




CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Ontario Works Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 21, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Appointment of Administrator of Ontario Works (HSC18001(b)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the appointment of Stuart Beumer as the Administrator of Ontario Works be approved; and,
- (b) That the appointment of Stuart Beumer as the Administrator of Ontario Works be submitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 25, 2024, Stuart Beumer was appointed as the Director of Ontario Works following the retirement of the Director, Bonnie Elder.

Pursuant to the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, (the Act), the Director of Ontario Works is required to approve the appointment of Administrators to oversee the administration of Ontario Works. Through this approval, Administrators are provided the authority to administer the Act and provide employment assistance and basic financial assistance according to provincial standards.

Report HSC18001(b) requests that Stuart Beumer's appointment as the Administrator of Ontario Works for the City of Hamilton be approved.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

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Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: none

Staffing: none

Legal: Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, states that, “each delivery agent shall appoint an administrator to oversee the administration of the Act and the provision of assistance in the delivery agents’ geographical area.” This appointment is subject to the approval of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

With the departure of the Director of Ontario Works, Bonnie Elder, a replacement Administrator of the Ontario Works Act needs to be identified and put forward to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for approval.

As the incoming Director of Ontario Works, Stuart Beumer has the responsibility of overseeing the delivery of services within the mandate of the Ontario Works Act.

The duties of the Administrator are as follows:

1. Receive applications for basic financial assistance from persons residing in his or her geographical area.
2. Determine the eligibility of each applicant for basic financial assistance.
3. If an applicant is found eligible for basic financial assistance, determine the amount of the assistance, and direct its provision.
4. Determine the eligibility for employment assistance and direct its provision.
5. Carry out the prescribed duties.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Ontario Works Act, 1997, Section 43

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Not applicable

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The appointment of an Administrator of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* ensures that provisions are in place to effectively deliver Ontario Works to address the needs of the residents of the City of Hamilton.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None