

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, June 13, 2013				Report Date	Monday, June-10-13			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Mandatory Sprinklers By-Law Report #13/06/13/1201									

Subject: Mandatory Sprinklers

RECOMMENDATION: That Council pass the attached resolution providing for the health and safety of residents by being forward looking and mandating additional safety components in new builds.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2013-16 being a by-law to make residential sprinklers mandatory in all new builds within the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria be read a first and second time.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Self Explanatory. Presentations have been given to Council and members of the public explaining the process and intent of the by-law. Feedback has been obtained.

Installation may mean the difference of life and death by providing precious seconds to escape your home during a fire. Too often lives are lost simply because residents did not have enough time to escape.

Options/Discussion: To pass or not. It is expected that eventually the province will mandate residential sprinklers. At this point they have not mandated them in residential buildings but do realize their importance and have mandated them in long term care homes.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None for Council.

Policy Impact: Considerable. Would be one of the first such by-laws in Ontario.

Other's consulted: Robert Labre, CBO and Community Fire Safety Officer; Public meeting – June 8, 2013.

Resources: Various presentations provided by Robert Labre.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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