

## **JUNE 26 2016 GLI full newsletter**

**Community event on June 29. Debate on a BI.** Sheila Regehr and Josephine Grey vs. John Clarke of OCAP. See the poster at <http://www.qaz.ca/calendar.html#june29>

Remember to register!

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**Next meeting of Basic Income Toronto Organization** will be Tuesday, June 28 at 7 PM at Red Fish Blue Fish cafe 73 Harbord street just west of Spadina. If you walk west from the Robarts Library you will get there.

This is the last time we will have to meet this group at a cafe. Matt has arranged space at Metro hall.

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### **Subscribe to Waterloo region newsletter**

Waterloo seems to be the most active local BI/GLI group in Ontario these days. It is worth subscribing to their newsletter.

Recently they held a discussion on Municipal Government and Basic Income. <http://biwr.ca/municipal-government-basic-income/>

The problem for municipal government is that a BI cheque would be issued from the federal government and leave local government, the level closest to the people, out of the loop.

Nonetheless, the Waterloo region government has endorsed Basic Income. <http://biwr.ca/region-waterloo-endorses-basic-income/?platform=hootsuite>

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### **Segal will design the Ontario Pilot**

The Ontario government has engaged ex senator Hugh Segal to help them design a pilot BI project. It would be worth while for BI groups to invite him to explain how the pilot will work and hear recommendations. [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/06/24/hugh-segal-basic-income-ontario\\_n\\_10658764.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/06/24/hugh-segal-basic-income-ontario_n_10658764.html)

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**Need for an ongoing study group.**

Robyn has continued her presentation on BI at the South Riverdale community Health center, 955 Queen street east. They are held 1:30 to 3:30 every other week and the next one is June 30.

Progress is slow because the participants are invited to bring forward their own issues as well. A new venue may need to be found, if enough people would like to present about different aspects of a Basic Income. If anyone would like to conduct a session, contact the publisher of this newsletter at racoon@bell.net

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**Need for public forums similar to the one at Metro hall.**

What I would really like to do is hold panel discussions every couple of months on different topics.

Potential topics include;

1. Guaranteed Livable Income and voting reform. Will Proportional Representation make it easier to get and keep a GLI? Would a GLI party help?
2. GLI and inflation. What will be the effect of a GLI in the price of commodities low income people need? Particularly, on affordable housing?
3. More pilots or "get it done now!" Some people say pilots are just delaying tactics. The idea of income guarantees has been studied to death. It is time to get on with it.

Who has some more ideas? Who would like to be a moderator?

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Next GLI full newsletter July 3rd.