

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 11, 2015				Report Date	Thursday, September-03-15			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
#11/09/14/1103 – Heli-Pad Contract									

Subject:

Authority to endorse the heli-pad contract with ORNGE Air after discussion with Brian Leahy of the Renfrew County Paramedics.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provides direction to staff re: the ORNGE Air Contract.

Deferred from the September 26, 2014 Council meeting.

WHEREAS Council did approve the purchase of insurance for the heli-pad at its meeting of Friday, August 22, 2014 and deferred a decision on entering into the contract which has been provided for Council to review in full;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff are hereby authorized to endorse and finalize the agreement with ORNGE for the operation of the emergency heli-pad in Head, Clara & Maria and complete all necessary steps to facilitate its immediate use.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funds have been spent over the past 4-5 years to ready the old rink surface to allow use as a heli-pad. Discussion began some time in 2008 and since that time various activities have occurred to facilitate the installation of a heli-pad for use by ORNGE air for medical emergency purposes only.

In September of 2008, this issue was brought before Council asking for permission to approve the decision to have the heli-pad installed and was granted.

Since then various tasks have been completed including:

- Removal of trees along Delahunt property.
- Relocation of hydro lines to service the municipal garage.
- Removal of trees behind the municipal garage and across Logger’s Road.

It was initial understanding that this project was in coordination with a County initiative and that there would be little expense for HCM. Over the years, contact with ORNGE lapsed a number of times as they experienced internal staffing and operational challenges.

An initial contract was received in March of 2009. A request for clarification was stalled at ORNGE. This final version of the contract was provided for HCM staff to review and endorse finally in February of 2014. It is not significantly different from the earlier version.

In 2009 there was an additional request for installation of lights or markings on the hydro wires crossing Logger's road. This was brought to Council and approved at a cost of \$1,440.

Staff requires additional direction from Council.

Options/Discussion:

Does Council wish to proceed with the endorsement of this contract or not?

Does Council wish to discuss the agreement with a representative from ORNGE or did Mr. Leahy's presentation suffice?

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Insurance costs of at least \$1,000 per year for \$1 million coverage.

ORNGE will compensate staff for site maintenance in the amount of \$3,500 per year.

Policy Impact:

Within Council's jurisdiction.

Others Consulted:

Brian Leahy presented to Council in June of 2015 addressing some of Council's concerns.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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