

THE LIVED EXPERIENCE EXPERT PANEL

[LEEP]

A volunteer panel made of Huron County residents who have current or past involvement with social systems in Huron and Perth.



What do you think would happen to your COMMUNITY if we had Basic Income in Canada?



A Better Local Economy

"When I have money I spend it in my community. I want to support local as much as I can, but if I don't have it, I can't spend it."



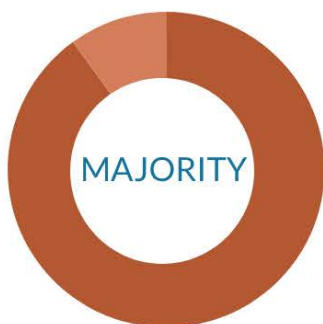
Reduced Poverty and Less Stigma Based on Income

"People will find a way to contribute back to the community when their efforts aren't only focused on just surviving."



Less Food Bank Use and Reduced Homelessness

"It would help ... get a job without being penalized, and actually support their family."



The Social Research and Planning Council asked, 'What do you think would have the greatest impact in your community?'

The majority of participants said that **reducing poverty and increasing income security** would be the greatest impact in our community. This includes **reducing stigma and increasing community participation**.

BASIC INCOME IN CANADA?



1. Have better physical and mental health.



2. Afford enough food.



3. Leave violent or unsafe situations.



4. Afford a reliable vehicle and better housing.



5. Save money.



6. Spend more time with children and caring for others.



7. Go back to school.



8. Volunteer.

✓ Action:

1. LIVING WAGE
2. INCREASED SERVICES
3. AWARENESS RAISING
4. CRISIS INTERVENTION
5. HOUSING
6. ADVOCACY

! Consequence:

- Benefits to the local economy of additional financial resources to people currently living with low income.
- Cost-savings associated with improved mental and physical health.
- Reduced poverty and the associated stigma.
- Reduction in crime and emergency services.
- Prevention of homelessness.
- Increases in community participation, volunteerism and caring for others.

* Based on the responses provided by the LEEP, the SRPC can use this information to emphasize the potential benefits of Basic Income to our communities.

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