

South Stormont Resolution - Food Insecurity Crisis

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Good day,

Please find below Resolution No. 115/2026, as passed by Council of the Township of South Stormont on May 27, 2026.

Resolution No.: 115/2026

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon
Seconded by: Councillor Jennifer MacIsaac

Whereas food insecurity is defined as the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, a marker of pervasive material deprivation (poverty), and posing a serious public health problem because of its association with higher rates of numerous diseases and chronic health conditions and a higher risk of early death;

And whereas chronic stressors like disability, precarious work, and/or the cost-of-living crisis, and acute shocks like COVID-19, illness or eviction, make it more difficult to afford life's basic needs and live free from poverty;

And whereas current social assistance rates are woefully inadequate, making it impossible to afford a healthy diet; and

And whereas the Eastern Ontario Health Unit estimates that 1 in 4 households are food insecure;

And whereas over 36% of food bank visitors were children;

And whereas food banks are not funded by the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario;

And whereas Ontario non-profits, including food banks, are collectively experiencing stagnant and declining resources amidst climbing demand, and increased reserve use.

Now therefore be it resolved;

1. That Council declare food insecurity an emergency (crisis) in South Stormont; and
2. That Council request the Provincial Government immediately raise social assistance rates to meet life's basic needs; and
3. That Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments act to address the causes of food insecurity by establishing a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income; and
4. That Council request that the Provincial and Federal Governments include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies; and
5. That Council develop a working relationship with Food Banks United and other local food programs to:
 - Communicate local needs and resources.
 - Advocate on behalf of people experiencing food insecurity at the local government level.
 - Strategize solutions to immediate food insecurity needs.

Result: CARRIED

Kind regards,



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