

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, May 15, 2018				Report Date	Thursday, May 3, 2018			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE - Support for Resolution - Location of Landfill									
Report #17/04/18 - 1101									

Subject: Requesting local municipal involvement in location of landfill

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the following recommendation as directed at the Council meeting of April 17, 2018.

WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

AND WHEREAS this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal Councils, but do not necessarily follow their recommendations;

AND WHEREAS municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities;

AND WHEREAS the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the recent report from Ontario's Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades' worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling and diversion programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have the right to approve or reject these projects and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support *Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites Act* introduced by MPP Ernie Hardeman and calls upon the Government of Ontario and all political parties to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this municipality be forwarded to the province, to MPP Ernie Hardeman and local MPP John Yakabuski.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Supporting documentation has been printed and include for council consideration. The original request was in the April 2018 correspondence package.

Options/Discussion:

Others Consulted:

<http://erniehardemanmpp.com/2018/03/01/hardeman-introduced-bill-giving-municipalities-right-to-approve-new-landfills-in-their-communities/>

<http://www.heartfm.ca/news/local-news/hardeman-landfill-amendment-defeated/>

https://www.ontariopc.ca/hardeman_introducing_bill_giving_municipalities_right_to_approve_new_landfills_in_their_communities

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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