



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2021-M-067

**Memorandum to Council**

**Subject:** Communication from Township of Pickle Lake

**Agenda Date:** April 15, 2021

**Attachments:** Letter from Town of Pickle Lake

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and files resolution 21-32 of the Township of Pickle Lake, Municipal Election Legislation amendments.

**INFORMATION**

Presently, to be eligible to put your name forward to be considered in a Municipal election you must be a qualified elector as defined by the Municipal Elections Act 1996.

The resolution forwarded by the Township of Pickle Lake, in support of a lobby efforts of the Township of Conmee would place further limitations on the ability for an elector to run for office and to hold office.

From an administrative perspective, it may not be readily determined if someone has a criminal record which, if the legislation was changed, could preclude them from filing nomination papers. This could also alter the campaign period which could put different candidates at different positions of advantage while a criminal check is being completed. This would, if required, need to be completed for each candidate.

Once elected, the wording is that a member of Council would be removed if convicted of a serious criminal offence. Staff does not have an opinion on what would be considered serious in this regard.

This is the reason we are suggesting this resolution be received and filed. At the end of the election period it is the electorate who will be the judge of who they want to be their representatives for the next term of Council.

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Craig Davidson**  
**Treasurer/Administrator**