



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration

Date: Nov. 4, 2024

Report Number: CLK-2024-11-44

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK24

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: a) Township of Brock, Ride Sharing b) Town of Cobourg, Care for Mental Health and Addictions c) Good Roads, Rural Roads Safety Program d) Municipality of Kincardine, Accessibility Coordinator e) Town of Tillsonburg, Support for Community Transit f) Town of Aurora Fair Share g) County of Bruce CANDU Reactors

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-11-44 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole support the following resolutions;

AND FURTHER direct Staff to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

These resolutions were received from other Ontario Municipalities for consideration. Item (c) was provided by the Good Roads Association for Council consideration.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

- a) The Township of Brock is supporting the initiative to transfer ride-sharing from the municipal level to the provincial level and the creation of a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride sharing services in the province.
- b) The Town of Cobourg support the Province of British Columbia's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health additions and challenges and is urging the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals within Ontario have access to involuntary care when necessary.
- c) The Province of Ontario has confirmed that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads, despite having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads. Good Roads has stated that rural and northern remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base. Good Roads is requesting that the Province of Ontario take action to implement a rural road safety program that Good Roads

has committed to lead and is asking for support for the Township of Huron-Kinloss support.

Township of Huron-Kinloss staff recommends Council support the resolution provided for consideration by Good Roads.

- d) The Municipality of Kincardine is requesting that the County of Bruce introduce an Accessibility Coordinator position to act as a collaborative, capacity building resource for the County and Lower Tier staff, Accessibility Advisory Committee and the public so that Bruce County can become a leader in building accessible, welcoming communities for residents and visitors of all abilities.
- e) The County of Brant Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Municipality of East Zorra, Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit. The Town of Tillsonburg is urging the Province of Ontario to continue funding the program beyond 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario.
- f) With municipalities facing growing infrastructure needs with the current sources of municipal revenue being insufficient to meet the increasing demands for infrastructure investment the Town of Aurora is requesting that the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities and that the Federal Government allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities.
- g) The County of Bruce recognizes the strategic importance of the CANDU nuclear reactors as a cornerstone of Ontario's energy strategy and has expressed its support for the continued operation, refurbishment and expansion of the CANDU fleet in Bruce County and across Ontario.

The County circulated this resolution to all local municipalities looking for support.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications with this report

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery

Prepare for Inclusive Growth

Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer