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February 5, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Horgan,

Re: Disability Assistance

On February 1, 2021 Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

"That Council direct the Mayor to write on behalf of Council to the Provincial Minister of Finance; the Premier; the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; the MLA for Saanich South; the MLA for Victoria-Swan Lake; and, the MLA for Oak Bay Gordon Head, asking for the government to reinstate the \$300 monthly top-up for people receiving disability assistance at least until the COVID-19 pandemic is over and then permanently raise the rates of income assistance and disability assistance to a livable rate."

Please consider this request to reinstate the \$300 monthly disability assistance top-up. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have only exacerbated the pre-existing social and economic issues to those already in need.

A copy of the report and excerpt from the meeting minutes are attached for information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Haynes".

Fred Haynes
Mayor
Enclosures

cc: Saanich Council
The Honourable Nicholas Simons, Minister of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Lana Popham, MLA, Saanich South
The Honourable Rob Fleming, MLA Victoria-Swan Lake
The Honourable Murray Rankin, Q.C., MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head