

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, April 17, 2009				Report Date	Wednesday, April 8, 2009			
Decision Required	x	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE & NUMBER									
Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) # 17/04/09/002									

Subject: Support for resolution of the County of Renfrew asking the province to commit to stable funding at least equal to 2007 OMPF funding levels until at least 2018.

Recommendation: That council passes the attached resolution and supports the County of Renfrew.

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has announced in 2004 that it plans to replace the Community Reinvestment Fund with the Ontario Municipal Partnership fund as the main transfer payment to municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** due to pressure from municipalities the province has offset this reduced funding in each subsequent year with the implementation of special one-time grants;

**AND WHEREAS** the affected municipalities can not possibly compensate for the loss of funding by the 2010 budget cycle;

**AND WHEREAS** this municipality stands to lose \$166,400 plus the County portion and would have to at least double the amount of revenues to be realized from taxes to compensate for that lost funding;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the County of Renfrew in its request of the provincial government to commit to Ontario municipalities a continued Combined Benefit Stable Funding Guarantee (Mitigation Funding) until 2018 or longer, in order to maintain a payment at least equal to the 2007 OMPF funding levels allowing for reduced ODB, ODSP, Ontario Works Benefits and other Social Program uploads;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MPP John Yakabuski, AMO and the County of Renfrew.

Background/Executive Summary: The attached letter from the County explains the current situation. The province decided in 2004 to reduce the amount granted to municipalities under the OMPF. Since then, the province has made amendments annually to maintain that level of funding. The County is asking for a longer term commitment.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Major financial implications for the municipality due to loss of \$166,400.00 in grants plus a proportional increase in County levy due to its loss of approximately \$2.6 million. Requiring the municipality to raise the lost revenue from taxation would be devastating. We currently raise approximately \$267,000 from taxation. In order to meet new demands our taxes would almost need to double depending on the demand from the County.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

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