

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, October 15, 2010				Report Date	Tuesday, October 5, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Gas Tax Funds and Water System Report #15/10/10/1201									

Subject: Amendment to budget – gas tax required for water system.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council agree to remove up to \$3,500 from Gas Tax funds for additional water filtering equipment.

WHEREAS the province has legislated that we have potable water for our municipal facility;

AND WHEREAS the water from the new well has a significant iron content which requires additional filters to allow the UV filter to function effectively;

AND WHEREAS funding in the Gas Tax Reserve is available and water projects meet program criteria;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to utilize up to \$3,500 from the Gas Tax Reserve for the water filter project;

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The province has legislated that we must provide potable water for our facility based on its use and size. We have attempted to comply by installing a UV filter and softener system earlier this year. We have since experienced water/well challenges and have had a new well drilled. This well reached water at less than 40 feet (not significantly expensive). Our challenge now is that the water has a HIGH iron content and has clogged the filtering system and the hall has been without water for most of a week. (We have not had water on a regular basis since sometime in April.)

It has been recommended that the installation of the iron filter will solve the problem and provide us with potable water. Because this is legislated, we really have no choice, the question is, where should we locate the additionally required funding.

Wellmasters has agreed to replace the current system which has been nothing but trouble from the time it was installed with a simpler system free of charge. Hopefully once this is completed and the iron filter installed, we will have potable water and a system which will not require weekly purging.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Minimal – there are funds available in the Gas Tax Reserve for use for water projects.

There is \$1362.51 available as of October and we will have an additional \$3496.95 coming in November. Water is one of the allowable Gas Tax categories.

Cost of new equipment \$1,800 plus taxes and installation (with a new solenoid came to over \$3,000 including two visits).

Policy Impact: As per Notice By-law – posted on webpage prior to meeting where amendment is to take place.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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