



Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration August 4, 2021

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Attachments:

- 1. Anti-Hate Crimes and Banning Symbols,**
 - 2. Amend Criminal Code (Conversion Therapy),**
 - 3. Increase Cost of Building Materials,**
 - 4. Phase Out Ontario's Gas Plants,**
 - 5. Appeal to Human Rights Tribunal,**
 - 6. Prostate Testing included in National Health Care,**
 - 7. Raise Driving Age in Ontario,**
 - 8. Affordable Housing Crisis**
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Recommendation:

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports Chatham Kent and the City of Kitchener in endorsing MP Peter Julian's private member's motion, Motion M-84 Anti-Hate Crimes and Incidents and his private member's bill, Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support the Town of Cobourg in their request for Bill C-6, being an act to amend the Criminal Code of Canada (Conversion Therapy) as it has been presented without any amendments AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support City of Kitchener in their advocacy to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials AND direct Staff to circulate as appropriate.

4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support the City of Stratford in their appeal to the Government of Ontario to immediately take steps to replace gas powered electrical generation with non-carbon based sustainable alternatives AND direct Staff to circulate as appropriate.
5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole supports the City of Mississauga in their call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada AND further directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
6. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole supports the Town of Cochrane and the town of Plympton-Wyoming in their request for the Federal and Provincial Governments to have the prostate blood test (PSA test) be included in the national health care system AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
7. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole supports the City of Vaughan in their request to raise the legal age for a licensed driver from 16 to 18 AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.
8. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole supports the City of Woodstock in their request to the Province and the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to immediately work together on both short and long term solutions, complete with funding, to take proper responsibility and action to address the affordable housing, homelessness, and addictions crisis AND directs Staff to circulate as appropriate.

Background:

The following resolutions were received for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

1. Chatham Kent and the City of Kitchener support MP Peter Julian's motion M-84 Anti-hate crimes and incidents and private member's bill [Bill-C 313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act](#) and believe this is an opportunity to make all Canadians feel safer in the communities that they live.
2. The City of Cobourg [supports Bill C-6 An Act to amend the Criminal Code \(Conversion Therapy\)](#). Bill C-6 would amend the *Criminal Code* to prohibit certain activities that relate to "conversion therapy", which is defined as practices, treatment or services designed to change an individual's sexual orientation to heterosexual or gender identity

to cisgender or to reduce non-heterosexual sexual attraction or sexual behaviour. Specifically, the Bill would enact new offences to prohibit:

- causing an individual to undergo conversion therapy against their will;
- causing a child to undergo conversion therapy;
- removing a child from Canada to undergo conversion therapy abroad;
- receiving a financial or other material benefit from the provision of conversion therapy; and
- advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy.

The Bill would also authorize courts to order the seizure and forfeiture of advertisements for conversion therapy or order their removal from computer systems (“take-down provisions”).

Overall, the Bill would promote the human dignity and equality of all Canadians, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2) people and the LGBTQ2 community. Arising from fundamental social and ethical considerations, the Bill would discourage and denounce practices and treatments that cause psychological harm to LGBTQ2 people. The Bill also potentially engages sections 2(a) (freedom of religion), 2(b) (freedom of expression), 6 (mobility rights), 7 (life, liberty and security of the person), section 8 (search and seizure) and 15 (equality) of the Charter.

3. The Province of Ontario has seen an accelerated overall increase in demands for construction and has deemed residential construction as essential activity during province-wide emergency declarations and stay-at-home orders. The City of Kitchener Council considers it a matter of public interest as the increase in rates and demand could result in unsustainable costs on the local construction industry and are advocating to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials.
4. The [2050 Carbon Zero goal](#) has been and is being adopted by countries and governments at all levels. The City of Stratford states that the most effective way of achieving this goal is through initiatives reducing the carbon footprint. Currently the Province of Ontario is fueled by natural gas which contributes substantially to the province’s carbon footprint. The City of Stratford is requesting that immediate action be taken to replace the gas generators with non-carbon based sustainable alternatives.
5. The City of Mississauga has committed to a path towards Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and has responded to the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action](#) and is committed to speaking truths about our history to further our collective understanding of the past to help create a better future.
With the terrible uncovering of over one thousand unmarked and forgotten children burials at residential schools which have been reported over the past month is a truth about Canada’s past; and the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of Canada to terminate its appeal of the 2019 Human Rights Tribunal Ruling, ordering Ottawa to

pay compensation to First Nations Children and their families, separated in a chronically underfunded child welfare system that sees Indigenous children making up more than half the children in foster care even though they comprise only 7% of all the children under the age of 15 in Canada.

6. Currently the male population has been made to pay for prostate blood test. 11 Canadian men will die of prostate cancer every day and 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% . Men who wish to have this test done have to pay the test. The town of Cochrane request that both the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have the prostate blood test (PSA) included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge.
7. The City of Vaughan Council is concerned about the continued occurrence of serious motor vehicle collisions involving drivers under the age of 18. A shocking and tragic collision involving a 16-year old driver occurred on May 16th, 2021 and the City of Vaughan Council is deeply saddened and concerned by the accident and wishes to see changes to Ontario's driving laws. The City of Vaughan Council is requesting that the Provincial Government consider raising the current minimum driving age for licensed G1 operators of motor vehicles in Ontario from 16 to 18 years old.
8. Current affordable housing crisis in Canada and the quality of life implications caused by addiction, drug and opioid use, and mental health issues are impacting communities in Canada and around the world. Many communities are alarmed by the increase in homelessness, needles discarded in public spaces, visible signs of illegal activities, and are disillusioned with the justice system response. The Woodstock City Council is calling on the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario to bring together the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to immediately work together on both short and long term solutions, complete with funding, to take proper responsibility and action to address the affordable housing, homelessness, and addictions crisis.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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