



## Staff Report

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

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**Department: Clerk's Department**

**Date: Jul. 4, 2022**

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**Attachments:**

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**Recommendation:**

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the Town of Aurora in their support for Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of Blue Mountains in their support for the inclusion of the mailing addresses of voters on the voter's list be provided to candidates AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
3. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in requesting that the Ontario Government provide financial assistance for Retirement Home accommodation costs and recognize Retirement Homes as an essential health care provider as well as subsidies for Nursing and PSW staffing and equitable resident activity levels across all health care providers AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of Fort Erie in requesting that both the Federal and Provincial Governments enact legislation that prevents both open and closed bidding on both rental units and residential sales and further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the Town of Fort Erie in requesting that the Federal Government review the proposed Tax for Vacant Foreign Owned Properties framework for seasonal vacation properties to better reflect the reality of where these properties are located and how they are used AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

**Background:**

The following resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

**Discussion:**

1. Keira's Law is named after four-year-old Keira Kagan, who was killed while in the custody of her father, in 2020. Voting in favour of "Keira's Law", contained in Private Member's Bill C-233, would help to protect victims of violence and children by amending the Judges Act to establish seminars for Judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control and raise the level of education on domestic violence federally appointed Judges.
2. In the interest of good government and the democratic practice, the Town of Blue Mountains support inclusion and for Clerks to provide the mailing addresses of the voters on the voter's list to candidates during a municipal election.
3. With over 700 Retirement Homes in Ontario, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent recognizes the increase in cost of living at Retirement Homes, the lack of long-term care available, the increased stress put on nursing and PSW's and the lack of resident activities available. Chatham-Kent are requesting that the Ontario Government provide financial assistance for Retirement Home accommodation costs and recognize Retirement Homes as an essential health care provider as well as subsidies for Nursing and PSW staffing and equitable resident activity levels across all health care providers.
4. The Town of Fort Erie is recognizing that bidding wars have transitioned to apartment rentals as a ripple effect of the real estate market and that both blind bids and open bids are bad for the housing and apartment market which can lead to a housing bubble, no transparency, and unrealistic values.
5. The Federal Government proposed a tax on vacant non-resident foreign owned properties in the 2021 budget with the intent of the tax to reduce speculation in the real estate market which is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada. The Town of Fort Erie is against a proposed tax on vacant non-resident foreign owned properties as they have a number of non-resident American-owned vacation properties that are vacant during the tourism off-season during the winter months, and that these vacation properties that are

seasonally vacant do not contribute to the speculation that is believed to contribute to housing unaffordability in Canada,

**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:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer