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**Moved by: Councillor Proctor**

**Resolution No.: 2023-71**

**Seconded by: Councillor Humphries**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**WHEREAS** Food Insecurity occurs when inadequate or insecure access to food is caused by financial constraints. Housing, utilities, and other basic expenses take priority, so food spending is reduced in an effort to accommodate;

**WHEREAS** Health Canada defines food insecurity, as the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet quality or sufficient quantity of food in socially acceptable ways, or the uncertainty that one will be able to do so;

**WHEREAS** the Covid-19 pandemic continues to challenge Ontario families, routines and local businesses, and has dramatically increased the number of Ontarians facing food insecurity;

**WHEREAS** food insecurity in Ontario and more specifically Renfrew County continues to be a growing concern;

**AND WHEREAS** in food insecure households there are many negative effects on people's health such as poor mental, physical and oral health;

**AND WHEREAS** the long supply chains associated with food that is not sourced locally increase the likelihood food insecurity;

**AND WHEREAS** a food secure community exists when all people at all times have physical and economical access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That Council of the Township of Horton calls for support in increasing the amount of local food available to Township and County residents;

**AND THAT** the Township requests that community residents take action and provide written materials containing their knowledge of seeds, plant propagation and grafting, food preparation, food preservation and cost-efficient recipes to the Township to be shared on a Food Security section of Horton's website;



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**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MP Cheryl Gallant Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, MPP John Yakabuski Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Hon. Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Peggy Brekveld, President of Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and municipalities within the County of Renfrew.

**X CARRIED**

  
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**Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk**