



Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration May 2, 2022

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Department: Clerk's Department

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Attachments: 1. Clarington- Natural Heritage System, 2. Cambridge – Moratorium Gravel Applications 3. Grey Highlands – Fair Market Value HST Rebate, 4. St. Catharines - Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations, 5. Gravenhurst – Russian Sanctions

Recommendation:

1. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby supports the Municipality of Clarington in their request to the Provincial Government to issue a cease-and-desist order on all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning by-laws until a review by the province can be completed AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
2. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby support the City of Cambridge in requesting that the Province impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel applications, including expansions to existing licensed sites 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 Grey Highlands and South Bruce Peninsula in requesting that the Federal government remove or increase the \$450,000 fair market value threshold to reflect today's housing costs AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.
4. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss supports the City of St. Catharines in their response to the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

5. THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss support the Town of Gravenhurst in their support for the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia; and will:
 1. Not purchase any products which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and
 2. Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Gravenhurst abide by these same limitations within our municipality,AND further directs staff to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

The following resolutions were received for the Committees consideration.

Discussion:

1. The Municipality of Clarington rural property owners and farmers in Clarington and across the Province are affected by the natural heritage system mapping with the conflicts between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, Conservation Authority mapping, official plan mapping, and zoning bylaw mapping. Clarington is suggesting that provincial ministries need to immediately ensure that appropriate mapping is done and the designations are indeed accurate and are requesting the Provincial Government to issue a cease and desist order on all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws, thereby pausing the updates until a review of same by the province can be completed.
2. The City of Cambridge is requesting that the Province of Ontario impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel applications, including expansions to existing licensed sites, pending a broad consultation process that would include First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists, to chart a new path forward for the extraction and processing of aggregates in Southern Ontario due to the concerns of destruction of natural environments, pollution, carbon footprints and negative social impacts.
3. The Government of Canada will rebate a portion of the federal part of HST paid for a house only if the fair market value is under \$450,000. With the average fair market value of a new home in Ontario is well above the \$450,000 threshold the Municipality of Grey Highlands and South Bruce Peninsula are requesting that the Federal government remove or increase the \$450,000 fair market value threshold to reflect today's housing costs.
4. The City of St. Catharines are advising the Premier that the Housing Affordability Task Force recommendations require further evaluation and analysis, including feedback from AMO, ROMA, OPPI, MFOA, and OBCM, prior to implementation; and strongly recommend that substantial Provincial investment be provided to support municipalities to fund anticipated infrastructure upgrades to accommodate new intensification goals outlined in the Task Force's recommendations.

5. The Town of Gravenhurst supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia and effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Gravenhurst will: 1) Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and 2) Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Gravenhurst abide by these same limitations within our municipality.

6. 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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