

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, October 16, 2015				Report Date	Wednesday, October-07-15			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

#16/10/15/1207 – Participation in Cross County-Border Mayor’s Forum

Subject:

Report and request from Mayor Gibson

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the continued participation of Head, Clara & Maria in newly formed “Cross County Border Mayor’s Forum” as we may have more in common with our neighbours outside rather than inside our borders. DRAFT REPORT AND RESOLUTION to be reviewed by Mayor Gibson.

WHEREAS a group of county Mayors see benefit in meeting with the Heads of Councils of small rural municipalities in neighbouring counties with a focus on discussing issues of common concern across borders which might otherwise escape the notice of the larger wardens’ caucus;

AND WHEREAS anticipated benefits would include an agenda of more common issues in similar sized municipalities, shared knowledge of municipal processes in other counties, increased opportunity for lobbying of the province in areas of common interest and increased likelihood in obtaining direct meeting with provincial ministers.

AND WHEREAS the group would attend 8 – 10 meetings in the first full year with the venue to change for each meeting with the host to chair the meeting, create the agenda, take minutes and provide lunch;

AND WHEREAS participation in this newly formed group was not budgeted for in 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to authorize Head, Clara & Maria Mayor Gibson to participate in these meetings, to budget for attendance and mileage, to include attendance in the 2016 draft budget, and to host this group in May of 2016;

AND FURTHER THAT \$_____ be allowed for 2015 expenses;

AND FURTHER THAT participation in this group be re-evaluated by October of 2016 to determine whether continued participation is of further benefit to Head, Clara & Maria.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As Mayor Gibson has acknowledged, a mayor does not have any more formal authority to make decisions, including budget/spending decisions than any other member of Council and must make decisions as a Council and has asked that costs for this venture be added to the 2016 budget and for the remainder of 2015.

This new group is comprised of mayors from the municipalities of: .

Mayor Gibson has agreed to contact the Head of Council of Papineau/Cameron with an invitation to participate.

Options/Discussion:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Changes budget for 2015 and 2016.

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted/Resources:

Mayor Gibson

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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