

Ontario Social Assistance Review

Ontario's social assistance system is being reviewed by a Commission appointed by the provincial government. Commissioners, [Frances Lankin and Munir Sheikh](#), are talking with Ontarians this summer about key issues and potential solutions for the Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

Kitchener-Waterloo is not included in the Commission's tour of Ontario communities.

Social Planning Council of Kitchener-Waterloo
K-W Poverty Free Action Group

Invite you to attend a local K-W session to give input to the Review.

Tuesday, August 9th

7:00 – 9:30 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church auditorium

825 King Street West

Notes - use back entrance; parking may be limited – use public lot across King St.

This session is an opportunity for local residents to provide feedback in a community setting. Feedback will be compiled into a report which will be sent to the commissioners to help guide the Commission's final set of recommendations for how to change OW and ODSP in July 2012.

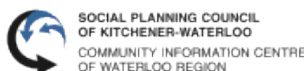
Key themes or questions that structure the review:

- Reasonable expectations and necessary supports to employment.
- How to create an appropriate benefit structure.
- Making the system easier to understand.
- Making the system viable over the long term.
- An integrated Ontario position on income security.

Additional issues to be discussed:

- Purpose of our social assistance system.
- Needs that the social assistance system must meet.
- Assumptions underlying the review process.
- Opportunities and limitations of the consultation process.

For more information visit: <http://www.socialassistancereview.ca>
<http://www.povertyfreeontario.ca/>



Please RSVP by 12:00 noon on August 9th to:
Valerie at admin@waterlooregion.org or 519-579-1096 Ext 3005.
Please advise us of any assistance you will need.