



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration July 2023**

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**Department: Legislative Services**

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**Attachments: 1. Health Care Crisis 2. Right to Repair 3. Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

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### **Recommendation:**

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Municipality of Huron Shores in their request to the Minister of Health to address the health care crisis in rural and Northern Ontario, AND direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury in their endorsement of the right-to-repair movement and in calling on the Federal government to expedite the promised consultations to ensure consumer protection, AND direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Women of Ontario Say No for the call of the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; AND direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

### **Background:**

These resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

### **Discussion:**

1. The Municipality of Huron Shores is reaching out to the Minister of Health regarding the North Shore Health Network having to temporarily close the Emergency Department at the Thessalon site due to physician shortages with having no primary care physicians to help service the site and catchment area.

2. The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is supporting the Right-to Repair movement as an environmental and consumer protection measure to ensure consumers are able to reasonably access repairs to electronic and other devices at a fair price and to will reduce waste by combatting planned obsolescence. The Town is calling on the Federal government to expedite the promised consultations to enshrine this principle in consumer protection law.
  
3. On May 31st, 2023, the government voted down Bill 5 – The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. The Women of Ontario Say No are writing to call on municipalities to be an active and engaged voice in workplace safety and that of the municipal staff by joining 166 other Ontario municipalities in supporting legislation to hold municipally elected representatives accountable for violence and harassment. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario’s recommendation is for:
  - Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
  - Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
  - Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
  - Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
  - Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

**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:**

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Report Approved By:**

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