



March 12, 2009

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty  
Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation  
Room 281, Main Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: PUT FOOD IN THE BUDGET CAMPAIGN**  
**OUR FILE: S06-03**

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The Regional  
Municipality  
of Durham

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Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on March 11, 2009 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

- "a) THAT the Region of Durham supports the Put Food in the Budget campaign which calls for the addition of a 100% provincially funded \$100.00 per month Healthy Food Supplement to the Basic Needs Allowance as a down-payment on closing the gap between social assistance incomes and the cost of healthy eating; and
- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Finance, Health and Long-Term Care, and Health Promotion, Durham's MPPs, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, the 25 in 5 Network, aPHa, OMSSA, AMO, Social Planning Network of Ontario and all Ontario Boards of Health be so advised."

Pat M. Madill, AMCT, CMM I  
Regional Clerk

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- c: D. Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services  
M. Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services  
D. Duncan, Minister of Finance  
D. Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
M. Best, Minister of Health Promotion  
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c. cont:

- J. Dickson, MPP (Ajax/Pickering)
- D. Williams, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health
- C. Wulff, 25-in-5 Network, Communications Officer, Community  
Social Planning Council of Toronto
- L. Stewart, Executive Director, alPHa
- B. Hutchings, President, OMSSA
- P. Vanini, Executive Director, AMO
- P. Clutterbuck, Research & Community Planning Consultant,  
Social Planning Network of Ontario
- All Ontario Boards of Health
- R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health