



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

## Staff Report

**Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration April 4, 2022**

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**Department: Clerk's Department**

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**Attachments: 1. Ontario Building Code 2. Firefighter Certification 3. Canadian Union of Postal Workers 4. Ukrainian Flag 5. 2022 Budget for Mental Health 6. Timelines for Climate Change Plans, Penetanguishene PSB Recidivism Rates**

### **Recommendation:**

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the City of Waterloo in their request to include energy performance tiers and timelines next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building Code AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the Association of Ontario Municipalities correspondence dated February 25, 2022 concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification AND further direct staff to distribute as they see fit.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and endorses 'Delivering Community Power Program' AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the Town of Mono flying the Ukrainian Flag and their call on the Canadian Government to use all diplomatic means to end the war AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole Council hereby supports the Township of Woolwich in their request that the Government of Canada ensure

appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget AND further direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

6. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole support The Town of Fort Erie in their actions against Climate Change urging the government to tighten their timelines for Climate Change Plans to be reflective of the urgency in action it demands AND further direct staff to distribute as they see fit.

**Background:**

The following resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

**Discussion:**

1. The City of Waterloo is requesting that the Province of Ontario adopt a more ambitious energy performance tier in the draft National Model Building Code as the minimum requirement for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code than those currently proposed and to provide authority to municipalities to adopt a specific higher energy performance tier than the Ontario Building Code, and request the Province of Ontario to facilitate capacity, education and training in the implementation of the National Model Building Code for municipal planning and building inspection staff, developers, and homebuilders to help build capacity.

Township of Huron-Kinloss CBO comments

The process for requesting this type of amendment for the Ontario Building Code is currently underway and any municipality can submit their comments to the Province for consideration. The objective of these current amendments is to more closely harmonize with the other Provinces and Territories across Canada. Ontario has a significantly different Building Code than the rest of the Country which has proven to be a barrier to the use of materials and buildings systems from other jurisdictions.

While moving to the national energy performance requirements is not a material improvement, the provisions of the National Code are very different from Ontario in the way they are administered and enforced. While many jurisdictions may want to see higher standards adopted, there is not the knowledge or expertise within the industry to actually achieve the desired results. While municipalities can still require a higher level of energy performance design when constructing publically owned buildings, there is a concern that adopting higher standards for all buildings will further drive up construction costs at a time where housing affordability is a major concern.

There is currently training available at the national level through groups like the Alliance of Canadian Building Officials Associations. I currently sit on their Board and recently finished a project with Natural Resources Canada to develop training courses for the National Energy Code for Buildings and Section 9.36 or the Model National Building Code.

2. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario sent correspondence with their concern for the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification and ask the Ministry for a two-month extension to afford an appropriate amount of time for the Ministry officials to brief municipal leaders and for councils to be able to thoughtfully reply back on the draft regulations to the Ministry citing that the certification must not have training measures and certification that serve as an added impediment for those who wish to volunteer as firefighters as full-time fire fighters simply are not an option for most small, rural, and northern municipalities. The AMO is asking that the Ministry must propose measures which assist and support volunteer recruitment and composite fire service and request that the Ministry provide some form of financial support during the 4 – 6-year implementation period of the firefighter certification.
3. As a follow-up to the delegation at the March 21, 2022, Council Meeting, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, with a coalition of allies, launched Delivering Community Power – a visionary program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities – all by making the most of the existing public postal service network. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers is asking municipalities to endorse the campaign for expanded services, financial viability, climate action, all through leveraging the public postal system.
4. The Town of Mono strongly condemns Russia's attack on Ukraine and by flying the Ukrainian Flag as a strong gesture of support to the Ukrainian people and call on the Canadian Government without delay to provide greater material support, to exert maximum sanctions and pressure on Russia and to use all diplomatic means possible to end this war.
5. The Township of Woolwich notes the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on individuals and families, both globally and locally, including immediate and ongoing mental health concerns; and is aware that there has been an increase in the need for government funded programs in 2021 and requests that the Government of Canada ensure appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget.
6. The Government of Canada is working with the provinces and territories to implement the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate which include emissions reduction targets, investing in infrastructure, development of new Building Codes that increase building and infrastructure resiliency, addressing the effects of Climate Change on the health of Canadians; supporting regions that are vulnerable to Climate Change; and working to ensure the long-term health and resilience of our ecosystems and natural environment are protected. The Town of Town of Fort Erie states that the Government of Canada's plan falls short on timelines for effective changes and to tighten their timelines for Climate Change Plans to be reflective of the urgency it demands for immediate and meaningful action; and request that all Ontario Municipalities that do not have plans in place to

step up and put resolutions of their own in place to effect positive change and implement an affirmative Climate Change Action Plan.

### Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board

At the March 28, 2022 Huron-Kinloss Police Services meeting the Board received correspondence from the Town of Penetanguishene Police Services Board regarding the increasingly high number of crime rates and the recidivism rates in their catchment area.

These recidivism rates were concerning for the Town of Penetanguishene Police Services Board for two reasons; that no lesson is learnt by most offenders when they are provided with multiple chances, and that this recidivism cycle that's being created continues to cause more work for the police which then takes them away from other important duties.

Their hope is to bring awareness to the recidivism rates, advocate for the Southern Georgian Bay OPP and enact change within the provincial court system to help minimize these rates. The Penetanguishene PSB are requesting that the provincial court system help minimize recidivism rates by monitoring and recording the offenders who continue to reoffend and highly consider recidivism when sentencing.

The Town of Penetanguishene Police Services Board are hopeful that by raising awareness of the high recidivism rates within their detachment, it may persuade change within the provincial court system related to offender sentencing.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board passed the following resolution:

#### Penetanguishene Police Services Board Correspondence

Resolution No.: 7

Moved by: Ian Montgomery, Citizen Representative

Seconded by: Sarah Martyn, Citizen Representative

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Police Services Board hereby supports the correspondence of the Penetanguishene Police Service Board regarding raising awareness of the high recidivism rates and to advocate to enact change within the provincial court system to help minimize these rates AND FURTHER directs staff to circulate support.

#### **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:**

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

