
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy

Date: March 7, 2024

To: Regional Council

From: Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner

Please find attached the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) document presented at Committee of the Whole on March 7, 2024.

The goal of Niagara's five-year Poverty Reduction Strategy is: Working together to prevent and end poverty and increase well-being in Niagara. This strategy reflects concerns, opportunities and actions identified by residents and service partners during a broad engagement process. The community identified eight Areas of Focus for the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy. Each Area of Focus includes one recommendation and a set of actions that addresses the issue of poverty within that area.

During implementation, Niagara Region staff and members of the Poverty Reduction Steering Committee will invite interested and affected parties including United Way, the Niagara Community Foundation and Ontario Trillium Foundation, to identify their role in helping to end poverty.

The NPRS will be used to increase alignment of Regional efforts and investments, improve policies and ensure best practice, enhance programs and services to support effectiveness and accountability, increase poverty reduction efforts across Niagara and determine future Niagara Prosperity Initiative funding.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Commissioner