



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

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

**Date: Jul. 7, 2025**

**Report Number: CLK-2025-21**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**File Number: C11 CLK 25**

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

**Attachments: a) Town of La Salle Support Northern Health Travel Grant b) Municipality of Tweed Blue Box Producers c) Township of Black River-Matheson Firefighter Certification Opposition d) Bradford West Gwillimbury Increase Income Replacement Benefit Program e) Prince Edward County Disability without Poverty f) Multiple Municipalities Opposition to Bill 5 g) Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Health and Human Service Funding h) District of Parry Sound Municipal Ethics by Access and Education i) Honourable Robert Black, Senator, Ontario**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2025-21 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 for consideration.

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

- a) The Town of La Salle is calling upon the Province and the Ministry of Health to establish a grant system similar to the Northern Health Travel Grant program in Windsor-Essex County to provide support to the residents of Windsor-Essex County when they need to travel long distances for specialized medical services at ministry funded health care facilities.
- b) The Municipality of Tweed is requesting that the province amend Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources.
- c) The Township of Black River-Matheson formally oppose the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22 as it poses significant challenges for small, rural and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers and reliance on volunteer fire departments.
- d) The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is calling on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income

Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to \$40,000 annually for a single-person household and urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs.

- e) Prince Edward County is requesting that the Federal Government commit to exempting the Canada Disability Benefit from income tax and work towards supporting Canadians with a disability live without poverty.
- f) Multiple municipalities are in opposition to the provisions in Bill 5 that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous rights, or local planning authorities and are calling upon the Province of Ontario to withdraw the Bill and to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect local planning regimes.
- g) The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville are requesting that the province establish permanent sustainable provincial funding solutions to ensure York Region receives the funding needed to deliver health and human services.
- h) The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association is calling upon the Ontario Government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in the democratic system. The Association is also requesting that the Municipal Affairs and/or Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, particulars of each investigation.
- i) The Honourable Robert Black, Senator, Ontario brings forward a report on soil health in Canada that examined the state of soil health, the effects of soil pollution and contamination and domestic and international practices in place to protect, preserve and conserve soil. The Senator is asking for support of the recommendations in the report that would help develop measures in land use planning and practices that preserve and protect agricultural land.

[Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Science](#)

**Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial implications with this report.

**Performance Measurement:**

N/A

**Strategic Area:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability         |

**Strategic Goal: Not applicable**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer