



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration November 2025

Date: Nov. 3, 2025

Report Number: CLK-2025-31

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK25

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: a) City of Dryden Swim to Survive; b) Town of Ajax Automated Speed Enforcement; c) Municipality of Bluewater Climate Change; d) Edwardsburgh Cardinal OCIF; e) Halton Region Public Safety Requirements to Protect Communities; f) Niagara Region State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions; g) Town of Plympton-Wyoming Conservation Fee Freeze; h) Township of Stone Mills Emerald Ash Borer

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive Report CLK-2025-29 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 City of Dryden along with support from the Town of Goderich, Municipality of South Huron, Town of Wasaga Beach and the Township of Puslinch is urging the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students.
- b) The Town of Ajax, City of Brampton and the Town of Newmarket oppose the Provinces decision to abruptly cancel the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program and amend the legislation to restrict the use of ASE to school locations, use of ASE in other areas must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, develop a revised fee schedule with appropriate penalties, develop new signage, and that the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement; and that should the program be cancelled that the Province reimburse municipalities that continue this program.

- c) The Municipality of Bluewater is urging the Government of Canada to maintain climate change as a top national priority, prioritize investments in clean energy, support municipalities in their efforts, accelerate transition to low-carbon economy, engage in transparent, science-based policymaking, collaborate with Indigenous communities and continue to report annually on the progress.
- d) The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supported by the Township of South Huron is calling upon the Government of Ontario to extend the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) at not less than \$400 million beyond its current term ending in 2026 with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets, to index the total annual OCIF and each municipal allocation calculated on a calendar basis and distributed in the first quarter of each fiscal year, and that the Province reviews the formula once every four years, have a dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5% of the annual OCIF. The Township is also requesting that the Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual allocation by municipality to enable long-term capital planning, publish an annual OCIF performance report.
- e) The Region of Halton is calling upon the Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the promised bail and sentencing reforms and requesting Canada to invest and strengthen the administration of justice and is calling for the following policy considerations; expanding reverse onus provisions for repeat offenders, stronger mandatory bail conditions, limit multiple bail releases for serious offences, improve inter-agency information sharing and prioritize victim and community impact in bail decisions.
- f) The Niagara Region advocates that the Province support a coordinated approach with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges to mental health, homelessness and addictions and for funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment and mental health supports.
- g) The Town of Plympton-Wyoming is calling on the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze on conservation authorities and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.
- h) The Township of Stone Mills is requesting that the Provincial and Federal Governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipalities, private organizations and property owners in effectively managing the removal and

replanting of trees thereby addressing the aftermath of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation.

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