



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration

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Attachments: 1. Need for Physicians in Northern Ontario, 2. Gypsy Moth, 3. 2022 Year of the Garden, 4. Municipal Accommodation Tax, 5. Banning Symbols of Hate

Recommendation:

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Municipality of Shuniah and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario AND direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Municipality of Limerick in their request that the County of Hastings take the necessary steps to accurately interpret the devastation of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillar by way of geographical consideration along with the online reporting method to ensure accurate and beneficial spraying to combat this problem is undertaken AND direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the County of Norfolk and the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand in proclaiming 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development the country, the municipality and the lives of citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; AND THAT, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in Norfolk County as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; AND AND further direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of South Bruce Peninsula in their request to the Ministry of Environment Conservation

and Parks for the removal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds AND directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby endorse Peter Julian, MP, New Westminster – Burnaby, British Columbia in his support for Private Member's Bill C-229, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (banning symbols of hate), to prevent anyone from selling and displaying symbols that promote hatred and violence against identifiable groups. It is a tool designed to address the growing violence and hate that we are seeing in many Canadian communities AND further direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

The following resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

Discussion:

1. The Municipality of Shuniah and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) support the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario.
2. The Gypsy Moth defoliation in Limerick Township has caused significant damage, with Limerick Township reportedly having the highest concentration of Gypsy moths in Hastings County due to the rural nature of the Township. The Township of Limerick is requesting that the County of Hastings consider the impact of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillars on the rural communities across Ontario and that the County of Hastings take the necessary steps to accurately interpret the devastation of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillar by way of geographical consideration along with the online reporting method to ensure accurate and beneficial spraying to combat this problem is undertaken.
3. County of Norfolk and the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand believe that Gardens and gardening contribute to quality of life, climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation. The County of Norfolk and the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of the country, municipalities and the lives of citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges. As a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022, Norfolk County would like to recognize National Garden Day on June 18, 2022.
4. With 14 campgrounds in the Town of Bruce Peninsula, they are the first jurisdiction in Ontario to implement the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). Under the Municipal Act it states that `` the Crown, any agency of the Crown in right of Ontario or any authority...`` is exempt from MAT as such Sauble Falls Provincial Park, in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula would be exempt from the tax. The Municipality and campground owners believe this exemption creates an unfair competitive advantage and for the provincially operated

campground and request the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks remove the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds.

5. With Hate Crimes on the rise in Canada, Peter Julian, MP, New Westminster – Burnaby, British Columbia is asking for support for Private Member's Bill C-229, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (banning symbols of hate), to prevent anyone from selling and displaying symbols that promote hatred and violence against identifiable groups. It is a tool designed to address the growing violence and hate that we are seeing in many Canadian communities.

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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