

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, April 8, 2016				Report Date	Tuesday, April 5, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
<p>Auto-Extrication Follow-Up - Report #08/04/16/1101</p>									

Subject: Auto-Extrication services in Head, Clara & Maria.

RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS Council and staff have been unable to locate an entity willing or able to provide auto-extrication services to Head, Clara & Maria from the eastern border to the Bissett Creek hill;

AND WHEREAS Mayor Gibson is still working on setting a meeting with neighbours in an attempt at resolution;

AND WHEREAS ultimately any solution will come with a price tag;

AND WHEREAS any decision will significantly affect the residents and ratepayers of Head, Clara & Maria;

AND WHEREAS although Council has been elected to make decisions on ratepayer behalf allowing and following public input on this topic might simplify matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to hold public consultation through a public meeting along with referendum type questions to determine the true feelings of the majority of the public to provide direction to Council in furthering resolution of auto-extrication services in a truly democratic manner.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS some members of Council have concern with potential for liability due to the lack of auto-extrication services along Highway 17 through a section of Head, Clara & Maria;

AND WHEREAS the municipal insurer has provided Head, Clara & Maria with their opinion in an email;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby direct staff to consult with the municipal solicitor to obtain an up-to-date (2016) opinion on the potential for liability with this current situation.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. As you can see in your correspondence we have received a number of negative responses to our requests for assistance. No one wants to take responsibility for auto-extrication. Legally, it is no one's specific responsibility.
2. Staff have been researching options, there are various opinions from different people and organizations, on who should provide this service.
3. At this point in time; we do not have anyone willing or able to provide the service at any cost.
4. I have contacted the Ontario Association of Fire Chief's to determine if they are aware of any private firm who might offer these types of services and as yet have not received a response.
5. Cost will likely become an issue if someone comes forward with a solution. How much are HCM residents willing to pay for this service? Often, the same people who point fingers are the same ones who complain if the tax rate increases.
6. Public consultation could include: questions mailed to tax bill/voter's list; public meetings; on-line questionnaire with access provided only to those on the voter's list; a referendum which would have significant costs, a time delay and be binding.
7. A summary of the situation would be included in any mailing or as a preamble to an on-line questionnaire.

Sample questions could include:

- a. Do you feel that HCM should be responsible to provide auto-extrication services throughout the municipality along Highway 17 even though it is not a legislated service?
 - i. Yes _____ No _____
- b. At what cost?
 - i. I am comfortable with annual costs for auto-extrication of up to \$50,000 knowing that this will result in an increase to the residential tax rate of approximately 10.6%.
 1. Yes _____ No _____
 - ii. I am comfortable with annual costs for auto-extrication of up to \$100,000 knowing that this will result in an increase to the residential tax rate of approximately 21%.
 1. Yes _____ No _____

iii. I am comfortable with annual costs for auto-extrication of up to \$200,000 knowing that this will result in an increase to the residential tax rate of approximately 42%.

1. Yes _____ No _____

iv. I am comfortable with annual costs for auto-extrication of up to \$300,000 knowing that this will result in an increase to the residential tax rate of approximately 63%.

1. Yes _____ No _____

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Any furtherance of this issue will cost in staff time. A true referendum is binding, would be held as a bi-election and would be costly.

An estimate for obtaining a legal opinion has been received and would be approximately \$500.

Policy Impact:

Completing extensive public consultation is in line with previous council decision. Previous councils have held public consultation meetings on issues such as auto-ex, the waste management by-law and the hall expansion project.

A full referendum has never been held in HCM to my knowledge.

Others Consulted:

Brad Bigrigg, Ontario Association of Fire Chief's to request information on potential service providers.

Councillor Debbi Grills.

Letters of response attached.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

Melinda Reith

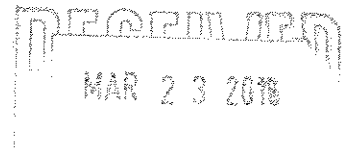
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Ms. Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk and CAO
The Corporation of the United Townships of
Head, Clara & Maria
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Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 26, 2016, concerning your request for assistance from Garrison Petawawa in resolving auto-extrication services along TransCanada Highway 17 in the townships of Head, Clara, and Maria.

I am advised that Garrison Petawawa conducted a review of your request and has determined that they are not in a position to provide assistance in this matter. The assistance you require falls under the purview of other government departments or the private sector. Consequently, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Marc Garneau Minister of Transport, and the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for their consideration.

Garrison Petawawa will, however, continue to engage with its local partners as an interested stakeholder in the resolution of this issue.

While I regret that my response could not be more positive, I wish you every success in resolving this matter.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP

cc The Honourable Ralph Goodale, PC, MP
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

The Honourable Marc Garneau, PC, MP
Minister of Transport

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22 March 2016

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PROVISION OF SERVICES REQUEST -
UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

Dear Ms. Reith,

The Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, in a letter dated 26 February 2016, requested that the Department of National Defence (DND) provide Auto-Extrication Services along Highway 17. This type of request is classified as a Provision of Services (PoS) Request and I wish to advise you of DND's policy on the PoS to Non-Defence Agencies.

From a resource perspective, DND is funded to fulfil the Defence Services Program (DSP) mandate as determined by Parliament. Personnel and equipment are funded to provide services in direct support to the DSP, and it is only when there is an excess capacity in equipment, facilities and personnel that these resources can be used in support of non-defence agencies, on a cost recovery basis.

In addition to the resource perspective, I must abide by the DND provision of Service Policy which states that:

- a. A service shall not be provided if that service will result in an unacceptable degradation of Defence readiness or capability to carry our Defence activities; and
- b. A service should not be provided if that service will be provided on a continuing basis in situations where other responsible government departments or the private sector should be encouraged to develop their own capabilities.

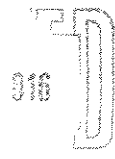
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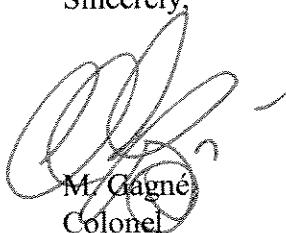


After studying your request relative to both policy and the assets we have here on Garrison Petawawa, we must decline your request. The equipment and first response crews here at the Garrison are mandated to provide 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure the safety of our personnel, equipment and facilities. In line with that mandate, the amount of equipment and personnel on duty at any one time is considered the minimum required to provide the emergency services required by the Garrison.

The provision of emergency response services on provincial highways is outside the responsibility of the DND and rightfully falls within the jurisdiction of the Province and local authorities. It is highly recommended you continue to engage both the Province and your neighbouring authorities to facilitate the establishment of an Auto-Extrication capability on Highway 17 in your area.

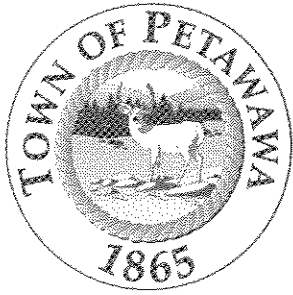
If you have any questions on the policy presented above, please call Warrant Officer R.E. McCormack, at 613-687-5511 extension 4920.

Sincerely,



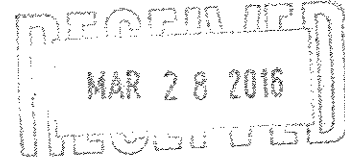
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Colonel
Garrison Commander

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March 22, 2016

Mayor Jim Gibson and Council
The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Request for Assistance in Reinstating Auto-Extrication Services along TransCanada Highway 17 in Head, Clara & Maria

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Petawawa received your letter, dated February 26, 2016 and press release documentation on the subject of auto extrication services along Highway 17 in Head Clara and Maria. Petawawa Town Council received the correspondence as information during the Council-in-Committee meeting of March 14, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scissons". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daniel J. Scissons, BA, AMCT
CAO/Clerk

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March 29, 2016

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Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for your letter to the ministry regarding signs along Highway 17 in the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria indicating that there is no auto-extrication service along Highway 17 within your municipality.

Ontario's roads are among the safest in North America. The ministry focuses on safety and driver behaviour through a combination of initiatives including the installation of safety message signs. Safety information signs are used to influence road user behaviour and address identified road safety issues. Messages that are used on information signs on provincial highways are restricted to reminders of the rules of the road and good driving practices. The sign you have requested regarding auto-extrication services would not be considered under this category of signing.

We recommend that you consider contracting the services of a third party to provide auto-extrication services for your municipality.

Thank you again for writing and for your interest in road safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dino Bagnariol".

Dino Bagnariol, P. Eng.
Director