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PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIMCOE COUNTY POVERTY REDUCTION TASK GROUP (PRTG) CONCERNING THE SIMCOE COUNTY LIVING WAGE

Rosslyn Junke, PRTG Chair, Jennifer van Gennip, PRTG Member and Anne Coleman, Ontario Living Wage Network (OLWN) Manager provided a presentation concerning the living wage in the Simcoe County and becoming a living wage employer.

Ms. Junke, Ms. van Gennip and Ms. Coleman discussed slides on the following topics:

- The definition of a living wage from the OLWN;
- The Simcoe County living wage calculation;
- How living wage is different from minimum wage;
- The consistent methodology for calculating living wage in a community;
- The rationale behind the need for a living wage in a community;
- That becoming a living wage employer aligns with Barrie's City Council Strategic Priorities;
- A testimonial illustrating the positive effects of a living wage community;
- The three levels of certification, the Supporter, Leader and Champion;
- Other municipalities certified as living wage employers; and
- The supporting websites for more information.

Members of Council asked a number of questions of the presenters and received responses.