

**SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BENEFITS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier urging the Provincial Government to support an increase towards the Persons with Disabilities rate to a minimum of \$1,200/month.

**REPORT**

The Social Issues Committee, at its 'Open' meeting held on 2012 November 13, received correspondence from the City of Port Alberni and the City of Cranbrook seeking support for the District of Kitimat's request of the Province to increase the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) benefit.

The Committee noted the current rate is not viable for the basic living essentials and recommends the Mayor, on behalf of Council write a letter to the Premier expressing support for an increase to the PWD benefit to \$1,200 a month.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor P. McDonell  
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino  
Vice Chair

Councillor N. Volkow  
Member

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