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Re: Request For Provincial Response to address Gas Well Issues

Norfolk County Council, at their meeting of July 9 2019, approved Resolution No. 4 which reads as follows:

Res. No. 4

THAT THAT Staff Report HSS 19-31, Leaking Gas Wells - Ministry of Natural Resources Funding Update, be received as information;

AND THAT Council approve the proposed plan and direct staff to obtain required approvals and licensing from the required Ministries;

AND THAT Council exempt staff from the quotation and tendering procedures for goods and services outlined in Norfolk County Policy ECS-02 in accordance with single source and emergency purchase provisions, as required, for the work described in this report for remediation at the site located at 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton and further research for the broader hydrogeological challenges in the area;

AND THAT Council authorizes the General Manager, Health and Social Services and/or the General Manager, Public Works to enter into the necessary contracts with the appropriate suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors to complete the work;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to amend the 2019 Capital Plan for the 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton project once external funding has been secured at which time the project can proceed.

AND THAT the Mayor and Council provide a letter to the Honourable John Yakabuski, MNRF, Mike Harris, Parliamentary Assistant to the MNRF and Toby Barret, Haldimand Norfolk MPP, demanding immediate funding for municipal extraneous costs to implement the permanent solution for the leaking gas well at 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton and the broader hydrogeological research;

AND THAT the Mayor and Council provide a letter to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, MECP, Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the MECP and Toby Barrett, Haldimand Norfolk MPP requesting engagement with Norfolk County, other Ministries and the experts to advance the knowledge of the leaking gas wells and its impacts and to demand funding for municipal extraneous costs of the air quality monitoring affecting the health and wellbeing of the residents and the remediation of the environmental impacts;

AND THAT Council be made aware of any future requests to the County for additional seismic exploration in Norfolk County prior to permission being granted;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be sent to Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, Ontario Geological Survey and all Ontario Municipalities.

The staff report may be viewed online on the County's Website, (Item 5 b) i), July 9, 2019).

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'g. Dr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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