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Dear

Re: A Living Wage for Regional employees and contractors

I would like to express my support for the Regional Municipality of Waterloo's decision to consider a Living Wage policy for all those who serve our Regional Government.

I believe that individuals working full time should earn at least enough wages to meet their basic needs for shelter, food, clothing, transportation, and minimal savings for emergencies, without resorting to welfare or social assistance. Our tax dollars should be put to work reducing poverty, starting at home.

I am proud to live in this community, where our leaders regularly demonstrate commitment to poverty reduction in both words and deeds. The Regional Government has an opportunity to act as a role model for progressive employment practices, supporting economic growth with jobs that provide dignity and prosperity. A living wage policy for Regional employees and contracts is a good way to continue this demonstration.

As we approach the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17th, I trust that you will continue the Regional Government's comprehensive commitment to reduce and prevent poverty, and support a Living Wage policy. Now, more than ever, is the time to shape and grow our community's economic development to ensure a liveable, healthy, thriving and sustainable Waterloo Region for everyone.

Yours truly,
