POVERTY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS



ADDRESS SYSTEMIC BARRIERS

- Enhance employment support programs
- Increase education and training opportunities as pathways out of poverty
- Increase funding and access to mental health and addiction services
- Service integration in an effort to provide more holistic and comprehensive supports

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

- Community consultation to inform the renewal of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Promote systemic changes that reduce the reliance on food banks and food security programs
- Advocate for federal and provincial policies that address the root causes of poverty
- Ongoing data analysis to inform policy and measure success

IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS

- Stabilize funding to food banks and community food programs to ensure they can meet local needs
- Support programming that provides access to nutritious food



Nipissing has one of the lowest household incomes in Ontario

that is often not affordable

ENHANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES

- Invest in more affordable housing units that reflect local need
- Expand the availability of subsidized housing and related benefits
- Enhance homelessness support services

INCREASE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RATES

- Increase social assistance rates to better align with the cost of living
- Index OW rates to inflation, like ODSP

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



