

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, May 23, 2014				Report Date	Friday, May-02-14			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

#28/03/14/1204 – Notice to province re Regulation 397/11 Energy Management Plan

Subject:

Notice to the Ministry re: Energy Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That based on comments made during the Council meeting of April 25, 2014 council adopt the following resolution directing staff to notify the province that the time utilized to discuss and/or prepare Energy management plans for a municipality of our size is time wasted.

WHEREAS the province has rolled out requirements for annual reporting on municipal energy consumption as well as the creation of an Energy Management Plan in an effort to force municipalities to consciously address energy conservation in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Head, Clara & Maria simply would not benefit but instead actually suffer through the waste of time and resources put into creating such a plan and completing annual reports due to our limited facilities and current energy conservation practises;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby direct staff to disregard this provincial requirement and authorizes staff to inform the Ministry of Energy of our situation and forgo creating such a plan or completing annual reports.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

O. Reg. 397/11 which came into force January 1, 2012 requires that all broader sector organizations report on their annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in designated building/facilities by July 1, beginning in 2013 and annually thereafter; and further develop and implement 5-year energy conservation and demand management plans by July 1, 2014 to be updated every 5 years thereafter.

With two buildings, which use minimal electricity on a daily basis, attempting to understand the requirements and create a plan which will meet the regulations would be time and labour intensive, wasteful and ultimately useless.

Staff and users already do all we can to conserve energy. We have had an LAS review completed at no cost which came up with insignificant changes being recommended, most of which occurred during renovation.

Our lights are off when rooms are vacant. Heat is turned down when there are no users. We have eliminated oil heating, have recently installed increased insulation in the ceiling, have dropped the ceiling to have a smaller area to heat and have improved construction materials through recent renovations.

Thermostats are electronically controlled in the garage.
Garage has been recently insulated, roof replaced, converted to propane and radiant heat.

For a municipality our size, there is little more we can do.

Options/Discussion:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk