

Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, February 21, 2014				Report Date	Tuesday, February-11-14			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
#21/02/14/1205 – St. Patrick’s Day Event									

Subject:

Council authorization of funding and support for a St. Patrick’s Day dinner/pub with bar; proceeds to go towards Old Mackey Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pass the following resolution authorizing a St. Patrick’s Day event organized by a group of community volunteers knowing that the municipality does not qualify for charitable status and is not authorized to hold any type of lottery scheme.

WHEREAS Council and staff have been asked about the hosting of an event in the Community Centre for St. Patrick’s Day with proceeds to be allocated towards Old Mackey Park;

AND WHEREAS the organizing ad hoc committee have requested funding of \$250;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to provide the hall free of charge;

AND FURTHER THAT a contribution towards costs in the amount of \$250 be provided to organizers recognizing that a full accounting will have to be provided to the Treasurer upon completion of the event.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pretty self-explanatory. Staff was first contacted with this suggestion. There were challenges in that Council does not meet until the 21st of February leaving little time to plan and organize after the event.

Staff suggested that the organizers contact Council to determine whether or not individual members of Council would be supportive of the event to get a sense of whether planning should proceed or not; knowing that formal permission would not be available until after the next meeting.

Failing that, we could call a special meeting of Council.

There was also some concern with a limited time liquor license as the one purchased for New Year’s Eve was amended by LCBO staff to a time later than what was requested.

I have been told that 3 of the 5 Council members were in agreement with the proposal. I have attached the following as the request received. A formal letter of request has been received as well.

"I'm doing a quick survey of the Council because I know you're not meeting until the 21st - which puts it a little late for organizing an event.

A few of us would like to organize a fund-raiser for Old Mackey Park by putting on a St. Patrick's Day pub night/bistro for families on March 15th at the Hall from 4:30 - 9 pm. It would be a musician-friendly evening with several people having volunteered to perform - and we welcome anyone who would like to share their talent of voice, dance or other performance which would contribute to the overall celebration of our right honourable saint.

We would like to ask for the hall rent-free, as well as a start-up fund of \$250 to cover up-front costs. We plan on serving Irish stew and soda bread as pub food and charge separately for those who can't afford a "dinner" out. We would also like to have a bar.

I welcome your feedback as soon as possible. Many thanks for your kind attention.

Sincerely, Cathy Balla-Boudreau"

Options/Discussion:

Approve or not.

Finance or not.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

The event is to raise funds for the municipal park in Mackey. A small contribution of \$250 is requested as start-up funding. Funding for recreation is available in the 2014 budget.

Policy Impact:

Follows precedent set previously. It should be noted that a budget and final report will be required to be submitted to Council and the Treasurer to follow best accounting practises and meet auditor requirements.

The letter requests that a 50-50 draw will occur. Neither the municipality nor the group of volunteers are a registered charity therefore no type of lottery scheme, including 50-50 draws are allowed.

Others Consulted:

Ad hoc committee through Cathy Balla-Boudreau

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk