



**Leah Dyck**

Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 29, 2024 at 2:42 PM



Hi Debbie,

Thank you very much for sending this info over.

I just called the Barrie ODSP Office to ask how many people live on ODSP and OW in Barrie and they told me to contact this place: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics>

And I just did and they told me to call the Barrie ODSP Office. When I told them they wouldn't answer, he recommended I ask a local MPP to ask the Barrie ODSP office directly.

Are you able to ask the Barrie ODSP Office how many people are currently living on ODSP and OW In Barrie right now? I would love to take this information to Mayor Alex Nuttall this Friday.

Thank you Debbie!

Leah

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**Khanjin, Andrea**

RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Leah Dyck

January 29, 2024 at 2:54 PM

Hi again. I can try. I'm not sure if they will give me that information or not.

Debbie

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**Khanjin, Andrea**

RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Leah Dyck

January 29, 2024 at 3:06 PM



Hi. I just spoke with the ODSP office and the best number they can give me, from 2021, is that 19 caseworkers service 500 people (approximately 9,500 primary clients which doesn't include spouses and children) each in the area from Bradford to Collingwood.

I would reach out to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to see if they have a better idea, but I'm thinking it's the municipality that will have these numbers and not the Ministry. The Ministry funds the program, but doesn't distribute the funds.

Debbie

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**Leah Dyck**

Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 29, 2024 at 3:51 PM

Hey Debbie,

I just called them and the gal that answered transferred me to her manager, Carla, and it went to voicemail.

Are you perhaps able to give them a call?

Sorry to be such a bother :(

Leah

On Jan 29, 2024, at 3:06 PM, Khanjin, Andrea <[andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org](mailto:andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)> wrote:

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**Khanjin, Andrea**  
RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly  
To: Leah Dyck

January 29, 2024 at 3:58 PM

Where did you try calling, Leah?

Debbie

**From:** Leah Dyck <[leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 3:51 PM  
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**Leah Dyck**  
Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly  
To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 29, 2024 at 4:27 PM

Hey,

I called this number: [\(705\) 737-1311](tel:7057371311) at the **Ministry of Community and Social Services.**

I don't think she has any intention of calling me back. :(

Leah

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**Khanjin, Andrea**  
RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly  
To: Leah Dyck

January 29, 2024 at 4:40 PM

Oh. As an MPP's office we have a direct contact with the Ministry. I will give them a call tomorrow to see if they can help with this.

Debbie

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**Leah Dyck**  
Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly  
To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 29, 2024 at 5:27 PM



You're amazing.

Thank you SO much Debbie!

Have a wonderful evening,

Leah

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**Leah Dyck**  
Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

January 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM



**Leah Dyck**

Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

Hey Debbie,

How's your day going so far?

I just wanted to see if you've been able to get ahold of anyone at the Ministry?

Thanks Debbie,

Leah

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**Khanjin, Andrea**

RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Leah Dyck

January 30, 2024 at 11:41 AM



I called and left a message. They are good at getting back to me, but if I don't hear by mid-day I will try calling again.

Debbie

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**Leah Dyck**

Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Khanjin, Andrea

January 30, 2024 at 2:13 PM

Thank you so much Debbie.

I don't know why they're trying to suppress this information. It's really important to know how many people are literally starving.

Thank you so much for trying so hard 🙏

Leah

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Khanjin, Andrea ▾

January 30, 2024 at 4:53 PM

RE: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Leah Dyck

A set of small, light-colored icons for email actions: a trash can, a left-pointing arrow, a double left-pointing arrow, a right-pointing arrow, a printer, and a dropdown arrow next to the number '1'.

Hi again. I spoke with the MCCSS about ODSP/OW numbers, but their numbers are not broken down by regions, not communities. And there are privacy issues that have to be taken into consideration.

On the brighter side, you may be eligible for funding in one of the Transfer Payments you can find by registering and accessing the Transfer Payment Ontario website at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/available-funding-opportunities-ontario-government> Once registered you can see available funding opportunities, submit requests for funding opportunities, and track and manage your funding requests. Here you can also find more information on application deadlines eligibility requirements, program guidelines, and more.

Another avenue you may want to explore is the [Capital Grant | Ontario Trillium Foundation \(otf.ca\)](#) for funding that may be available to you.

Sorry I wasn't able to find out much more for you. Good luck with this. Please let us know how your proposal to city council goes.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Davidson



Debbie Davidson/Constituency Assistant  
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Leah Dyck

January 30, 2024 at 5:14 PM

Re: Advisory Committee for Fresh Food Weekly

To: Khanjin, Andrea

Thanks Debbie,  
Have a great evening,



**Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)**

Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)

To: Leah.dyck@icloud.com

April 4, 2024 at 3:35 PM

Hello Leah Dyck,

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services requesting information on number of people currently receiving Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) in Barrie.

- In December 2023, Barrie had approximately 2,800 Ontario Works cases, providing assistance to about 4,500 beneficiaries.
- In December 2023, Barrie had approximately 4,700 ODSP cases, providing assistance to about 6,100 beneficiaries.

**Note:**

- A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance (e.g., a family on social assistance is counted as one case).
- The number of beneficiaries refers to the total number of single individuals and heads of family units on social assistance plus all their dependents (i.e., spouses, dependent children and dependent adults).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Mithila Pathmanathan

Population Analytics and Insights Unit  
Analytics and Measurement Branch  
Business Intelligence and Practice Division  
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services  
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**Sent:** January 29, 2024 2:29 PM

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**Message:**

Hello,

How do I find out how many residents of Barrie, Ontario live on ODSP and OW?

My email is: [Leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:Leah.dyck@icloud.com)

Thank you!

Leah

**Reply Request:** Yes

**Name:** Leah Dyck

**E-mail:** [Leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:Leah.dyck@icloud.com)

**Phone number:** [7057180062](tel:7057180062)

**Address:**



**Leah Dyck**

Re: Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)  
To: Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)

April 4, 2024 at 3:59 PM

Hey Mithila,

Thank you for getting back to me about this.

I sent an FOI to Ontario Works and the numbers they gave me are lower than your numbers:



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Why would they tell me that Ontario Works cases were 2055 when they were actually 2800. Are they allowed to lie like that?

Would I be able to get the real numbers for Ontario Works cases for Barrie and Innisfil for December 2022 and December 2021 as well please?

Thank you,

Leah



**Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)**

RE: Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)  
To: Leah Dyck

April 18, 2024 at 10:50 AM

Hello Leah,  
Thank you for your email.

As requested, please see the table below for Ontario Works and ODSP cases and beneficiaries in Barrie and Innisfil for December 2021 and December 2022.

Upon reviewing the data, we realized that we had previously sent you Ontario Works data filtered for those served by the Ontario Works Barrie office, but this can include individuals who live outside Barrie, so we have revised this to those that live in the City of Barrie. This updated December 2023 data is included in the table below. We have also included Innisfil data for December 2023 for your reference.

Please also note that the Ministry and municipal service managers such as Simcoe may use slightly different definitions of active cases for a given month, which is the likely reason that the numbers you received from Simcoe were different.

**Ontario Works Cases and Beneficiaries - Barrie and Innisfil for December 2023, December 2022 and December 2021**

	OW Cases	OW Beneficiaries	ODSP Cases	ODSP Beneficiaries
<b>Dec-21</b>				
Barrie	1,686	2,759	4,676	6,184
Innisfil	245	431	665	911
<b>Dec-22</b>				
Barrie	1,892	3,098	4,652	6,111
Innisfil	281	470	652	851
<b>Dec-23</b>				
Barrie	2,274	3,724	4,678	6,136
Innisfil	347	553	659	853

Note:

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Thank you,  
Mithila

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Re: Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)

To: Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)

Good morning Mithila,

I hope you're doing well this morning.

I have a question for you.

I'm not sure if you know anything about me (I assume you probably don't because why would you lol), but I was running a food security charity in Barrie and Innisfil between 2020 and 2024 (I closed the program in January due to insufficient support) called: [www.FreshFoodWeekly.com](http://www.FreshFoodWeekly.com)

I've partnered with a Professor from Dalhousie University, Simon Berge, to apply for some tri-agency grants to fund a proposed three-year research study to measure the costs of feeding the poor. I'm most likely going to be working with The Healthy Barrie Initiative in some way. Here's an article about The Healthy Barrie Initiative: [https://issuu.com/dfcm/docs/2023\\_dfc\\_family\\_medicine\\_report\\_final\\_-\\_single/s/22977476](https://issuu.com/dfcm/docs/2023_dfc_family_medicine_report_final_-_single/s/22977476) (Dr. Orava has already partnered with me on a previous grant)

If you can believe it, I also have a virtual meeting on Monday with the federal government to explore the potential of using electric cargo drone transportation to transport light-density crops in Northern Ontario (and hopefully the States).

I'm trying to find out how many low-income people reside in Barrie and Innisfil. I will likely be getting the CPP and OAS numbers for this area soon:

Good morning Meaghan,

Thank you for following up with me about this.

So I'm trying to find out how many poor people are living in Barrie and Innisfil. I've received the numbers for ODSP and OW from the social services ministry but now I'm looking to find out how many people receive OAS, GIS, CPP Disability and regular CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

However, some people receiving CPP are married and have spouses who make a ton of money. For example, one of my volunteers says her CPP payment is \$100/month but her husband makes \$8K/month.

So I'm looking for the number of people who only rely on their CPP to survive, and have CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

I'm not sure what question to ask to find this information because I'm not sure how you guys organize your data. Is it possible to find out what I'm trying to find out?

I also know that it's possible for people on ODSP to also be in receipt of CPP Disability. However, if they receive CPP Disability, they don't get any cash payments from ODSP. However, ODSP still covers their insured dental and medical expenses. Do you know if it's possible to find out how many people receive CPP Disability, but who do not receive ODSP?

Thank you for any helpful advice you may be able to provide.

Talk soon,

Leah

[See More from NC-COMM-ATIP-AIPRP-GD](#)**Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)**

RE: Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)

To: Leah Dyck

June 12, 2024 at 2:54 PM

Hi Leah,

I'm sorry for not getting back to you sooner.

Thank you for sharing your current projects and initiatives. It sounds like you're doing some impactful work!

I appreciate your inquiry regarding population statistics for low-income residents in Barrie and Innisfil. Unfortunately, we do not have that information publicly available at this time.

Here are some open data links that might be useful:

- [Social assistance and caseload statistics | ontario.ca](#)
- [Social Assistance Caseloads - Social Assistance Caseload ODSP - Monthly Data - Ontario Data Catalogue](#)
- [Ontario Social Assistance case characteristics by census metropolitan area - Dataset - Ontario Data Catalogue](#)
- [Social Assistance Summaries - Maytree](#)

Best of luck with your upcoming projects.

Best regards,  
Mithila

Data Analyst II, Population Analytics and Insights  
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Re: Reply: Yes, Page: /page/social-assistance-and-caseload-statistics (533587)

To: Pathmanathan, Mithila (She/Her) (MCCSS)

June 12, 2024 at 4:15 PM

No problem at all.

Thank you for answering this question in writing for me 😊.

Leah

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[See More from Pathmanathan, Mithila \(She/Her\) \(MCCSS\)](#)



**Sargent, Christopher**

FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

To: Leah Dyck

February 5, 2024 at 9:35 AM



**Siri Found a Contact**

Christopher Sargent  
christopher.sargent@simcoe.ca

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Good Morning,

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Please let me know if you have any questions, I can be reached at the contact information below.

Sincerely,  
Chris Sargent

**Christopher Sargent**  
**Legislative Coordinator**  
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**Leah Dyck**

Re: FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

To: Sargent, Christopher

February 5, 2024 at 11:11 AM

Hey Chris,

Thank you very much for getting this information to me.

As for the ODSP numbers, should I reach out to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services directly? Or should I just wait to receive an email from them?

Thank you again for all your help with this,

Leah

On Feb 5, 2024, at 9:34 AM, Sargent, Christopher <[Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca](mailto:Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca)> wrote:

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February 5, 2024

Notice of Decision and Transfer  
Our File No. A17-027-24  
VIA Email: [leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)

Leah Dyck  
380 Duckworth St.,  
Barrie, ON L4M 6J8

Subject: Access Request – OW and ODSP Recipient Totals

Further to my acknowledgement of your Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) access request received by the County on February 2, 2024 for the total number Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) recipients in the municipalities of Barrie and Innisfil in December of 2021, 2022 and 2023, please find my decision (in part) and transfer (in part) below.

With regards to the total number of OW recipients, the County has access to that information which I will be releasing in full. The numbers are enclosed as an attachment to this letter. There is no fee for this request.

With regards to the total number of ODSP recipients, in accordance with section 18 of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA), I am transferring your request in part to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services as that institution has control over the requested information. They can be contacted at:

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services  
Support Services Unit  
FOI and Issues Management  
621 Main Street West, 1st Floor  
North Bay, Ontario  
P1B 2V6  
Fax: 519-931-9974  
Toll-free: 1-833-933-2372  
Email: [SASDFOITeam@ontario.ca](mailto:SASDFOITeam@ontario.ca)

Regards,

*Signed*

Christopher Sargent, Legislative Coordinator  
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The number of Barrie residents in receipt of OW in December 2021 – 1548

The number of Barrie residents in receipt of OW in December 2022 - 1765

The number of Barrie residents in receipt of OW in December 2023 - 2055

Town of Innisfil

The number of Innisfil residents in receipt of OW in December 2021 - 245

The number of Innisfil residents in receipt of OW in December 2022 - 249

The number of Innisfil residents in receipt of OW in December 2023 - 311



**Sargent, Christopher**

February 5, 2024 at 11:20 AM

RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

To: Leah Dyck



**Siri Found a Contact**

Christopher Sargent  
christopher.sargent@simcoe.ca

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Good Morning Leah,

You're more than welcome, I am always happy to help in this regard please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or require access to any other records. I cannot guarantee others will be as quick or free of associated fees, but this was a relatively straightforward request that could be processed fairly easily.

As for the Ministry, I have transferred your request to them under MFIPPA which is a legally prescribed process. There's no need for you to contact them directly, they have received a copy of your original FOI request and a separate notification letter. They should reach out to you directly in the near future to acknowledge receipt. I cannot speak to how long the release of the records will take except that it will follow the disclosure requirements under MFIPPA or [FIPPA](#) (the provincial equivalent of MFIPPA) which limits disclosure to 30 days (with a number of caveats).

All the best,  
Chris

**Christopher Sargent**  
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**Leah Dyck**

February 13, 2024 at 10:40 AM

Re: [EXTERNAL] FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

To: Sargent, Christopher

Hey Christopher,

Thank you for being so helpful.

I do actually have a question for you.

Do you know where I can submit another Freedom of Information Request, but for the number of people in Barrie and Innisfil who receive CPP, CPP Disability, OAS, and the GIS?

Leah

On Feb 5, 2024, at 11:19 AM, Sargent, Christopher <[Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca](mailto:Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca)> wrote:

Good Morning Leah,

You're more than welcome, I am always happy to help in this regard please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or require access to any other records. I cannot guarantee others will be as quick or free of associated fees, but this was a relatively straightforward request that could be processed fairly easily.

As for the Ministry, I have transferred your request to them under MFIPPA which is a legally prescribed process. There's no need for you to contact them directly, they have received a copy of your original FOI request and a separate notification letter. They should reach out to you directly in the near future to acknowledge receipt. I cannot speak to how long the release of the records will take except that it will follow the disclosure requirements under MFIPPA or [FIPPA](#) (the provincial equivalent of MFIPPA) which limits disclosure to 30 days (with a number of caveats).

All the best,  
Chris



Sargent, Christopher

February 13, 2024 at 11:02 AM

RE: [EXTERNAL] FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

To: Leah Dyck



Siri Found a Contact

Christopher Sargent  
christopher.sargent@simcoe.ca

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Hi Leah,

Requests for information from federal programs like CPP are processed through the federal government and their own legislation (the [Access to Information Act](#)). While municipal (MFIPPA) and provincial (FIPPA) legislation are largely identical in Ontario, I unfortunately do not know a great deal about federal FOI legislation or the process involved. There is a federal [Access to Information and Privacy](#) site that includes an online request form and a database of completed FOI requests. I am not sure if that would be the correct place to receive information on CPP, GIS, etc. but that might be a place to begin to make inquiries. Sorry I can't be more helpful!

All the best,  
Chris

**Christopher Sargent**  
**Legislative Coordinator**  
County of Simcoe  
1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L9X 1N6  
Phone: 705-726-9300 ext. 1305  
Email: [christopher.sargent@simcoe.ca](mailto:christopher.sargent@simcoe.ca)  
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**From:** Leah Dyck <[leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:41 AM  
**To:** Sargent, Christopher <[Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca](mailto:Christopher.Sargent@simcoe.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FOI Request A17-027-24 Notice of Decision and Transfer

Hey Christopher,

Thank you for being so helpful.

I do actually have a question for you.

Do you know where I can submit another Freedom of Information Request, but for the number of people in Barrie and Innisfil who receive CPP, CPP Disability, OAS, and the GIS?

Leah



**Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS)**

CSS2024-0678 - interim decision

To: leah.dyck@icloud.com

March 28, 2024 at 3:03 PM



Good afternoon,

Please find attached interim decision pertaining to your request.

Thank you,

George Sobot  
Policy Analyst  
Access and Privacy Office  
Business Planning and Corporate Services Division  
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services  
Tel: 416-417-3511 | [Djordjegeorge.Sobot@Ontario.ca](mailto:Djordjegeorge.Sobot@Ontario.ca)



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**Leah Dyck**

Re: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision

To: Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS)

March 28, 2024 at 3:15 PM

Hey George,

Is there a way for me to pay this fee online?

Thanks,

Leah

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[See More from Sobot, Djordje \(george\) \(MCCSS\)](#)

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**Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS)**

RE: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision

To: Leah Dyck

April 1, 2024 at 9:24 AM



Good morning Leah,

Unfortunately at this time our system only accepts the application fee online and nothing else. Any other fees have to be paid by cheque or money order.

Please make the cheque payable to the Minister of Finance and send it to:

Access and Privacy Office  
Business Planning and Corporate Services Division  
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services  
77 Wellesley St. W | P.O. Box 978 | Toronto, ON | M7A 1N3

Thanks,  
George

**From:** Leah Dyck <[leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS) <[Djordjegeorge.Sobot@ontario.ca](mailto:Djordjegeorge.Sobot@ontario.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision

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Access & Privacy Office  
Business Planning and Corporate Services Division  
PO Box 978  
Toronto ON M7A 1N3  
Fax: 416-326-2567

March 28, 2024  
Attention: Leah Dyck  
#507-380 Duckworth Street  
Barrie, ON L4M 6J8

Sent via email to [leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)

Re: Request CSS2024-0678

Dear Leah Dyck:

I am writing in response to your access request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). Your request, along with the \$5.00 application fee, was received on March 4, 2024. You are seeking access to the following information:

Could I please have the following case load and beneficiaries information for residents living in Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario (include total case applications, as well as beneficiaries please):

- The number of applications for ODSP submitted in: 2019
- The number of applications for ODSP submitted in: 2020
- The number of applications for ODSP submitted in: 2021
- The number of applications for ODSP submitted in: 2022
- The number of applications for ODSP submitted in: 2023

For each year listed above, could I also have the following information:

- The number of applications submitted for ODSP approved by Dec. 31st of that year.
- The number of applications submitted for ODSP declined/rejected by Dec. 31st of that year.
- The number of applications submitted for ODSP that were still pending by Dec. 31st of that year.

The County of Simcoe’s Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services has deliberately done everything they can to make sure I can’t find out where the hungriest poor people live.

At this time I am issuing a fee estimate and interim access decision. In order to arrive at the fee estimate and interim access decision, I consulted with ministry employees in the relevant branches regarding the nature, approximate volume and contents of the records have you have requested.

Fee Estimate

Due to the broad scope of the request, the final fee cannot be determined until all of the responsive records have been collected and processed. Based on our preliminary search, I have calculated an estimated final fee. However, as this figure is an estimate, the final fee may be more or less than this amount depending on the number of records located and the time required to undertake the search and review.

The fee estimate is based on the following costs:

Search time: 5 hours @ \$30.00/hour:	\$ 150.00
Preparation: 0 hours @ \$30.00/hour:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Estimated total fee:	\$ 150.00

As the fee estimate is over \$100.00, at this time we require a fee deposit of 50 per cent of the estimated fee (Regulation 460). We will resume processing your request once your fee deposit is received in the amount of \$75.00, payable to the Minister of Finance. The deposit should be sent to the address on the letterhead of this letter, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this letter or your request will be considered abandoned. Please do not send the entire estimated fee at this time.

**Please pay \$75.00 as a fee deposit now in order to continue with this request**

Fee Waiver

The Act provides that all or part of the fee can be waived if, in the ministry’s opinion, it is fair and equitable to do so, if the fee will cause you financial hardship or if the release of the record will benefit public health or safety. You may be required to provide proof to support any waiver claims. Please notify us as soon as possible if you wish to proceed with a request for a fee waiver. Enclosed is a copy of Section 57 of the Act pertaining to fees.

Appeal Provisions

If you disagree with a decision in this letter, you may request that it be reviewed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. You have 30 days from the date of this letter to request a review from the Commissioner. More information can be found at <https://www.ipc.on.ca/access-individuals/filing-an-appeal>.

Please contact George Sobot, Policy Analyst, at 416-417-3511, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cate Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cate Parker, Senior Manager

Enclosure



### Fees

57. (1) A head shall require the person who makes a request for access to a record to pay fees in the amounts prescribed by the regulations for,

- (a) the costs of every hour of manual search required to locate a record;
  - (b) the costs of preparing the record for disclosure;
  - (c) computer and other costs incurred in locating, retrieving, processing and copying a record;
  - (d) shipping costs; and
  - (e) any other costs incurred in responding to a request for access to a record. 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (1).
- (2) REPEALED: 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (1).

### Estimate of costs

(3) The head of an institution shall, before giving access to a record, give the person requesting access a reasonable estimate of any amount that will be required to be paid under this Act that is over \$25. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (3).

### Waiver of payment

(4) A head shall waive the payment of all or any part of an amount required to be paid under subsection (1) if, in the head's opinion, it is fair and equitable to do so after considering,

- (a) the extent to which the actual cost of processing, collecting and copying the record varies from the amount of the payment required by subsection (1);
- (b) whether the payment will cause a financial hardship for the person requesting the record;
- (c) whether dissemination of the record will benefit public health or safety; and
- (d) any other matter prescribed in the regulations. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (4); 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (2).

### Review

(5) A person who is required to pay a fee under subsection (1) may ask the Commissioner to review the amount of the fee or the head's decision not to waive the fee. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (5); 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (3).

### Disposition of fees

(6) The fees provided in this section shall be paid and distributed in the manner and at the times prescribed in the regulations. 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (4).



**Leah Dyck**

Re: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision  
To: Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS)

April 1, 2024 at 9:40 AM



Hey George,

So I should just write a cheque for \$75 and mail it to the address you listed?

I will get on that! :) Thank you!

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

[See More from Sobot, Djordje \(george\) \(MCCSS\)](#)

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**Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS)**

RE: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision  
To: Leah Dyck

April 1, 2024 at 9:41 AM

Perfect, thank you very much.

Have a great day.

George

**From:** Leah Dyck <[leah.dyck@icloud.com](mailto:leah.dyck@icloud.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 9:40 AM

**To:** Sobot, Djordje (george) (MCCSS) <[Djordjegeorge.Sobot@ontario.ca](mailto:Djordjegeorge.Sobot@ontario.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: CSS2024-0678 - interim decision

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NC-COMM-ATIP-AIPRP-GD

ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)  
To: leah.dyck@icloud.com, Cc: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 8, 2024 at 11:01 AM



Meaghan was nice. I'm just pointing out how hard it is to get this information.

Good day,

This is in reference to your request submitted under the Access to Information Act, received at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on March 27, 2024, and which reads as follows:

***“The number of people who reside in Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”***

We are writing to seek clarification to ensure the accurate retrieval of your records. In order for our program to proceed with the retrieval process effectively, we need to confirm the specifics of your request.

Could you please clarify if you are seeking information on **the number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil** who received less than a combined total of \$2,000 in OAS pension, GIS, CPP Disability, and CPP Retirement pension in the month of December for each of the 4 years mentioned.

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 8, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Meaghan Kesterton by email at [meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca).

Kind regards,



NC-COMM-ATIP-AIPRP-GD

FW: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)  
To: leah.dyck@icloud.com

April 16, 2024 at 8:14 AM



Good day,

I am writing to follow up on my previous email sent on April 8, 2024 seeking clarification regarding your request text.

If no response is received within **May 8, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at [meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca).

Kind regards,

### Meaghan Kesterton

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Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)  
To: NC-COMM-ATIP-AIPRP-GD

April 16, 2024 at 8:23 AM

Good morning Meaghan,

Thank you for following up with me about this.

So I'm trying to find out how many poor people are living in Barrie and Innisfil. I've received the numbers for ODSP and OW from the social services ministry but now I'm looking to find out how many people receive OAS, GIS, CPP Disability and regular CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

However, some people receiving CPP are married and have spouses who make a ton of money. For example, one of my volunteers says her CPP payment is \$100/month but her husband makes \$8K/month.

So I'm looking for the number of people who only rely on their CPP to survive, and have CPP payments equal to or less than \$2000/month.

I'm not sure what question to ask to find this information because I'm not sure how you guys organize your data. Is it possible to find out what I'm trying to find out?

I also know that it's possible for people on ODSP to also be in receipt of CPP Disability. However, if they receive CPP Disability, they don't get any cash payments from ODSP. However, ODSP still covers their insured dental and medical expenses. Do you know if it's possible to find out how many people receive CPP Disability, but who do not receive ODSP?

Thank you for any helpful advice you may be able to provide.

Talk soon,

Leah



Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 17, 2024 at 10:43 AM

Hi Leah,

Your request has been sent to our program for processing, and unfortunately, we are unable to add any new items to your request text. However, our program has reached out and confirmed that they can provide numbers for the entire electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil. Regrettably, they would not be able to provide data for the individual municipalities within Barrie and Innisfil.

In light of this information, would you be willing to consider amending your request text to:

**“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”**

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 17, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at [meaghan.kesterton@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:meaghan.kesterton@hrsdcc-rhdcc.gc.ca).

Kind regards,

**Meaghan Kesterton**

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Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 19, 2024 at 7:28 AM

Good morning Meaghan,

I apologize again for the late response.

So is the only thing you need from me is to re-write the request, just in this email? Such as this:

**“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”**

Thanks Meaghan,

Talk soon!

Leah

[See More from Kesterton, Meaghan M \[NC\]](#)



Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 19, 2024 at 12:51 PM

Hi Leah,

We only require a confirmation from you that you agree to change the request text as follows:

**“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received either an OAS, GIS, CPP Disability, or a CPP Payment of \$2000 or less, in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Could I also have the numbers in Barrie and Innisfil listed (Separately (not combined)? Could I also have the numbers for OAS, GIS, CPP and CPP Disability listed separated as well?”**

Once we receive your confirmation regarding the requested change in the text, we'll proceed with processing your request.

Looking forward to your confirmation.

Best regards,



Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

RE: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Leah Dyck

April 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM

Good morning,

Following consultation with our program of interest, I wanted to inform you that they have confirmed the viability of the following amended text:

**“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”**

Additionally, our program wishes to ensure that the following information accurately reflects your request:

- Number of OAS program recipients whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Disability recipients whose disability benefit was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose amount was \$2,000 or less;
- Total number of clients (unique clients) that receive either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit) that was \$2,000 or less.

Therefore, we kindly request your confirmation for the newly amended text and verification that all mentioned information aligns with your requirements.

Your request will be put in abeyance for 30 days, starting from the date of this email. If no response is received within **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, your request will be closed. Please refer to the request number above in any future correspondence. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email.

Kind regards,

**Meaghan Kesterton**

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Leah Dyck

Re: ESDC ATIP - Tracking Number: 3578886 (Our file: A-2024-00038)

To: Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC]

April 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM



Hello Meaghan,

Yes, I confirm.

**“The number of people in the electoral riding of Barrie and Innisfil, Ontario, who received a combined total of \$2,000 or less for all benefits they receive (OAS+GIS), as well as (CPP) in December 2020, December 2021, December 2022 and December 2023.”**

This includes the following information of my request:

- Number of OAS program recipients whose OAS pension plus GIS was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Disability recipients whose disability benefit was \$2,000 or less;
- Number of CPP Retirement beneficiaries (including Post-Retirement benefit) whose amount was \$2,000 or less;
- Total number of clients (unique clients) that receive either OAS+GIS, CPP Disability, or CPP Retirement (including Post-Retirement benefit) that was \$2,000 or less.

Thank you so much,

Leah

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2024, at 11:09 AM, Kesterton, Meaghan M [NC] <[meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:meaghan.kesterton@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)> wrote:

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