



## Staff Report

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

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**Department: Legislative Services**

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**Attachments: 1. Arran-Elderslie - Inclusion and Accessibility Committee, 2. Township of Emo – Black Ash Tree, 3. Township of Severn – Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)**

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### **Recommendation:**

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support the Township of Arran-Elderslie in their exploration of creating an Inclusion and Accessibility Committee that will examine the barriers, identify opportunities, and propose anti-hate policies and procedures that ensure safe and welcoming space for everyone;

AND FURTHER direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support the Township of Emo in their request the Provincial government to rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy where it concerns the Rainy River District and to complete a provincial study regarding the socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario,

AND FURTHER direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Township of Severn in their endorsement for the call of a new Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer, urging the federal government to make a financial commitment in the next federal budget;

AND FURTHER directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

**Background:**

These resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

**Discussion:**

1. With the increase in hate-motivated incidents and hate crimes, the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie embraces and celebrates diversity, equity and inclusion in their community. The Township of Arran-Elderslie is exploring the creation of an inclusive and accessibility committee that will examine barriers, identify opportunities and propose anti-hate policies and procedures that ensure a safe and welcoming space for everyone and have passed this motion along to all Bruce County Municipalities.
2. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario. The Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into effect January 2024 with misunderstood references including the unknown factors on the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario. As such, the Township of Emo is urging the Provincial government to rescind the Black Ash Strategy, seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario and complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario.
3. The federal government introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, and the Township of Severn is asking that the Act be paired with and backed-up by an investment in the jobs of the future and to offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction.  
The Township of Severn cites that the Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, and would provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities.

**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