



Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration March 6, 2023

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: Tile Loan Increase, Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction, Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care

Recommendation:

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie in their request to have the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the Tile Loan Program and to increase the maximum loan amount to \$125, 000 AND FURTHER directs Staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Niagara Region in declaring homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis as three separate declarations of emergency and in their request to the Federal Government to declare homelessness a humanitarian crisis AND FURTHER directs Staff to distribute as they see fit.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the City of Thunder Bay in their support of the passing of Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care Act AND FURTHER direct Staff to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

The following resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

Discussion:

1. The Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the provisions of the Tile Loan Program

and to consider the economic changes that have occurred since the last review in 2004 and to increase the maximum loan amount to \$125,000.

2. The Niagara Region is requesting that the declarations of emergency for homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction be viewed as individual challenges that require strategies and tactics including stakeholders, strategies, and funding that are specifically designed for each unique issue.
3. Bill 42 enacts the Gender Affirming Health Care Committee Act, 2022. The Act provides that the Minister of Health shall within 60 days of the Act coming into force, establish a Gender Affirming Health Care Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall submit a report making recommendations to the Minister for improving access to and coverage for gender affirming health care. The City of Thunder Bay are in support of the passing of Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care Act.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer