

**THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA &
MARIA**

BY-LAW NUMBER 2009-31

BEING a by-law to adopt the municipality's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has passed the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990 which requires the formulation and implementation of an emergency plan by the Council of a Community;

AND WHEREAS Section 3. (1) of the Act states that "every municipality shall formulate an emergency plan governing the provision of necessary services during an emergency and the procedures under and the manner in which employees of the municipality and other persons will respond to the emergency and the council of the municipality shall by by-law adopt the emergency plan."

AND WHEREAS this Act requires the emergency management program to conform to standards created by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices, including the four core components of emergency management, namely: mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery; and also makes provision for the municipality and council to develop and implement an emergency management program to protect public safety, public health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community;

AND WHEREAS this Act makes provision for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the community or in any part thereof, and also provides the Head of Council with authority to take such action or make such orders as he/she considers necessary and not contrary to law, to implement the emergency response plan and respond to an emergency;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides for the designation of one or more members of council who may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Head of Council during his/her absence or his/her inability to act;

AND WHEREAS the Act authorizes employees of a community to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Emergency Response Plan dated December 2008 is hereby approved and adopted;
2. **THAT** the Emergency Management Program reviewed at the December 18, 2009 meeting is hereby approved and adopted;
3. **THAT** updates and/or corrections be made to the appendices by staff as required;
4. **THAT** By-Law No. 2007-21 is hereby repealed;
5. **THAT** this by-law comes into force on the day of final reading.

Read a first time short and passed this 18th day of December, 2009.

REEVE – Tammy Stewart

CLERK – Melinda Reith