



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada),
Honourable Jill McKnight (Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence),
Honourable Andrew Scheer (Acting Leader of the Official Opposition),
Philip Lawrence (Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Clarke),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South),
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Municipality of Shuniah
'Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans'**

At a meeting held on November 19th, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-926, adopting the below recommendation from the November 5, 2025 Social Services Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Social Services Committee support the correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support this correspondence."

Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-926

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett

Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland (LC)
Seconded By M. Martin (MM)

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-11-19- 926

Council Date: November 19, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held November 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2025), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Economic Development Committee, Item 7.a, Correspondence, Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion' - **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Economic Development Committee, Item 7.c, Correspondence, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative '2024 Annual Report and Presentation – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Economic Development Committee, Item 8.c, Report 2025-219 'Alnwick/Halifax and Plan of Subdivision-D12-AH2301 (New Danforth)- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Social Services Committee, Item 9.b, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee, Meeting Minutes– **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Carried

Warden's Signature

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

Social Services Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-11-05- 887

Moved by: B. Ostrander

Seconded by: J. Logel

Council Meeting Date: November 19, 2025

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Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support this correspondence."

Carried
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred
Committee Chair's Signature



MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 295-25

Date: Sep 23, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from Perry regarding Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister of Veterans Affairs Jill Mcknight, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois Yves-Francois Blanchet, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay Superior-North Patty Hajdu, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities;

AND THAT the same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

Signature



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: September 3, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 310

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

Whereas the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

Whereas Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

Whereas the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

Whereas such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

Whereas it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

That Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

That this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;
- Scott Aitchison, Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement;

Carried:  Defeated: _____

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		