

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Saturday, February 25, 2012				Report Date	Friday, February 24, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Open or Closed Session Report #25/02/12/402

Subject: Consideration of whether or not the next issue should be in open or closed session.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the following resolution agreeing to discuss the next agenda item in open session.

**WHEREAS** Reeve Stewart caused to be printed in the NRT statements that were not representative of the views of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** Council would like to determine steps to take in consideration of these comments and personal opinions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act defines "personal information" as "recorded information about an individual, including, (e) the personal opinions or views of the individual **except if they relate to another individual.**"

**AND WHEREAS** it is the position of this Council that the statements made in the NRT are personal opinions or views of the individual as they relate to another individual.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to conduct the next report and resolution in open session of Council.

Background/Executive Summary: There is concern for maintaining full accountability and transparency in council actions while still meeting the requirements of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. It is obvious from the act that the statements made by Reeve Stewart are "personal opinions about other individuals" and as such do not provide protection as "personal information" and have no requirement of confidentiality.

Financial Implications/Budget Impact: None.

Policy Impact: none as per provincial legislation

Others Consulted: The Act.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

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