

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, April 21, 2017				Report Date	Monday, April 17, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

2017 Operating Budget - Report #21/04/17/1001

Subject:

2017 Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the following resolution and by-law setting the operating budget for 2017.

Resolution #1

WHEREAS Council has debated the budget by-law and made recommendations to employees as reflected in the total inserted in the budget document and by-law;

AND WHEREAS at the meeting of March 2, 2017 Council directed staff to create a by-law implementing option 3 as presented which amounts to an increased over the previous year of \$3.52 per \$100,000 assessed value of property or 1.40%;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Number 2017- being a by-law to adopt the 2017 Operating Budget be read a first time short and passed.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From the by-law...

“**AND WHEREAS** Section 290 (2) of the Act states that the budget shall:

- in such detail and form as the Minister may require, set out the estimated revenues, including the amount the municipality intends to raise on all the rateable property in the municipality by its general local municipality levy; and
- provide that the estimated revenues are equal to the estimated expenditures;

AND WHEREAS Council did receive a detailed report and working document and provided additional direction to staff at the meeting of Friday, March 24, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does enact as follows:

1. **THAT** the total operating budget for the year budget 2017 shall be set at **\$1,426,352** as detailed in Appendix A to this by-law;
2. **THAT** this by-law shall become effective retroactively to January 1, 2017.

Options/Discussion:

The budget has been presented, debated and direction has been provided to staff. As per direction of council at the meeting of March 24, 2017, a slight increase to the tax rate has been applied. Revenues over estimated expenses has been allocated to cost overruns to the office addition. Should the funds not be required; they will flow to surplus and general revenues for 2018.

Once again our budget is significantly over the \$1,000,000 mark however; special projects and grants amount to nearly \$600,000 for 2017 including:

- Completion of some projects remaining from 2016;
- Homecoming;
- Office addition;
- Seniors programming;
- Student summer employment;
- One time replacement of taxation and accounting software;
- Washrooms at OMP;
- Ball Diamond improvements;
- A self-funding Recreation committee budget of \$27,775;
- Ontario community infrastructure funding for roads; and
- Canada Day.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted:

Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; Council, Members of the public.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk