

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration May 2025

Date: May. 5, 2025 Report Number: CLK-2025-15

Department: Legislative Services File Number: C11 CLK 25

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: a) Opposition of Strong Mayors Powers b) City of Sarnia Carbon Tax c) Town of Georgina Salt Management d) Township of Glengarry Rural Roadways e) Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Day Light Savings Time f) Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services Ontario Works Rates g) Township of Champlain Monitoring Heavy Vehicles h) Town of Parry Sound Inclusive Research

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-10-40 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole support the following resolutions: and 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 Mayor of Saugeen Shores is in opposition to the proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and is requesting that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing engage in a thorough consultation process with Council and the residents of the community before moving forward, noting that It is crucial that any changes to local governance structures be made in close partnership with the communities they impact. Other municipalities in opposition to this amendment include the Township of Zorra, Town of Kingsville, Town of Tecumseh, Town of Parry Sound, the Town of Tillsonburg and the Town of Deep River.
- b) Given the advent of the US tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians, the City of Sarnia finds it critical at this time to petition the Federal government to put a stop the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2025.
- The Town of Georgina is urging the Province of Ontario to work with key stakeholders to develop liability legislation, enforceable contractor training and

provincially endorsed standard best management practices for snow and ice management and ask that the Province create and fund a stakeholder advisory committee to advise on the impacts of salt pollution and how to protect the freshwater ecosystems.

- d) The Township of North Glengarry is requesting that the Government of Ontario take action to implement a rural road safety program to help maintain rural and remote roadways that financially strain rural municipalities.
- e) The Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan is requesting that the Premier of Ontario amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 and set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025 and end Day Light Savings Time.
- f) Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services is requesting that the Provincial Government to urgently increase Ontario Works rates to match the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rate that have already been made and and commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen.
- g) The Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.
- h) The Town of Parry Sound supports the national call for stronger federal support for inclusive research that reflects the diversity of Canadian communities as diverse and inclusive research has been shown to generate more innovative, practical, and impactful solutions, and strengthens our economy, healthcare system, and ability to address national and global challenges.

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