

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, December 9, 2016				Report Date	Wednesday, December 7, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Federal Infrastructure Phase 2 Incremental Funding - Report #09/12/2016/1202

Subject:

Council support for the attached resolution of from AMO.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the following resolution supporting AMO’s position in future federal funding for Ontario municipalities.

WHEREAS municipal governments’ infrastructure is critical to our collective economic health;

AND WHEREAS stable, predictable and formula-based infrastructure funding allows municipal governments to plan and schedule investments in infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments have asset management plans which set out a municipality’s longer term capital plan which reflects the infrastructure priorities of these asset management plans;

AND WHEREAS a federal incrementality rule interferes with municipal long-term infrastructure priorities and diminishes the value of municipal asset planning and management;

AND WHEREAS for some small rural municipalities such as Head, Clara & Maria do not have as priorities those items specified within the most recent funding thereby disqualifying the municipality from receiving any funding in Phase 1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria calls on the federal government to provide long-term, predictable, and formula-based funding in its Phase 2 programs for municipal governments;

AND FURTHER THAT Council calls on the federal government to change incremental requirements in Phase 2 to recognize in Ontario that a municipal government asset management plan meets a municipal incremental infrastructure requirement.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

AMO’s backgrounder is attached. Specific to HCM is the fact that we were approved for \$75,000 under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for projects specific to “the rehabilitation and modernization of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and the planning and design of future facilities and upgrades to existing systems.” These refer to large community wide systems, of which our municipality has none.

So that this does not occur in the future, AMO is requesting that the funds be less conditional or restricted so that individual municipalities might meet the priorities they have identified in their Asset Management Plans instead of having to use funds as directed by the federal government.

Options/Discussion:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk	
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk	<i>Melinda Reith</i>