



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration January 2025**

**Date: Jan. 13, 2025**

**Report Number: CLK-2025-01**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**File Number: C11 CLK25**

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

**Attachments: a) City of Guelph Fees for Gas Utilities b) AMO Captive Wildlife c) West Grey Durham Upper Dam d) City of Toronto Paid Blood and Plasma e) Ontario Women's Caucus Calling for Resignation f) Municipality of Kincardine Property Tax Implications g) Township of Puslinch Fair Tax Policies for Aggregate Industry**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2025-01 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 and organizations for consideration.

### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

- a) The City of Guelph is requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Section 9 of O.Reg. 584/06 under the Municipal Act, 2001 to permit municipalities to charge fees to for-profit gas utilities for their use of public property.
- b) World Animal Protection and Zoocheck along with support from AMO, AMCTO, MLEOA and the Toronto Zoo are asking municipalities to support and adopt the resolution to urge the Ontario Government to stop downloading responsibilities to municipalities and restrict the possession, breeding and use of non-native (exotic) wild animals and licence zoos to support municipalities and guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy for the safety of Ontario citizens and the captive wild animal population.
- c) The Municipality of West Grey is expressing concerns to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority of the cessation of winter operations at the Durham Upper Dam.

- d) The City of Toronto is in opposition of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City and is requesting that Canadian Blood Services, federal and provincial government, Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals and all Ontario Municipalities support only voluntary blood and plasma collection where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.
  
- e) The Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus is calling on Michael Mantha to resign from his position as M.P.P of the Algoma-Manitoulin Riding immediately following claims of sexual harassment and allegations of workplace misconduct.
  
- f) The Municipality of Kincardine is requesting that the province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario’s nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry as the current model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market based formula applied to the electricity industry.
  
- g) The Township of Puslinch strongly object the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry and is calling on the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province’s tax base.

**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