

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 28, 2014				Report Date	Wednesday, March-26-14			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Resolution of Support – Madawaska Valley – Closing of Rural Elementary Schools - Report #28/03/14/1101

Subject:

Resolution of support for the Township of Madawaska Valley in their lobby of the province to reconsider the path of meeting budgets through cost reductions by continuing to close rural elementary schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

As requested by Council at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria received and discussed the resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley 17-0212-13 adopted 02 December 2013 lobbying the province to reconsider the process of closure of rural elementary schools due to the negative effects on the communities and their children;

AND WHEREAS this Council agrees that the continued closure of rural schools has a long term negative effect on rural Ontario children, their families and their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby support Madawaska Valley Council and calls on the province to reconsider its current process and review the long term ramifications of decisions being made today in the name of cost savings on the lives and futures of rural Ontario children, families and communities with a goal to reverse this path and find cost effective alternatives to providing education keeping rural schools which are vital to our communities open.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Self Explanatory.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

None

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted/Resources/Sources:

Letter and resolution of Madawaska Valley

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk