

| Type of Decision                               |                            |                  |  |    |                 |                          |      |  |        |
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| Meeting Date                                   | Friday, September 21, 2012 |                  |  |    | Report Date     | Tuesday, September-18-12 |      |  |        |
| Decision Required                              | X                          | Yes              |  | No | Priority        | X                        | High |  | Low    |
| Direction                                      | x                          | Information Only |  |    | Type of Meeting | X                        | Open |  | Closed |
| REPORT TITLE                                   |                            |                  |  |    |                 |                          |      |  |        |
| Resolutions of Support - Report #21/09/12/1104 |                            |                  |  |    |                 |                          |      |  |        |

Subject: Resolutions of support – from meeting of September 7, 2012 – Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Fund;

RECOMMENDATION: That Council pass the following resolutions as they were requested to be prepared at the last meeting.

#1

#### **Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee**

**WHEREAS** areas of Thunder Bay have been declared disaster areas as a result of spring flooding; **AND WHEREAS** the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee is charged with raising funds to be matched by the provincial government to provide financial assistance to the victims of the flooding;

**AND WHEREAS** the amount requested is minimal and the funds are available in our donations account;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to donate \$100 towards assisting the residents of Thunder Bay recover from this disaster.

#2

#### **Resolution – Federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan**

**WHEREAS** municipalities in Ontario are responsible for the majority of infrastructure in the province and that infrastructure is an investment in the economic, social and cultural development and the environmental protection of our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada is developing a new Long Term Infrastructure Plan for federal support for infrastructure in Canada; and

**AND WHEREAS**, despite increased investment in municipal infrastructure by municipal, provincial and federal orders of government in recent years, Ontario's municipalities still have a significant infrastructure deficit.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that the Federal government consider the following:

**THAT** any new federal infrastructure support program must be long-term in its scope and horizon, ideally at least ten years, to help infrastructure investment partners tackle our significant infrastructure needs; and

**THAT** Ontario, as Canada's most populous province, should be allocated infrastructure support under any new federal infrastructure support commensurate with its population and economic importance; and

**THAT** any new federal infrastructure support program must recognize the number and variety of infrastructure systems owned, managed and operated by municipalities in Ontario and the critical supports these provide to local communities and economies by providing for an exclusive municipal allocation in any new federal infrastructure support program; and

**THAT** the priorities of local governments in Ontario, as defined by their long-term municipal asset management plans, must be recognized and eligible for direct federal support under any new federal infrastructure support program; and

**THAT** those municipalities that have or will have comprehensive asset management plans in place at the time the Federal program is in effect should be considered immediately eligible for any new infrastructure program funding from the federal government.

Background/Executive Summary: As requested.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: not/applicable

Policy Impact: As per policy.

Others Consulted/Resources/References: as per Council direction.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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