



Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration April, 2021

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Department: Clerk's Department

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Attachments:

- 1. COVID Response Framework – Colour Coded Capacity Limits,**
- 2. Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement,**
- 3. MeeQuam Youth Centre Closure**
- 4. Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara**
- 5. Request for Support – McNally House Hospice and End of Life Care**
- 6. Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential**
- 7. Provincial Vaccine Rollout**
- 8. Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020**

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2021-04-28 prepared by Kelly Lush Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, the City of Sarnia and Township of Lake of Bays in support of the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the COVID Response Framework – Colour Coded Capacity Limits AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Township of Brock and Town of Fort Erie regarding Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.

3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Town of Cochrane regarding MeeQuam Youth Centre Closure AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from Niagara Region, County of Peterborough and City of Fort Erie respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in the Niagara Region AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Town of Lincoln, City of Fort Erie, regarding the Request for Support – McNally House Hospice and End of Life Care AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
6. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Town of Kingsville regarding Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms) AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
7. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from the Township of South Glengarry regarding the Provincial COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.
8. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the request from Niagara Region and City of Fort Erie regarding Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020. (landfills) AND requests the motion come forward for Council consideration.

Background:

The following resolutions are being brought forward for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

1. COVID Response Framework – Colour Coded Capacity Limits
The Town of Plympton-Wyoming, the City of Sarnia and Lake of Bays are advocating to the Province of Ontario to adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sports and recreation facilities, places of worship, event centres and all retail/small businesses as part of a colour coded system and that indoor capacity limits for should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.
2. Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement
The Township of Brock and Fort Erie are requesting that Health Canada require;
 - Federal licenses and registrations for designated growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;

- Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;
- Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
- Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
- Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

3. MeeQuam Youth Centre Closure

The Town of Cochrane is requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the MeeQuam Youth Centre in Cochrane as the youth at this centre are in need of the services and to allow them to be as close as possible to their families and communities in Northern Ontario.

4. Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Niagara Region, County of Peterborough and Fort Erie acknowledge a significant crisis exists in Niagara regarding homelessness, mental health and addiction and are in support of sending advocacy letters to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministers and advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required funding to align with the Niagara Region's Strategic Plan and request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara.

5. Request for Support – McNally House Hospice and End of Life Care

The Town of Lincoln and Fort Erie are requesting the Province of Ontario and the Niagara Region support the McNally House Hospice's Life in Every Moment Campaign which supports the overall health of the Niagara community and end of life care required to alleviate the burden on hospitals.

6. Bill C-21, An Act to amend certain Acts and to make certain consequential amendments (firearms)

Kingsville is opposed to the adoption of any by-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns and are forwarding their resolution to the Federal and Provincial governments.

7. Provincial Vaccine Rollout

The Township of South Glengarry is urging the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of the vaccination booking system.

8. Schedule 6, Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*

Niagara Region and Fort Erie are requesting that the Province of Ontario amend Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the “host” municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

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