

Municipal Services Committee Meeting – May 27, 2024

Agenda Item #11.5

Notice of Motion: Councillor J. Banks: Accident Settlements – HST on Lawyer Bills

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

To pass a Resolution that;

WHEREAS victims of accidents are subjected to years of waiting on settlements from insurance company's;

AND WHEREAS settlement funds are paid by the Insurance Company to the victim's Lawyer to distribute;

AND WHEREAS when the victim's Lawyer distributes the settlement funds to the victim, the lawyer's fees including the HST charges are deducted from the total settlement amount received by the victim;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Council of the Township of Rideau Lakes requests the Provincial Government to pass legislation that forces lawyers in settlement cases to bill the insurance company for their payment of litigation for such cases so HST payments are not taken from the remainder of a settlement received by victims.