

## Supporting Canadians Through a Stronger Canada Disability Benefit



Attention: Resolutions Coordinator  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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**Resolution:** Supporting Canadians through a Stronger Canada Disability Benefit

**WHEREAS** over four million working age Canadians 18 and older identify as having a disability, and of these, approximately 1.6 million have a severe or very severe disability;

**WHEREAS** those working age Canadians with disabilities experience poverty at twice the rate of Canadians without disabilities;

**WHEREAS** the federal government has recognized the importance of reducing poverty and supporting working-age persons with disabilities through the 2023 enactment of the [Canada Disability Benefit Act](#);

**WHEREAS** the federal government has further committed \$6.1 billion over six years, beginning in 2025, and \$1.4 billion per year ongoing, through a new Canada Disability Benefit program, expected to be launched in June 2025;

**WHEREAS** the federal government has sought public feedback to inform how the Canada Disability Benefit will be administered and delivered;

**WHEREAS** municipalities support community well-being, and have a vested interest in ensuring that individuals with disabilities receive adequate financial support from other orders of government that lifts the recipients out of poverty and does not create new barriers to pursuing employment;

**RESOLVED**, that FCM calls on the federal government to raise the maximum payment above the proposed \$2,400 per year maximum to an amount that is adequate to lift people with disabilities above the poverty line, and increase the working income exemptions (currently \$10,000 per year for a single person, or \$14,000 per year for a couple) before their benefits would be reduced;

**RESOLVED**, that FCM calls on the federal government to strengthen coordination with provinces and territories who also provide other supports and services to persons with disabilities, to help streamline and integrate application processes while also ensuring that there is no reduction in other funding supports provided to people with disabilities.