



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration December 2, 2024

Date: Dec. 2, 2024

Report Number: CLK-2024-12-47

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK 24

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: a) Township of Puslinch Soil Management Practices b) Township of Puslinch Reuse of Excess Soil c) City of Hamilton Road Safety Measures

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-12-47 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.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

- a) The Township of Puslinch is calling upon the Provincial government to prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soils from roads and underground projects and to ensure that adequate resources are allocated to support enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations. Puslinch is also requesting the Province collaborate with municipalities to provide support and funding for enforcement activities related to soil management and conduct a impact assessment in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report before proceeding with the traffic tunnel.
- b) Township of Puslinch formally objects to the proposed amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation citing concerns regarding the detrimental effects on local municipalities, the environment, soil and groundwater quality protection and effective land use planning.
- c) The City of Hamilton is formally opposed to any proposed provincial initiative that seeks to restrict or limit the autonomy of municipalities in implementing road safety measures, including the establishment of or removal of bike lanes or bike infrastructure and support the empowerment of municipal road authorities to independently assess and recommend the best methods to ensure the safety of all road users within their jurisdiction.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications with this report.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Prepare for Inclusive Growth
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer