



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration May 3, 2021

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Department: Clerk's Department

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Report Number: CLK-2021-05-43 File Number: C10 RES21

Attachments:

- 1. Paid Sick Leave,**
 - 2. Exempt from Carbon Tax,**
 - 3. Fire Department Equipment,**
 - 4. Small Organization Lottery Licence**
 - 5. Support Dr. Arra,**
 - 6. MTO Phragmites on Provincial Highways**
 - 7. Planning Act Timelines,**
 - 8. 3 Digit Crisis Hotline**
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Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2021-05-43 prepared by Kelly Lush Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant.

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the City of St. Catharines in endorsing legislated sick leave in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status AND request this resolution to come forward to Council.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board in their request that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of Cochrane and the Township of Hudson in their request that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs AND request

that this resolution come forward to Council.

4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support South Bruce Peninsula in requesting that the Province of Ontario give consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licencing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery licence AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.
5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support The Township of Southgate and Town of Hanover in their support for the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Arra and their full confidence in him and his team at the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.
6. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support The Township of The Archipelago in requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates their strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago to help try to manage the effect of the invasive Phragmites AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.
7. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support The City of Kitchener urging the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.
8. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support The Town of Caledon in endorsing the Federal governments initiative to adopt 988, a National three digit suicide and crisis hotline AND request that this resolution come forward to Council.

Background:

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

Discussion:

1. Support for Universal Sick Days in Ontario
The City of St. Catharines and the Town of Amherstburg endorse legislated sick leave and calls 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.
2. Exempt all Primary Agriculture Producers from Current and Future Carbon Taxes
The Municipality of Calvin and Norfolk County support the Norfolk County Agriculture

Advisory Board in their request that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax which should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel and are strongly urging the government to be consistent with a sector wide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

3. Support for Fire Departments

The Town of Cochrane and Township of Hudson request that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

4. Small Organization Lottery Licences

South Bruce Peninsula is requesting that the Province of Ontario give consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licencing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery licence which in turn would allow for them to continue with fundraising activities and contributing to their communities.

5. Grey Bruce Public Health Unit's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra

Recently four Grey and Bruce lower tier Councillor have questioned the integrity and handling of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic of the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra. The Township of Southgate and Town of Hanover wish to indicate that they support the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Arra and have full confidence in him and his team at the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit.

6. Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

The Township of The Archipelago with support from Fort Erie is requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates their strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago to help try to manage the effect of the invasive Phragmites.

7. Planning Act Timelines

The City of Kitchener with the support of the Township of Georgian Bay urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017, and state that the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application.

8. 3 Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

The Town of Caledon supported by the Township of Plympton-Wyoming recognize that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help and endorses the Federal governments initiative to adopt 988, a National three digit suicide and crisis hotline.

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.

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Approved By:

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