



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Legislative Update March 2021 Bill 229

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Department: Clerk

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C11 Council

Attachments: Implications of Proclamation FAQ's

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report No. CLK-2021-03-16 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

Background:

Bill 229 Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 (Conservation Authorities)

On February 2, 2021 specific provisions to [Bill 229](#) Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 (Conservation Authorities) were proclaimed to initiate changes to conservation authority governance, for consistency in administration, transparency and financial accountability, as well as increased municipal and provincial oversight of conservation authority operations.

These provisions include those requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials, with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality.

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials. Current members will complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, conservation authorities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

Discussion:

Bill 229 Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 (Conservation Authorities)

This update was provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Staff will forward any additional information when it comes available from the Conservation Authorities. Attached is a FAQ that was also provided as a resource.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts related to this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a vibrant community by creating places people want to be.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dance, Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer