



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group Terms of Reference Amendment Request**

**Prepared By: Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk**

**Department: Legislative Services**

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**File Number: C11 CLK23**

**Attachments: Motion, Draft Terms of Reference MMWTWG**

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### **Recommendation:**

- 1) THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council approve the annual membership fee of the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group of \$400 for 2023.
- 2) THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council approve the name change from Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group to Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group AND FURTHER THAT Council approve amendments to the Mandate and the Terms of Reference for the Group as outlined in Report CLK-2023-04-26.

### **Background:**

The Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (MMWTWG), of which the Township of Huron-Kinloss is a member, and has appointed a representative to, has requested the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss consider amendments to the MMWTWG Terms of Reference.

The current Terms of Reference require that each member municipality approve the annual membership fee. The annual fee for 2023 did not increase and remains at \$400.00.

A motion passed at the March 9, 2023 meeting of the Working Group included information that the Group would like shared with local Fire Chiefs. This information is included in a Report No. CLK-05- -215

### **Discussion:**

Members of the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group (MMWTWG) identified that although the Working Group was formed to assist member municipalities with common issues regarding wind turbines, that other issues have been coming forward regarding storage facilities and other alternative energy solutions. The Working Group determined that the name, mandate and Terms of Reference did not reflect other types of energy sources. The Group resolved to review and suggest amendments to the Terms of Reference to allow the group to address concerns related to alternative generation facilities as well.

At the MMWTWG meeting of March 9, 2023, the Group considered and approved a draft version of amendments to the Terms of Reference. A motion (attached as "Motion") approved the draft terms of reference and forwarded to member Councils for consideration. The consensus of all member municipalities is required to amend the Terms of Reference for the Working Group.

The current Terms of Reference and the proposed Terms of Reference with amendments are attached for Council's consideration.

**Financial Impacts:**

The \$400 membership fee has been included in the 2023 Budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Report Approved By:**

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