

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, August 7, 2009				Report Date	Wednesday, July 29, 2009			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee Report #07/08/09/207									

SUBJECT: Request for financial assistance for flood relief.

Background/Executive Summary: In February the Grand River overflowed causing damage to private property in the estimated amount of \$1,800,000. The Disaster Relief Committee is requesting that each municipality contribute \$250 towards its goal. The province has declared the area a disaster and will match contributions on an up to 2:1 ratio.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS parts of Haldimand County have been declared a disaster area as a result of spring overflow and ice jams on the Grand River;

AND WHEREAS the Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee is charged with raising funds to be matched by the provincial government to provide financial assistance to the victims of the flooding;

AND WHEREAS the amount requested is minimal and the funds are available in our donations account;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to donate \$250 towards this cause.

Options/Discussion: Precedent setting? Council can always change its collective mind and policy direction. We have previously funded similar requests. We may one day find ourselves in this same situation and require assistance from other municipalities/counties.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None – funds are available.

Policy Impact: None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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