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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Bonfield is a priority for Council;

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age; WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario, couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities;

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario; WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022; WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together; WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee; WHEREAS the Conservative Provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonfield supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND THAT the Township of Bonfield requests the provincial legislature to enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Premier of Ontario, Nipissing District MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 14 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer