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The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration November 2020

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Department: Clerk's Department

Date: Nov. 2, 2020

Report Number: CLK-2020-11-92

File Number: 150 Reports

Attachments: Cannabis Grow Operations, Cannabis Stores, Review Re-opening of Ski Resorts, Unauthorized Car Rally, Municipal Insurance Policy

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2020-10-92 prepared by Kelly Lush Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant and further directs the following resolutions be brought forward for Council Consideration: Numbers _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

Background:

We have received the following resolutions for consideration

Discussion:

1. Cannabis Grow Operations
Northumberland County, the Township of Blandford and Blenheim, the Municipality of Tweed and the Township of Asphodel Norwood are requesting that a governing body be established to regulate cannabis production and to take a unified approach to land use planning and restrictions. They are requesting to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected.
2. Cannabis Stores
The City of Clarence-Rockland is requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores and to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality

concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores.

3. Review Re-Opening of Ski Resorts

Oro-Medonte is requesting that the Government of Ontario consult with the ski industry through the Ontario Snow Resorts Association to review re-opening policy considerations currently impacting the industry.

4. Unauthorized Car Rally

Northumberland County supports Wasaga Beach in asking that the Provincial government develop tougher laws with larger financial penalties when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants. The letter from Wasaga Beach to the Premier is attached.

5. Municipal Insurance Policy

The Township of Lake of Bays a local municipality within Muskoka have experienced a 20% increase in municipal liability for 2019 and are expecting at least 20% increase for 2020. Throughout the Township of Lake of Bays, the area of concern is the Errors and Omissions for building code claims. There is a much higher value of newly built cottages/seasonal residences within Lake of Bays and it is populated by a commanding number of ratepayers who possess the financial means to sue and will endure the protracted legal process. The Township has a lower than average number of building claims, however a higher than average payout. Please consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer