



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**TO: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee**

**FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services**

**MEETING DATE: October 11, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Report CSSSJSSC12-009  
Presentation and Report from the Peterborough Poverty  
Reduction Network**

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with a presentation and a position paper by the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC12-009 dated October 11, 2012, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the position paper “City and County of Peterborough Social Assistance Discretionary Benefits and Housing Benefits (CSUMB): Finding the Solution for 2013 and Beyond” and presentation from the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendations of Report CSSSJSSC12-009.

## **BACKGROUND**

In the spring of 2012, the province released the “Strong Action for Ontario” 2012 Ontario budget. The provincial budget has resulted in some significant changes that will impact social programs and services in communities across the province.

The Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network (PPRN) is made up of more than 60 agencies and dozens of individuals working together to reduce poverty in Peterborough City and County. The Network was established in 2006. Given the provincial budget changes and the resulting impact on residents of the City and County of Peterborough, the PPRN has coordinated the development of a position paper and presentation to the Joint Services Steering Committee. The position paper has been prepared by the Poverty Reduction Network, the Peterborough Community Legal Centre and the Peterborough Social Planning Council.

City staff will review the financial data provided in the position paper and will be prepared to discuss during the Joint Services deliberations.

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Attachments:

Appendix A - PPRN Position Paper: Finding the Solution for 2013 and Beyond