

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, August 17, 2012				Report Date	Wednesday, August-08-12			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Support of CIIF Application - Report #17/08/12/1102									

Subject: Resolution of Council support as required by the CIIF application.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council pass the following resolution in support of the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Application as previously discussed.

**WHEREAS** Council has informally discussed the completion of an application for funding to expand the Municipal Community Centre at its meeting of Friday, July 20, 2012;

**AND WHEREAS** the application completed by staff requires a formal resolution of Council and ultimately a commitment of funds;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to support the application to expand the Municipal Community Centre by 16 feet and does hereby commit up to 55% of the project costs to a maximum of \$82,000 to come from Facility Management and Hall-Office Replacement/Repair reserves as well as future general revenues as required.

**Background/Executive Summary:** As per request of council based on information previously discussed as a result of Clerk's reports from the meeting of July 20, 2012.

The estimate is to extend the North side of the building out 16 feet including the corresponding landscaping/fill, footings, demolition, improved insulation etc. In order to increase the opportunity for acceptance, the plan also includes installing a solar water heater to be used for the showers and kitchen.

You must consider that due to deadlines the estimates used are based on information obtained through the Ontario Contractors website designed to provide estimates for building homes including interior finishing, hardwood floors, cupboards, plumbing, septic etc. The estimate is just that. Final decisions and costs will be determined once the project has gone to tender.

Although our finishing costs may be lower than what would be needed in a house, we also have to consider demolition of the existing wall and enforcing a load bearing wall. It is estimated that these expenses will even out.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:** Success of the application will require dedication of Council funds to a maximum of \$82,000. This in effect nearly doubles Council's contribution through leveraging the grant funds. The \$82,000 turns into \$145,000. Nowhere else can you leverage at that level.

There is currently \$41,100 available in reserves; (and additional \$16,000 already committed to other grant applications – available if we are not successful).

Providing we are successful with our other grant applications, Council will need to commit an additional \$41,000 from either the Contingency fund for 2012 or from general revenues from 2013.

There is also the option of financing the additional \$41,000.

The funds will not be required until 2013 so including them in the 2013 budget will not be a challenge from an administrative, budget and policy perspective. Council does need to make the commitment now however; and honour it at budget time should we be successful in this grant application.

This estimate includes a contingency of 5% of the total estimate or \$7,250.

Policy Impact: As per policy.

Others Consulted/Resources/References: n/a

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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