

*An email from Councillor Marianne Alto, City of Victoria and Councillor Dale Bass, City of Victoria From [Basic Income BC](#)*

Dear Colleagues,

Given that municipalities are struggling to keep up with the downloaded responsibility of providing essential public and social support services, [Coalition Canada basic income - revenu de base](#) worked with mayors and councillors from across the country to develop the [Case for Basic Income for Municipalities](#) to explain **why a federally-funded basic income guarantee** would be of benefit to municipalities.

Municipalities are on the front line in the struggle to ensure that all their residents can lead a life of dignity, health, and participation in the community. The federal government currently provides income support for families with children and for seniors age 65 and older. What is needed is additional support for those age 18-64. When people have a sufficient income to pay for decent housing, nutritious food, and social participation, there is less strain on municipalities and the services they provide.

On January 27, 2022, the [City of Victoria unanimously passed a resolution](#) *calling for the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) to call on the Government of Canada to implement a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their needs. It also calls for AVICC to endorse this Resolution, and forward the same to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at its annual convention in September 2022.*

On January 28, 2022, the City of Victoria reformatted their successful motion and submitted it as a resolution for the AVICC convention in April 2022. **The AVICC Resolutions Committee has endorsed [City of Victoria Resolution R37](#)** (page 51) calling for a federally funded Guaranteed Livable Basic income. Endorsed resolutions will be voted on at their convention in April.

**Please show your support for a federally funded basic income:**

1. Share the [Case for Basic Income for Municipalities](#) with your colleagues in other communities and cities across the British Columbia.
2. [Sign your name in support](#) of the Case for Basic Income for Municipalities.
3. Vote in favour of [City of Victoria's AVICC resolution R37](#) (page 51) calling for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income its convention in April.
4. Vote in favour of a UBCM Resolution calling for a basic income guarantee at their convention in September.
5. [Pass a motion at your Council](#) calling on the Government of Canada to implement a basic Income guarantee and send your motion to UBCM.

Municipalities have an important voice in advocating for a federally funded basic income.

Thank you.

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