



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration March 1, 2021**

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

**Department: Clerk's Department**

**Date: Feb. 1, 2021**

**Report Number: CLK-2021-03-19**

**File Number:**

**C10 RES21**

**Attachments:** Ontario Fire College, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Extension, Universal Sick Days.

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2021-03-19 prepared by Kelly Lush Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant AND directs the following resolutions be brought forward for Council Consideration: Numbers \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Background:**

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

### **Discussion:**

1. Impending closure of the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College  
OPSEU, The Township of Perry, Township of Terrace Bay, Township of Baldwin, Township of Augusta and the Township of Tiny are requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters and is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assist in protecting residents.
2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
The city of Orangeville is requesting that the Government of Ontario develop and

implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible, with an emphasis on proven renewable energy technologies and energy storage, to ensure that Orangeville and other municipalities are enabled to achieve climate action goals (or “GHG emission reduction targets”).

### 3. Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The Township of South Glengarry and Guelph/Eromosa Township is asking that the Ministry of Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and consider the following recommendations;

- That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
- That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
- That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
- That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
- That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
- That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
- That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

### 4. Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act

The Township of Conmee is asking municipalities to lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP database by Order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections and that an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign.

### 5. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Extension

The Township of Asphodel Norwood is calling upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan due to the hardships placed on municipalities due to COVID-19.

### 6. Universal Sick Days

The City of St. Catherines endorses legislated sick leave and is calling on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status.

## **Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial implications with this report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

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

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer