

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, January 9, 2015				Report Date	Tuesday, January-06-15			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## 2015 Operating Budget - Report #09/01/15/1002

**Subject:**

2015 Operating Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the following resolution and by-law setting the operating budget for 2015.

Resolution #1

**WHEREAS** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria have reviewed the options available for setting the total operating budget for 2015 and are cognizant of concerns of rate increases by members of the public;

**AND WHEREAS** a public meeting was held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 to explain the 2015 budget and to receive comments and concerns from members of the public;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to adopt the budget as presented/amended and to insert the corresponding total of \$895,138.38 into the budget by-law so that it may be formally adopted at this meeting.

Resolution #2

**WHEREAS** Council has debated the budget by-law and made recommendations to employees as reflected in the total inserted in the budget document;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law Number 2015-02 being a by-law to adopt the 2015 Operating Budget be read a first time short and passed.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

From the by-law...

“**AND WHEREAS** Section 290 (2) of the Act states that the budget shall:

- in such detail and form as the Minister may require, set out the estimated revenues, including the amount the municipality intends to raise on all the rateable property in the municipality by its general local municipality levy; and
- provide that the estimated revenues are equal to the estimated expenditures;

**AND WHEREAS** Council did receive a detailed report and working document and provided additional direction to staff at the meeting of Friday, December 5, 2014 followed by a public meeting on December 6, 2014;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does enact as follows:

1. **THAT** the total operating budget for the year budget 2015 shall be set at **\$895,138** as detailed in Appendix A to this by-law;
2. **THAT** this by-law shall be retroactive and shall become effective January 1, 2015.

**READ** a 1<sup>st</sup> time short and passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.”

### **Options/Discussion:**

The budget has been presented, debated and direction has been provided to staff.

A public meeting has been held to present the budget to interested members of the public. (Note – The public meeting was poorly attended with only 5 members of the public in attendance.)

### **Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

### **Policy Impact:**

### **Others Consulted:**

Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; Council, Members of the public.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk