



Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration November 2023

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: 1. Cobourg - Illegal Land Use Enforcement, 2. McKellar – Call for Amendment to Legislation Act 3. Midland – Catch and Release 4. Quinte West, Wawa – Chronic Pain Treatment 5. Rainy River – Water Treatment Training 6. Aurora - Cannabis

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2023-11-61 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee of the Whole support resolution # _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ as outlined in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

These resolutions from other Ontario Municipality's were received for consideration.

Discussion:

1. The City of Cobourg is requesting that the Province amend the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to bar entry to properties where illegal land use has detrimental impacts on other residential properties and to increase the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act. Cobourg is requesting that the Province strengthen municipal land use powers when dealing with illegal land use enforcement.
2. The Legislation Act, 2006 provides definition of "newspaper" which applies to every Ontario Act Regulation as in a provision requiring a publication, means a document that a) is printed in sheet form and b) consists of news of current events or general interest. Municipalities are required to follow publication and

notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations. Many rural communities are facing the loss of printed newspaper as the publishing companies move to a digital format. The Township of McKellar is requesting that the Provincial Government amend the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations.

3. The Town of Midland is requesting improvements to the current state of the "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system noting that Police Services across Ontario are exhausting time and resources have to manage repeated offenders which in turn impacts law-abiding citizens who are paying the financial and emotional toll of the broken system.
4. The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive. The Municipality of Wawa and City of Quinte West suggest that with the reduction on this service from OHIP, many patients will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, prescriptions or street drugs. Both communities are requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain the coverage for chronic pain treatments.
5. Water facilities in the Province of Ontario must have operators trained as prescribed by the province. The Town of Rainy River is a small community in Northwestern Ontario with limited resources to provide the training. Rainy River is petitioning the government to expand their water treatment training opportunities, provide flexible and affordable training and utilize networks for online options for all communities in Ontario.
6. The Town of Aurora has a current population of 64,000 and a geography of 7 km by 7 km with 13 cannabis stores with many of the stores being located within close proximity to schools, daycares and society's most vulnerable. The Town's vision supports an active and healthy lifestyle to compliment a complete community and would like to see a cap on cannabis stores in their municipality.

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:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer