

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018				Report Date	Monday, February 5, 2018			
Decision Required		Yes	x	No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction		Information Only		x	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
<h2>Clerk's - Report #13/02/18/801</h2>									

Subject:

1. Time since the last meeting has largely been spent on:
 - a. Budget prep – still a work in progress due to time and system limitations.
 - b. One week off – ill.
 - c. Responding to the continuous frivolous and vexatious complaints being submitted to this municipality. It really does take a considerable amount of time as staff need to be careful how they respond (or determine if they should respond) to anyone or risk being threatened with law suits, code of conduct complaints or other forms of legal action; all costing the municipality unnecessarily. To echo Mayor Reid, it really does need to end.
 - d. Updating elections policy prior to May 1, 2018 when nominations open.
 - e. Trail side café.
 - i. First event had over 80 attendees from as far away as Kingston. Others came from Sudbury and North Bay for lunch. A record for the first weekend in February.
 - ii. As usual, we could always use more volunteers if anyone feels the desire to give back to their community there is one more lunch on the 24th.

2. Resident request
 - a. Mr. Richard Baril wondered whether council would consider the purchase of a sander to be installed on the back of the township roads truck, and then offer a service to sand/salt private driveways for a fee.
 - b. With our aging population, and lack of alternate service providers within the municipality; this might be a benefit Council could add, charging a fee to offset costs.

3. Follow up and information:
 - a. Terry has taken steps to ensure compliance with Council policy in not plowing municipal roads by blocking Jennings Road near the graveyard as it was being plowed to the park. If Council wishes; it can change its policy but for years, it was council's decision to not plow down there. Although there have been negative comments within the community; staff are following Council policy.

 - b. The rail corridor has been/will be blocked in Stonecliffe, along municipal roads to prevent people from using Yate's Road as they did last year. Again, staff are

following Council policy and ensuring that municipal roads remain as clear and safe as possible.

- c. A letter was sent to the MLSC as follow up to directions from last meeting. We have been provided with an insurance certificate which meets the requirements of our municipal insurer. I have sent a letter to the club advising of council's decision to provide a short term exemption from enforcement of zoning by-law conditions for the remainder of this winter season for the Deux Rivieres area.
- d. Based on comments made at the meeting by County representatives that left many with the impression that they had a legal opinion contradicting ours; staff have asked for a copy of that legal opinion. (On January 23, 2018 Jason Davis stated "you have a general provisions by-law...no specific zones...I know you have an opinion in front of you...we have a different opinion on that. We are very confident and sure in that zoning by-law, that it is public use." And " even though we know you have a legal opinion, we have our opinion also.)

Mr. Kelley's email is below - there is no legal opinion other than an internal staff opinion which states that the upper tier has the authority to provide parks (trails) within a lower tier. That opinion has not been released yet. That opinion has also not been questioned or contested.

County staff have been directed by the County of Renfrew to obtain a review of the legal opinion we provided them with. I have included a copy of Mr. Kelley's email for your information.

- e. Although not confirmed, rumour has it that Reeve Stack is in favour of having the County take the municipality to court to contest our zoning, I would expect and to spend upwards of \$100,000 to do so. Our municipal insurer is providing a more detailed report but it is believed that our general insurance would cover costs of a defence. I will provide additional information once I know for certain.
- f. I received a phone call from Chief Grant Tysick who is the recognized Chief of the Kinouchepirini Algonquin People (People of the Pike) from the community along the Ottawa River near Petawawa. Chief Tysick has expressed concerns with the use of trails by the OFSC and the needs of his membership to purchase trail passes, even though, he claims, they are exempt through legislation. During discussion, Chief Tysick expressed that his group might consider supporting this municipality if we find that court costs are necessary. I thanked Chief Tysick for his communications and expressed that I would forward his comments to Council and get back to him.
- g. Council meeting audio is being uploaded to Youtube under Municipality the United Townships of Head, Clara, Maria. Log on to youtube and search HCM Council meetings. It takes some time to create a video from the audio and then upload to the web but we will work on uploading the entire list of audio we have into the future.
 - i. HCM Council Meeting January 23, 2018 - <https://youtu.be/3vsLQ3gZzpQ>
 - ii. HCM Council Meeting December 19, 2017 <https://youtu.be/mJe6vcCqtXM>

- h. Microphones for use during council meetings have been ordered and will be installed when time allows. As explained via email, as this is an administrative issue; there is no need for a resolution of Council.
 - i. We have received notice that we are to receive up to \$36,000 for “Main Street Revitalization”. I have no idea at this point in time what the spending conditions and guidelines are and will follow up asap. It may be as has occurred in the past with the \$150,000 geared towards water systems that the funds will not be forthcoming as we have no corresponding infrastructure. Details to follow.
4. Set date for training – Council and staff – everyone has to attend to be in compliance – Accessibility/Accommodation, MOL - Worker Awareness Training, review of obligations under OHSA – would be most of a full day. **Please be prepared to determine at least two dates you can make yourself available to set aside for this purpose at the meeting Tuesday.** Staff will accommodate Council members schedules.

WHEREAS Council, staff and volunteers are mandated to participate in some training to be compliant under various legislation;

AND WHEREAS compliance has not been attained for a couple of years due to conflicting schedules and other obligations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby set aside the following dates for required training, with the actual date to be confirmed as soon as possible by staff:

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5. Grant applications submitted but awaiting notice:
- a. Seniors Community Grant Program – ongoing seniors activity programming – 2018.