

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, June 20, 2014				Report Date	Wednesday, June-18-14			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## #20/06/14/1101 – Municipal Waste Management Shared Services Centre of Excellence

**Subject:**

Update on the group working on the “Municipal Waste Management Shared Services Centre of Excellence

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve continued participation in this group along with application to the Continuous Improvement Fund for funding for first year operations.

**WHEREAS** staff have worked through months of discussion to come up with a pilot project which will provide core services for the group of municipalities involved funded through the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF);

**AND WHEREAS** it seems that the CIF might be willing to fund first year operations to test the pilot project;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to work with the existing group and move forward to establish a joint Centre of Excellence that provides services in accordance with the identified core activities of Waste Management;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council provides its approval to apply for further financial support from the CIF to assist with start-up and operations during the first year of the Centre of Excellence.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Business Case Analysis prepared by Joe Hall who is consulting with the group explaining current status is attached.

Benefits to HCM include having an entity to share ideas, operations, contract negotiations etc. with on a larger scale making use of expert advice of a consultant and the hands on experience of other municipal employees to improve our operations.

For Head, Clara & Maria specifically the benefits are in increased and dedicated oversight of waste management. There would be dedicated knowledgeable staff/consultant overseeing our program freeing up current staff time to utilize elsewhere. There is potential for increased funding through

the Blue Box and other programs. In essence we would be hiring a consultant to provide operations of our Waste Management but saving on fees as the consultant would be working with 5 other municipalities as well sharing the costs.

The Continuous Improvement Fund is looking to fund this project as it is the first of its kind in the province. They hope to be able to use the structure and operations of our group to be able to implement in any number of communities within the province effectively improving individual programs increasing diversion.

### **Options/Discussion:**

Council may decide to withdraw from continued involvement in this group however; since the Continuous Improvement Fund has funded the first year project – attempting to come up with a pilot concept for a combined Waste Management program which might be utilized in any group of municipalities within the province and is willing to fund first year operations it is staff recommendation that Council continue with staff involvement in this project.

### **Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

Currently funding is required for staff time and travel to meetings. Conference calls are being utilized to save on travel when appropriate.

### **Policy Impact:**

This group is working on a group proposal to work towards improvement in waste management in a combined effort to streamline activities so that each individual municipality is not “re-inventing the wheel” but can remain current through combined efforts through a consultant. CIF is involved as they would like to use our results throughout the province to increase overall diversion.

### **Others Consulted:**

Consortium members and Joe Hall, Consultant

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

