

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

| Type of Decision | | | | | | | | | |
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| Meeting Date | Friday, February 21, 2014 | | | | Report Date | Thursday, February-13-14 | | | |
| Decision Required | X | Yes | | No | Priority | X | High | | Low |
| Direction | X | Information Only | | | Type of Meeting | X | Open | | Closed |

Clerk's - Report #21/02/14/801- B - Local Landowner's Meeting

Subject: Local Landowner's Meeting

On Wednesday, January 29, 2014 I attended the initial meeting of a group of local individuals who were considering the establishment of a local Landowner's Association. The meeting has been spearheaded by Mr. Frank Burke and was well attended.

I attended to determine what types of issues this group was addressing and to attempt to determine repercussions for staff and Council as Noella and I had attended the Pembroke chapter meeting back in February of 2013.

Mr. Marcel Clement of MPAC was in attendance and gave a presentation on property assessment. This was followed by Mr. Tom Black of the Ontario Land Owner's Association. There were also attendees from the Pembroke and area group.

Discussion ensued about the goals of the Ontario Land Owner's Association and their fight against the establishment including Agenda 21 which they describe as a world order agenda of the UN which will ultimately infringe on individual property owner rights.

They discussed "greenies" and their desire to protect land claiming that new rules removes the land owner's ability to earn a living. Mr. Black insisted that individual property owners can manage their property better than the government and likened government legislation to that in communist countries.

He spoke about land patent grants and Liz Marshall's work to defend those rights.

He spoke to efforts in the US and Australia and a large event/conference this summer to discuss how to rectify the inequities which exist in the current system. He discussed the illegalities of zoning by-laws and official plans.

He expressed that 80% of all municipal laws contested are defeated.

He stated that municipal laws do not apply to private property unless you let them. MPAC inspectors are not to enter private property, "you heard it here today, Marcel said it, they need permission to enter". Policemen cannot enter without a warrant or permission.

He requested assistance with donations to their litigation fund.

Frank Burke spoke about next steps. Asked the attendees where they wanted to go from here. Did they want to form an executive? Did they require a charter, a mandate meeting criteria? Not affiliated with anyone. That was an option. The Ontario Land Owner's Association has 12,000 members. The Pembroke chapter has 1,800.

He discussed an informal group with a phone tree that if a property owner needed support they could be called to show up and discourage whatever authority was in issue?

Although I left prior to the end of the meeting I have since learned that the group decided not to join with the OLA or the Pembroke group.

A second meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk