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From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2012 6:52 PM
To: Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: jwd@bccpd.bc.ca
Subject: Re. Disability w/out Poverty research paper

To the honorable Cristy Clark, Premier of British Columbia, To the honorable Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Social Development,

My name is s.22 and I am writing to express my support for the amazing, and touching, research paper written in part by Jane Dyson of the "DisabilityWithoutPovertyNetwork"(DWPN); a well researched, unbiased thesis in support of increasing BC's PWD rate. First of all, please understand that i am ever so grateful for what i have and for what i am blessed with NOW; i am not writing with my pen out asking for more money. Furthermore, I've been a single parent for most of my son's short lif s.22 i'm stuck in a rather unhealthy relationship wherein i'm forced to support a wife who cares only for ... my apologies...completely off topic. What is life if not arduous ... and who believes in female abusers anyway?

AGAIN OFF TOPIC

On a lighter note, I am fortunate enough to make due with a very modest income. I do not drink, do drugs, nor do I live with ANY of the vices common among the poor (less fortunate). Consequently, what i receive has enabled me to set aside a modest s.22 s.22 .i am proud to be able to at least help enable him for a better future; hopefully provide entirely for his educational goals.

Unfortunately, personal 'issues' (s.22 prevent me from interacting effectively with people; arguing successfully to fruition (in as much as it pains me to do) my goals, needs and wants as they relate to my personal...independence is ... sadly lacking and honestly quite humiliating. Nonetheless, i do my absolute best with what i have. I do think daily of ...money...but living without does not bother me personally. Ok...it is depressing but...I have s.22 o spend (or save) on my son

Regarding an increase in PWD benefits from \$906 to \$1200/monthly...
...i of course support this position; but not because of the money. For example, I pride myself on my ability to communicate effectively thru my writing; and if i were permitted to put to use my ABILITIES in exchange for such an increase (eg. work from home dictating ...data entry...)?
Frankly, I DO NOT WANT a further handout; and yes... s.22
s.22 a hand up however would be of course welcome.

In closing, i would much rather accept an increase to PWD benefits if i were able to justify to myself and to my son the extra income. I CAN AND WANT TO CONTRIBUTE IN ANYWAY I CAN. I also believe that with the inclusion of such an increase to my monthly budget...perhaps a downpayment on a home ... and even independence could in 5 to 10 years be realised. Thank

you all for taking the time from your busy days to read my...opinion on this matter. Please forgive my rambling as well as my inability to address properly your honours 'positions' in my opening.

Sincerely and most respectfully,

S 22

From: S 22
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2012 8:10 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: please read the attachment

Dear Premier,

I hope you will spend the time to read this study

and help everyone in need.

S 22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 11:54 AM
To: S 22
Cc: Minister, MSD MSD:EX
Subject: RE: please read the attachment

Thank you for your email and attachment regarding provincial assistance for Persons with Disabilities. We appreciate receiving your views and will ensure that your correspondence is shared with the Minister of Social Development, the Honourable Moira Stilwell, for inclusion in ongoing discussions.

From: S 22
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 12:41 PM
To: 'premier@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: S 22
S 22

Subject: Disability Benefits

Dear Honorable Christy Clark,

We are writing to you as we represent a group of 10 adults with developmental disabilities called Victoria Self Advocates. We meet regularly to talk about advocacy issues that are important to us.

We appreciate the recent changes to Disability Benefits here in BC. The change that means we can earn up to \$800 per month and still receive full benefits we are very happy about. Thank you for your actions to support this!

Having just read the well researched document "Overdue: The Case for Increasing the Persons with Disability Benefits in BC." Here is what we learned we are writing to about another concern. Right now everyone receives \$906 per month as a PWD benefit. However this amount does not cover our basic costs including shelter, food, transportation and clothing as the average monthly cost of living in BC, at a minimum, is around \$13,700. That leaves the average person on disability benefits short by over \$450 per month. We also know that 85% of people with developmental disabilities are not employed and therefore are in many cases solely dependent on 906.00 per month.

We are writing to you to advocate for an increase in our benefits from the current \$906 to \$1200. Although this amount wouldn't cover our basic expenses it would help us considerably in making ends meet every month.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Here is our contact information:

S 22

(On behalf of Victoria Self Advocates)

From: S 22
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2012 9:31 AM
To: 'premier@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: S 22
Subject: FW: Disability Benefits

Hello Honorable Christy Clark,

I sent you an e-mail earlier this week (see below) and noticed the e-mail address that I gave to you was wrong.

Here is the correct e-mail.

S 22

Thank you

S 22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 3:34 PM
To: S 22
Cc: Minister, MSD MSD:EX
Subject: RE: Disability Benefits

Thank you for your emails regarding provincial assistance to Persons with Disability. We appreciate receiving your support for steps taken and have noted your call for a rate increase for those who are unable to work.

We will ensure that your comments are shared with the Minister of Social Development, the Honourable Moira Stilwell, for inclusion in ongoing discussions.

Thanks again for taking the time to express your views.

From: S 22
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:21 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Disability Benefits

Thank you for your response.

From: S 22
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2012 6:35 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Disability without Poverty Network

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 28, 2012 at 6:18 PM
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: S 22

Delivery to the following recipient failed permanently:

stephanie.cadieux.mla.@leg.bc.ca

Technical details of permanent failure:

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Subject: Disability without Poverty Network
From: S 22
To: stephanie.cadieux.mla.@leg.bc.ca
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Dear Stephanie,

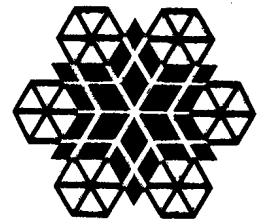
I just want to let you know that I totally support your report regarding "overdue" which suggests a raise in the PWD rates in British Columbia. Alberta has raised their disability rates - a single person receives \$1600 a month whereas a disabled single person in BC receives only \$906.00. That is a \$700 difference and considering the cost of living is way high in British Columbia than in Alberta, I strongly feel that PWD in BC deserve a raise and as your report suggests, this raise has been long overdue. The last one was in 2007 - which was only a \$50.00 raise for a single person.

It is very very hard to live on \$906.00 per month. It causes a lot of anxiety for PWD and makes their life very miserable. It also affects their overall health. I am very grateful to you for preparing this report and I hope my email will make a difference.

Thank You!

S 22

File: 1.1.2.0



KITIMAT

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July 6, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, B.C.
V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular Meeting of Council held July 3, 2012, Kitimat Municipal Council determined to support the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

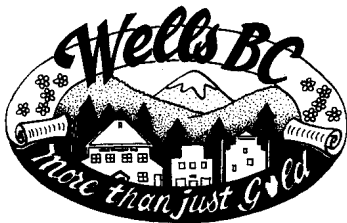
The District of Kitimat supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1200/month to better reflect the cost of living in B.C. and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of Kitimat Council, I ask that your government review disability benefit rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention and favourable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Joanne Monaghan
Mayor

cc: B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities
UBCM Municipalities
Mayor and Council



District of Wells

...an Official British Columbia
Gateway Community

October 29, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons With Disabilities Benefit

At the regular meeting of Council on October 16, 2012 a resolution was passed to support the City of Cranbrook's position regarding the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

The District of Wells supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1200 per month to reflect the rising cost of living in BC and to be more comparable to the standard rate for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of the District of Wells Council, I urge your government to review the disability benefit rates and realize that living with a disability should not have to also mean living without the funding for basic living essentials.

Your consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Robin Sharpe
Mayor
District of Wells

cc: B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities
City of Cranbrook
MLA Bob Simpson

P.O. Box 219, Wells, BC V0K 2R0 Tel.: 250-994-3330 Fax: 250-994-3331 Email: wells@goldcity.net

November 21, 2012

His Worship Robin Sharpe
Mayor of the District of Wells
PO Box 219
Wells, BC V0K 2R0

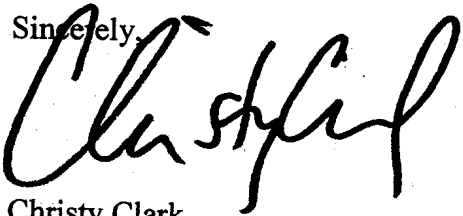
Dear Mayor Sharpe:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's resolution in support of a request for the provincial government to increase the rate of assistance to Persons with Disabilities to a minimum of \$1200 per month.

I appreciate hearing from your community on this matter and have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Again, thank you for advising of your Council's position on this matter. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



Legislative and
Regulatory
Services
Department

October 17, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Box 9041 Station PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Provincial Income and Disability Assistance Rates

At the Victoria City Council meeting of October 11, 2012 Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS British Columbia has the highest poverty rates, and the second highest poverty rates for children, in Canada; and

WHEREAS low income Canadians have ten fewer healthy years of life than high income Canadians; and

WHEREAS the British Columbia Dieticians state that British Columbia residents in all categories of income assistance cannot afford to both pay rent and eat a healthy diet; and

WHEREAS higher income assistance rates would help mitigate the effects of Victoria's limited supply of affordable housing, homelessness and reliance on food banks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria ask the Government of British Columbia to increase British Columbia's provincial income assistance and disability rates, until they reach the level of the federal Market Basket Measure¹ level, which is the minimum monthly cost required for food, shelter, transportation and other basic needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria urge the Government of British Columbia to remove arbitrary barriers to eligibility for income and disability assistance, such as lengthy waiting periods; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria join with other municipalities in sharing this resolution with the Union of BC Municipalities at its annual meeting in Victoria later this month

If you have any questions concerning the matter, please contact me at 250.361.0203.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Woodland".

Robert G. Woodland
Corporate Administrator

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C: Mayor and Council

The City of Victoria recognizes the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations in whose traditional territories we live and work
"Hay swx qa"



October 19, 2012

His Worship Dean Fortin
Mayor of the City of Victoria
#1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC, V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Fortin:

Thank you for the letter, written by Mr. Robert G. Woodland on behalf of your Council, advising of your Council's resolution to ask the Province of British Columbia to increase the provincial income assistance and disability rates until they reach the federal Market Basked Measure1 level and to reduce wait periods for assistance.

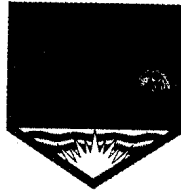
I have shared a copy of the correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, for her information as well.

Thank you again. I appreciate hearing from the City of Victoria.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

File: 0470-01

October 25, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark;

RE: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

Council, at a regular meeting on October 22, 2012, passed a resolution endorsing the efforts of the Disability Without Poverty Network's request to the Province to increase the Persons With Disabilities (PWD) benefit.

Council supports an increase to the PWD benefit to \$1,200 a month, indexing of benefits to keep pace with the rising cost of living and extension of a shelter supplement equivalent to the Shelter Air for Elderly Renters (SAFER).

People with disabilities who depend on the PWD benefit are living well below the poverty line. It is hard enough to live with a disability without the additional burden of poverty.

Yours truly,

Catherine Lord
Acting Mayor

Cc: B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities
The Honourable Bill Bennett, MLA
UBCM Municipalities
Mayor Wayne Stetski, City of Cranbrook

November 6, 2012

Her Worship Catherine Lord
Mayor of the City of Vernon
3400 30th Street
Vernon, BC V1T 5E6

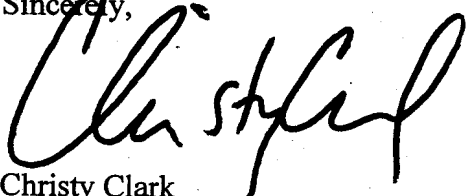
Dear Mayor Lord:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

I have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, for review. Minister Stilwell will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Thank you again for advising of your Council's position. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



Village of Tahsis

August 16, 2012

Our File No.

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn, Prov. Gov't
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular Meeting of Council held August 7, 2012, the Village of Tahsis reviewed a letter from the District of Kitimat and also decided to support the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit and made the following resolution;

Moved, seconded by Councillors Taylor/Bertoia that the Village of Tahsis prepare a similar letter in support of a review of disability benefit rates as outlined in the District of Kitimat's letter and also drawing particular attention to the shameful lack of funding for transportation subsidy for the disabled living in remote communities who have the added burden of a total lack of public transportation compounding the already insufficient funding provided for basic living essentials.

CARRIED

The Village of Tahsis fully supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1,200/month to better reflect the cost of living in B.C. and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Income Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program. Your attention and favourable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly,

Jude Schooner
Mayor of Tahsis

Cc: BC Coalition of People with Disabilities
UBCM Municipalities
Ministry of Social Development

Village of Tahsis
977 South Maquinna Drive
P.O. Box 219, Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0
TEL: (250) 934-6344 FAX: (250) 934-6622
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September 11, 2012

Her Worship Jude Schooner
Mayor of the Village of Tahsis
PO Box 219, 977 South Maquinna Drive
Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

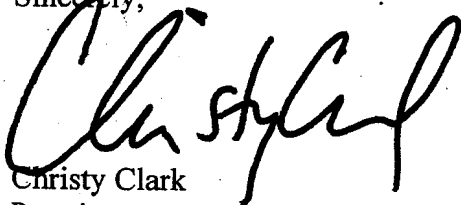
Dear Mayor Schooner:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit. I appreciate hearing of your community's position on this matter.

I see that you have already sent a copy of your correspondence to the Ministry of Social Development. The Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister, will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

It was good to hear from you and, again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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Office of the Mayor

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Victoria, BC
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October 10, 2012

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular Meeting of Slokan Village Council held on October 9, 2012, Slokan Council, by resolution, supported the City of Cranbrook's letter regarding the Disability with Poverty Network's request of the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

The Village of Slokan supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to minimum of \$1200/ month to better reflect the cost of living in BC and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of the Village of Slokan Council, I ask that your government review the disability rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention and favourable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Madeleine Perriere
MAYOR

cc: Moira Stilwell, Social Development Minister
BC Coalition of People with Disabilities
UBCM Municipalities
Katrina Conroy, MLA

October 19, 2012

Her Worship Madeleine Perriere
Mayor of the Corporation of the Village of Slocan
PO Box 50
Slocan, BC V0G 2C0

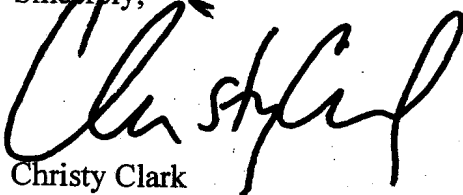
Dear Mayor Perriere:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

I see that you have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, already. Minister Stilwell will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Thank you again for advising of your Council's position. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE

INCORPORATED A.D. 1965
POST OFFICE BOX 130. PORT ALICE, BC V0N 2N0
E-mail: info@portalice.ca

September 13th, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
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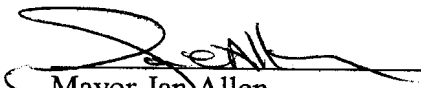
Dear Premier Clark:

At their Regular Meeting of September 12th, 2012 the Village of Port Alice Council determined to support the District of Kitimat's July 6th letter regarding the Disability Without Poverty Network's recommendation to increase the provincial Disability Benefit.

The Village of Port Alice strongly supports the proposed increase to the Disability Benefit to a minimum of \$1200 per month. The increase would better reflect the cost of living in British Columbia and would come closer to providing disabled British Columbians with a decent standard of living.

Our Council sincerely hopes that your government can take action on this most important issue.

Yours truly,


Mayor Jan Allen

Check out our Website! www.portalice.ca



October 1, 2012

Her Worship Jan Allen
Mayor of the Village of Port Alice
PO Box 130
Port Alice, BC V0N 2N0

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you for your letter which reports on your Council's resolution to support the District of Kitimat's letter regarding the Disability without Poverty Network's recommendation for an increase to the provincial Disability Benefit.

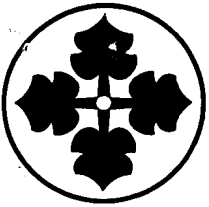
I note that your Council would strongly support a proposed increase to a minimum of \$1200 per month. I have shared your letter with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, for her information and inclusion in ongoing discussions.

Again, thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



Office of the Mayor

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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October 24, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons With Disabilities Benefit

At a regular meeting on October 22nd, 2012, Council for the City of Port Alberni passed a resolution endorsing the efforts of the Disability Without Poverty Network's request to the Province to increase the Persons With Disabilities (PWD) benefit.

Council supports an increase to the PWD benefit to \$1,200 a month, indexing of benefits to keep pace with the rising cost of living and extension of a shelter supplement equivalent to the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER).

People with disabilities who depend on the PWD benefit are living well below the poverty line. It is hard enough to live with a disability without the additional burden of poverty.

We look forward to your consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI


John Douglas
Mayor

c. Scott Fraser, MLA
UBCM Municipalities
Bob Hargreaves, Executive Director, CMHA

November 1, 2012

His Worship John Douglas
Mayor of the City of Port Alberni
4850 Argyle Street
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

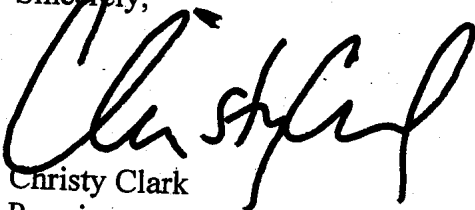
Dear Mayor Douglas:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

I have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, for review. Minister Stilwell will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Thank you again for advising of your Council's position. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



City of Parksville
Office of the Mayor

November 6, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark;

This is to advise that at the November 5, 2012 regular meeting of Council, the following resolution was passed:

12-323 "THAT the City of Parksville support an increase to the persons with disability pension to a minimum of \$1,200 per month to better reflect the cost of living in BC and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low-income seniors that was established by the federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement program."

An increase of this kind would help mitigate the rising cost of living in BC for those residents living with disabilities. It is our belief that although persons with disabilities may face many challenges throughout their lives, poverty and destitution should not be among these obstacles.

Sincerely,

CHRIS BURGER
Mayor

cc: MLA Ron Cantelon
Measuring Up Committee



November 21, 2012

His Worship Chris Burger
Mayor of the City of Parksville
100 Jensen Avenue East
Parksville, BC V9P 2H3

Dear Mayor Burger:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's resolution in support of a request for the provincial government to increase the rate of assistance to Persons with Disabilities to a minimum of \$1200 per month.

I appreciate hearing from your community on this matter and have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Again, thank you for advising of your Council's position on this matter. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



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October 16, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

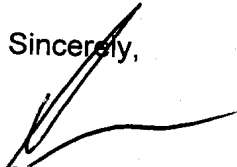
Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012 Gold River Council received correspondence from the City of Cranbrook regarding their request to the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

Council passed a resolution supporting the City of Cranbrooks' request for the government to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit to a minimum of \$1200/month to better reflect the cost of living in BC and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

Municipal Council respectfully requests that the Provincial Government review disability benefit rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Craig Anderson
Mayor

CONFIDENTIAL



October 26, 2012

His Worship Craig Anderson
Mayor of the Village of Gold River
PO Box 610, 499 Muchalat Drive
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

Dear Mayor Anderson:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's resolution in support of a request for the provincial government to increase the rate of assistance to Persons with Disabilities to a minimum of \$1200 per month.

I appreciate hearing from your community on this matter and have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development, for inclusion in our ongoing discussions.

Again, thank you for advising of your Council's position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell

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VILLAGE OF GRANISLE

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Aug. 20, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia PO Box
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Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular Meeting of Council held July 18, 2012, Village of Granisle Council determined to support the District of Kitimat's letter regarding the Disability without Poverty Network's request of the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

The Village of Granisle supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1200/month to better reflect the cost of living in B.C. and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of Granisle Council, I ask that your government review disability benefit rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention and favorable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda McGuire".

Linda McGuire
Mayor

cc: B.C. Coalition of People with
Disabilities
UBCM Municipalities



September 11, 2012

Her Worship Linda McGuire
Mayor of the Village of Granisle
Box 128
Granisle, BC V0J 1W0

Dear Mayor McGuire:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit. I appreciate hearing of your community's position on this matter.

I have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

It was good to hear from you and, again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell

November 20, 2012
File No. 0530-20

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
P.O. Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
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Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit (PWD)

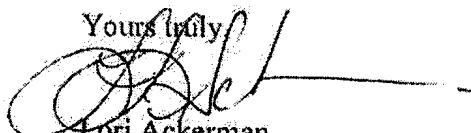
At its Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2012, Fort St. John City Council reviewed correspondence received from the City of Port Alberni endorsing the efforts of the Disability Without Poverty Network's request to the Provincial to increase the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefit.

As per Council Resolution 441/12, the City of Fort St. John joins the City of Port Alberni in requesting that the provincial government increase the persons with disabilities benefit from \$900.00 to \$1,200.00 a month, and that the rate be indexed to match cost of living increases.

Those who depend on the PWD benefit are living below the poverty line and also face added challenges associated with their disabilities. The increase in benefits to these individuals will alleviate some of the financial stress and in turn, enhance the quality of their lives.

Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,



Lori Ackerman
Mayor

cc: UBCM Municipalities





November 29, 2012

Her Worship Lori Ackerman
Mayor of the City of Fort St. John
10631 100th Street
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

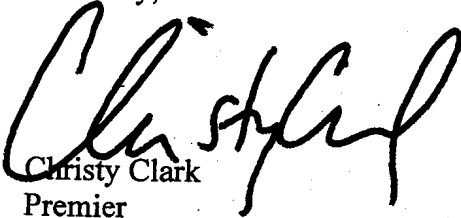
Dear Mayor Ackerman:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's resolution in support of a request for the provincial government to increase the rate of assistance to Persons with Disabilities to a minimum of \$1200 per month.

I appreciate hearing from your community on this matter and have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Again, thank you for advising of your Council's position on this matter. It was good to hear from you, and I hope you will allow me at this time to wish you a pleasant Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



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November 16, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the Regular City Council Meeting held November 5, 2012, Prince George City Council passed a resolution to send this letter advising that Council endorses the efforts of the Disability Without Poverty Network's request to the Province to increase the Persons With Disabilities benefit.

City Council supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities benefit to \$1,200 a month, with indexing of benefits to keep pace with the rising cost of living and extension of a shelter supplement equivalent to the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters.

People with disabilities who depend on the Persons with Disabilities benefit are living well below the poverty line. Living with a disability brings its own set of challenges, and the additional burden of dealing with poverty adds to those challenges.

We look forward to your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE



Shari Green
Mayor

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November 29, 2012

Her Worship Shari Green
Mayor of the City of Prince George
1100 Patricia Boulevard
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Dear Mayor Green:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's resolution in support of a request for the provincial government to increase the rate of assistance to Persons with Disabilities to a minimum of \$1200 per month.

I appreciate hearing from your community on this matter and have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Again, thank you for advising of your Council's position on this matter. It was good to hear from you, and I hope you will allow me at this time to wish you a pleasant Holiday Season.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



District of Chetwynd

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August 16, 2012

Office of the Premier
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Attention: The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier

Dear Premier Clark:

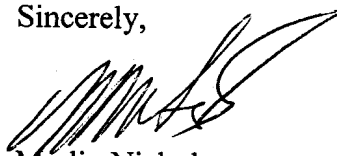
Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

Please be advised that, at its Regular meeting held on August 16, 2012, the District of Chetwynd Council agreed to support the efforts of the Disability Without Poverty Network in requesting that the Province increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

The District of Chetwynd supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1,200 per month to better reflect the cost of living in BC and bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of Council, I ask that your government review disability benefit rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention and favourable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Merlin Nichols
Mayor

Vision Statement

Chetwynd exists in order that area residents have sustainable opportunities for
Security, Health, Safety and Prosperity
in surroundings that display the best of our natural environment.



September 7, 2012

His Worship Merlin Nichols
Mayor of the District of Chetwynd
Box 357
Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

Dear Mayor Nichols:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Persons with Disabilities benefit. I have noted your Council's position with regard to raising the benefit and I want to assure you that your recommendation will be included in any related discussions.

I do appreciate hearing from you and I look forward to seeing you at the UBCM.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell



October 2, 2012

File: 0400.50

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041, Stn. Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Persons with Disabilities Benefit

At the regular meeting of Council held October 1, 2012, Cranbrook City Council determined to support the District of Kitimat's letter regarding the Disability without Poverty Network's request of the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

The City of Cranbrook supports an increase to the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1200/month to better reflect the cost of living in B.C. and to bring the rates in line with the standard for low income seniors that was established by the Federal Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement Program.

On behalf of Cranbrook City Council, I ask that your government review disability benefit rates as it is difficult enough living with a disability without the added struggle of insufficient funding for basic living essentials. Your attention and favorable response to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wayne L. Stetski
Mayor

cc: B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities
The Honourable Bill Bennett, MLA
UBCM Municipalities



October 12, 2012

His Worship Wayne L. Stetski
Mayor of the City of Cranbrook
40 Tenth Avenue South
Cranbrook, BC V1C 2M8

Dear Mayor McGuire:

Thank you for your letter advising of your Council's support for the efforts of the Disability without Poverty Network in requesting the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities benefit.

I have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Moira Stilwell, Minister of Social Development. She will ensure that you are sent a response on my behalf.

Thank you again for advising of your Council's position. I appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier

pc: Honourable Moira Stilwell