the payment group and that they would continue for eight months to receive full basic income payments, and if eligible, be transitioned back to traditional social assistance programs.⁸²

96. While referencing the alleged harms in the Applicants’ affidavits, he makes no mention of the benefits reported by the Applicants in those same affidavits. He further failed to acknowledge until

⁷⁷ Affidavit of Arthur Schafer, affirmed November 1, 2018 [“Schafer Affidavit”], paras 4, 6, AAR, Tabs 8(C)-(D), pp 352, 364, 378; Schafer, dated December 13, 2018 [“Schafer Cross-Examination”], qq 171, 174, 186, RAR, Tab 7, pp 705-706, 710.

⁷⁸ Schafer Affidavit, para 16, AAR, Tab 8, p 304; Professor Schafer’s opinion is further based on his statement that the Applicants were informed that the OBIP “may end after three years”. This phrase, which is different from “up to” three years, is nowhere in the documentation and neither is it in the Applicants’ Affidavits. It is created by Professor Schafer.

⁷⁹ Schafer Cross-Examination, qq 252-254, RAR, Tab 7, pp 726-727.

⁸⁰ Vanderduim Affidavit, para 23, Exhibits “L”, “M”, RAR Tabs 1(L)-(M), pp 162-216.

⁸¹ Schafer Cross-Examination, q 244, RAR, Tab 7, p 723.

⁸² Schafer Cross-Examination, qq 271-276, RAR, Tab 7, pp 731-732.

cross-examination the research principle of equipoise.⁸³ Despite a hypothesis or hope one may have for the results of the research, the very purpose of the research is to reveal the result. The effects of the intervention, be they positive, negative, or neutral, are not actually known prior to evaluation of the data.⁸⁴ His criticism assumes a result and is contrary to this principle.

97. Professor Schafer denied being an advocate, but demonstrated that he was an advocate by his one-sided opinion, and by his numerous evasive and non-responsive answers in cross-examination. He never signed an acknowledgment of expert's duty form and has a history of advocating for social justice reform.⁸⁵ While this history evidences a pre-disposed partiality in his views, he cavalierly makes unsubstantiated allegations of bias against other ethicists and researchers:

Even that smug university ethicist...is more than likely on the take, travelling first class and living high off the corporate hog, courtesy of one or other biotechnology company...many of my North American colleagues have already succumbed to the lure of pure corporate gold...Universities have become adjuncts of large corporations, while researchers are reduced to the role of handmaidens to industry.⁸⁶

Professor Sampson

98. In contrast, Professor Sampson is impartial and has impressive research ethics credentials. She has been a member of local, national, and international research ethics committees and executives, including the University Health Network and the University of Toronto, for over 25 years. She is currently the co-chair of the research ethics executive committee of the European Forum on Good Clinical Practice, research ethics advisor to the National Research Ethics Service in the United Kingdom, chair of the research ethics board of Toronto Public Health, and is responsible for the Clinical Research Program at Toronto East General Hospital/Michael Garron Hospital. She

⁸³ Schafer Cross-Examination, qq 285-289, **RAR, Tab 7, pp 734-735.**

⁸⁴ Schafer Cross-Examination, qq 288-289, **RAR, Tab 7, p 735; Sampson Affidavit, para 8, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 293, 303-308, 322.**

⁸⁵ Schafer Cross-Examination, qq 9-27, 313-315, **RAR, Tab 7, pp 667-672, 739-740; See *Lockridge v Director, Ministry of the Environment*, 2012 ONSC 2316 (Div Ct), at paras 93-100, **RBA, Tab 19**, where the failure to sign an expert's duty form precluded the witness from giving expert evidence.**

⁸⁶ Schafer Cross-Examination, q 318, **RAR, Tab 7, pp 741-743.**

is a co-author of the second edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement regarding Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans. She has published widely on research ethics. She reviewed all relevant documents.⁸⁷

99. She disagreed with Professor Schafer, but she did not confine herself to Professor Schafer's critique instead conducting a full consideration of whether research ethics were breached. She concluded that they were not.⁸⁸ For the purposes of this Application, this factum will focus on the areas of disagreement with Professor Schafer.

100. Similar to Professor Kluge, she concluded that consultation with participants prior to the wind-down of the study was not required. As she explained, certain studies known as Community-Based Participatory Research studies take a partnership approach and may involve participants in all aspects of the research process sharing expertise, decision making and ownership. In such a study consultation with participants may be required. However, she concluded that the OBIP was "clearly not" this kind of study and nor was any representation made to participants that it was that kind of study. Rather, the study was similar to a randomized clinical trial and it was reasonable not to consult with participants regarding research decisions including ending the study.⁸⁹

101. Professor Sampson also opines that the consent of participants to participate in the Pilot was informed, that the consent was approved by an independent review board, and that it clearly describes the risks and benefits of participation. There was no guarantee of payments for a full three years, rather, the documents state that payments were for "up to" three years, which was consistent with the phased enrollment of participants.⁹⁰

102. In respect of any harm, from a research ethics perspective, the Pilot ended before data was

⁸⁷ Sampson Affidavit, paras 1-6, 8, RAR, Tab 2, pp 256-258.

⁸⁸ Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 293, 322-323.

⁸⁹ Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 317-320.

⁹⁰ Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 291-296, 306, 311, 313-316.

collected, so consistent with the principle of equipoise, one cannot draw conclusions of harm.⁹¹ Furthermore, similar to Professor Kluge, any decisions by the research participants were made on the basis that there was no guarantee of payments for a full three years.⁹²

103. In respect of the manner of communicating the wind-down to participants, she opines that the communication route of a media release publicly addresses as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, and provides as much notice as possible. She disagrees that the individual follow up letters were confusing or too minimal to meet ethical standards. Rather, she finds that the letter is written in plain language and notes that there is no accepted template for such a letter. She also references the individual telephone calls made to participants.⁹³

Veritas IRB Letters

104. Prior to rendering their opinions, both Professor Kluge and Sampson reviewed letters from Veritas, the Province's research ethics board for the OBIP.

105. These letters should not be considered admissible impartial expert evidence in this Application. No acknowledgment of expert duty was signed, and as a non-party, there was no opportunity for cross-examination.

106. The three letters from Veritas, two by individuals, and one attributable to unnamed members of the Research Ethics Board, are flawed.

107. Veritas' principal critique seems to be twofold:

- 1) that they were not consulted on the wind-down; and
- 2) that ethically binding commitments were made to participants in documents approved by Veritas "to the effect that those who receive the basic income would receive it for two years, with a subsequent period of one year in which the benefits

⁹¹ Sampson Cross-Examination, qq 106, 166-180, RAR, Tab 4, pp 381, 396-399.

⁹² Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), p 311.

⁹³ Sampson Affidavit, para 7, Exhibit "B", RAR, Tab 2(B), pp 291, 320-321; Sampson Cross-Examination, q 201, RAR, Tab 4, pp 405-406.

would be gradually reduced with a view to easing the transition back to standard benefits". [Emphasis added]⁹⁴

108. Veritas was not consulted by Cabinet prior to the decision to stop funding the OBIP. Both Professors Kluge and Sampson explain that this was not an ethical breach. They explain that consultation was not required because the wind-down is within the terms of the Pilot to which Veritas had already approved (i.e. "up to" three years). Furthermore, ending funding for the study through the wind-down did not constitute a change in the study protocol requiring Veritas' review.⁹⁵

109. When the Province did write to Veritas seeking their input and assistance on winding down the OBIP they refused citing, inaccurately, the commitment "to the effect" that those who receive basic income would receive it for two years, with a subsequent period of one year of reduced benefit.⁹⁶

110. Despite having approved the documentation provided to participants, Veritas does not reference it in its letters, and instead on this key point resorts to a generalization of "to the effect". There is no commitment in the 2017 Information Booklet, Application Form and Consent, or the 2018 Application Form and Consent, to make payments for a full three years. Rather, the representation in the documents is that payments are for "up to three years".

111. In the one reference Veritas makes to a document, Study Protocol 2.1, which was not shared with participants, Veritas states that the commitment is in this document and that it is the latest approved Study Protocol.⁹⁷ It is not the latest approved study protocol. There is a Study Protocol 2.2, which Veritas approved.⁹⁸ Furthermore, neither Study Protocol 2.1 nor 2.2 contain this

⁹⁴ Kluge Cross-Examination, q 4, Exhibits 6, 8, RAR, Tabs 5(E), (G), pp 542, 545.

⁹⁵ Kluge Cross-Examination, qq 84-86, 90, RAR, Tab 5, pp 461-462, 463; Sampson Cross-Examination, qq 198-202, 207-214, RAR, Tab 4, pp 406-412.

⁹⁶ Kluge Cross-Examination, q 4, Exhibit 6, RAR, Tab 5(E), p 542.

⁹⁷ Kluge Cross-Examination, q 4, Exhibit 7, RAR, Tab 5(F), pp 545.

⁹⁸ Kluge Cross-Examination, q 4, Exhibit 3, RAR, Tab 5(B), pp 483, 481-530.

“commitment”. Payments to all participants for a full three years is in fact contrary to the Study Protocols which contemplate the staggered enrollment of participants.

112. Veritas’ judgment that a commitment was breached, and finding of non-compliance, is based on its repeated inaccurate generalization of the commitment, and is central to its flawed views.

113. Veritas’ refusal to provide any assistance with the wind-down is surprising, but having so refused, the Province was entitled to end its retainer with Veritas which it did.

Issue 3: The Remedy Sought is Not Appropriate

114. The Applicants request an order of *certiorari* quashing the decision to wind-down OBIP. *Certiorari* is available only against a public body that has made a decision affecting the legal rights, property, privileges, or liberty of persons. An executive spending decision based on grounds of public policy is not reviewable by *certiorari* on grounds of procedural unfairness or on any other ground.⁹⁹

115. In effect, the Applicants seek orders of *mandamus*. Specifically, orders to compel the Legislature to apportion funds in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Budgets to fund payments under the OBIP, an order to re-constitute the study including orders to compel the Lieutenant-Governor to issue an Order-in-Council to re-establish a Ministers’ Advisory Council and appoint members of the Council, orders to compel the Lieutenant-Governor to issue Orders-in-Council to re-establish a Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee and appoint members of the Committee, and orders to compel the Crown to re-enter into contracts with third party evaluators, and to re-retain an ethics review board.

⁹⁹ *Nicholson v. Haldimand-Norfolk (Regional) Police Commissioners*, [1979] 1 SCR 311 at 324-325, **RBA, Tab 30**; *Martineau v. Matsqui Institution Disciplinary Board*, [1980] 1 SCR 602 at 628-629, **RBA, Tab 31**; D. Brown and J.M. Evans, *Judicial Review of Administrative Action in Canada* (Toronto: Thomson Reuters, 2017) (loose-leaf, 2018-4).at 1:2100, **RBA, Tab 32**.

116. *Mandamus* lies only to compel the performance of a public duty and not to compel a particular result, such as the payment of funds, the conduct of research, or the continuation of a program. As noted in *Metropolitan General Hospital* above, the Crown cannot be required by *mandamus* or otherwise to make a particular expenditure, or the other implicit orders requested.¹⁰⁰

117. Finally, remedies on judicial review are discretionary and it would not be appropriate or feasible to exercise such discretion in the present circumstances. The Applicants are requesting that this Court order Ontario to carry out social policy research for which there is no evidence that the research could even produce valid scientific results. Indeed, the social policy direction changed, and participants were advised, many months ago. Furthermore, continuation of the Pilot would serve no valid government policy purpose since the government has determined that the Pilot will not be implemented across Ontario.

PART VI – ORDER SOUGHT

118. Ontario respectfully requests that this Application be dismissed.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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¹⁰⁰ *Shah*, [2000] OJ No 2843 (Sup Ct), at paras 19-20, **RBA, Tab 7**; *ATU Local 1374*, 2017 SKQB 152, at paras 46-50, 56-58, **RBA, Tab 5**; *Hamilton-Wentworth*, (1991), 2 OR (3d) 716, [1991] OJ No 439 (Div Ct), at para 51, **RBA, Tab 3**; *Metropolitan General Hospital* (1979), 25 OR (2d) 699, [1979] OJ No 4344 (H Ct J), at para 10, **RBA, Tab 10**; *Amalorpavanathan*, 2013 ONSC 5415 (Div Ct), at paras 15-16, **RBA, Tab 29**.

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