



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration January 2024**

**Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**Date: Jan. 15, 2024**

**Report Number: CLK-2024-01-3**

**File Number: C11 CLK24**

**Attachments: 1. Cemetery Administration and Management Support 2. Community Safety and Inciteful Speech 3. Ontario Energy Board Leave to Construct (LTC)**

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### **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. Cemetery Administration and Management Support**

Churches and local boards are experiencing high maintenance costs and lack of financial resources to effectively operate and maintain cemeteries leading them to abandon the cemetery. With the increased number of abandoned cemeteries being transferred to municipalities, municipalities are experiencing the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience. Clearview Township and Tay Township request that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario consider the following;

- Amend Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2022 to have the Province identified as the default owner and operator of an abandoned cemetery
- Provide annual funding to municipalities to assist with maintenance

- Provide free training regarding cemetery administration
- Support design of universal cemetery software

## 2. **Community Safety and Inciteful Speech**

The Town of Aurora acknowledges the escalation of unrest around the world causing inciteful speech and triggers that are causing uncertainty and unsafe feelings in their own community. Aurora is calling on all levels of government to acknowledge these concerns and encourage our communities and leaders to bring the community together to promote peace, healing and understanding during this time.

## 3. **Ontario Energy Board Leave to Construct (LTC)**

The municipality of Grey Highlands is petitioning the Ontario Government to expedite the implementation of the following recommendations with regards to the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct (LTC) process;

- modernize LTC process for smaller pipeline projects
- LTC cost threshold be updated from \$2M to \$10M for hydrocarbon lines
- Update regulations that were established over 20 years ago and are outdated
- Modernizing regulations would reduce delays and costs for economic development initiatives
- this proposal would save time on the regulatory process
- the cost of preparing and having an LTC application heard can range from \$50,000 - \$200,00 which is passed on to customers
- Updates would be consistent with electricity projects and LTC for hydrocarbon lines would only be required for significant projects
- Increasing the cost threshold to \$10M would be consistent with other provinces

### **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