

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 9, 2012				Report Date	Tuesday, March 5, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Railway Future Report #09/03/12/1102

Subject: The future of the CP Rail line through the County.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the following resolution as per direction received at the public meeting held on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

WHEREAS The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria discussed this resolution at a public meeting held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 attended by 14 ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS through a show of hands those ratepayers supported Council's passing this resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby:

- consider retention of the CP Rail line from Pembroke to Mattawa as an operating railway to be vital to the current economy of the entire Upper Ottawa Valley and to its future development;
- consider the availability of the line to be vitally important to this municipality for in and out-bound freight shipping; and
- fully supports saving this line as an operating railway.

Background/Executive Summary: Complete background information has been presented previously. This resolution is a result of the request by Mr. Michael Stephens to have Council hear his position in support of keeping this rail line open.

The issue was discussed at the public meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2012 attended by 14 members of the public who through a show of hands requested that Council support this initiative.

Financial Implications/Budget Impact: Not applicable.

Policy Impact: Not applicable.

Others Consulted: Mr. Stephens, 14 members of the public;

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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