**Narrative – Results for Keith Poverty Survey**

1. On the importance of the issue of poverty in Dufferin County, 58.97% of respondents felt it is a serious issue.
2. When the word “poverty” is mentioned, 43.4% of respondents said that Social Housing comes to mind.
3. When respondents were asked “Because I was poor as a child and now as an adult I am financially stable, I no longer need to worry about the negative health impacts that were tied to me being poor?”, 98.04% of respondents felt this was a false statement.
4. Respondents were asked if an individual working a 40 hour week in Dufferin earning minimum wage of ($19,000 after taxes) can meet their basic needs. The response to this was that 97.96% felt that this was not possible.
5. At least 20% of employed workers are in precarious forms of employment, 93.75% of respondents fell this increases and individuals risk for poverty.
6. Respondents felt by a response of 98.08% that the greatest impact on an individuals overall health is income and social factors.
7. A person on Ontario Works would have to spend 132% of their monthly cheque to be able to afford a bachelor apartment in Orangeville/Mono. The majority of respondents (61.36 %) felt that it was between 30% to 90% of a persons monthly cheque.
8. When given a choices of who is responsible for addressing poverty in Dufferin County, 91.84% of individuals felt that individuals living in poverty, government at all levels, local Social Service Agencies including government non for profit and charities and the broader community are all responsible.
9. Respondents were asked “What was the first thing they would do to eliminate poverty if they had a magic wand?”. 37.5% would address affordable housing and homelessness, 25% would address income inequality while 33.33% would address a combination of affordable housing and homelessness, income inequality, food insecurity, health inequality and other measures.
10. 98% of respondents feel that it is important for Dufferin County to have a Poverty Task Force made up of a variety of key stakeholders (local agencies, municipal government, local businesses, community members) responsible for creating a strategy to address issues that impact poverty in Dufferin County.
11. Respondents were asked how they saw themselves involved in addressing poverty in Dufferin County, 60% would like to be part of the Task Force.