

# Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 Marriage Commissioners Annual ReportDate: Jan. 13, 2025Report Number: CLK-2025-02Department: Legislative ServicesFile Number: C11 CLK 25Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy ClerkAttachments: None

#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2025-02, as prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

### **Background:**

2024 marked the 19<sup>th</sup> year of offering the service of commissioning marriages. This report provides an update on the Township of Huron-Kinloss marriage commissioning service for 2024.

#### Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Summary of 2024

The Township has four marriage commissioners available to perform civil marriage ceremonies.

| Marriage<br>Commissioners | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M. Fair                   | 3    | 6    | 3    | 3    | 5    |
| M. Gilchrist              | 10   | 17   | 13   | 14   | 14   |
| C. Morais                 | 14   | 13   | 18   | 16   | 19   |
| L. Stewart                | 9    | 5    | 22   | 15   | 11   |
| TOTAL                     | 36   | 41   | 56   | 48   | 49   |

There are 12 ceremonies booked for 2025.

Marilynne Gilchrist submitted her resignation as of December 31, 2024. Marilynne was a valued commissioner with the Township for close to 10 years. To continue to offer the standard of service offered in the past, the recruitment process to fill the vacant position began in October with a successful candidate announced in late

November. Janice Wilhelm of Huron-Kinloss will join the Township of Huron-Kinloss team as a Marriage Commissioner and begin offering her services for the 2025 wedding season.

#### **Financial Impacts:**

An estimate of the fees generated by the Marriage Commissioners will be included in the 2025 budget.

# Performance Measurement:

N/A

# Strategic Area:

□Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle □Prepare for Inclusive Growth  $\boxtimes$  Enhance Municipal Service Delivery

□ Ensure Financial Stability

# Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

**Respectfully Submitted By:** Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Report Approved By:** Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer