

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, June 10, 2016				Report Date	Monday, June 6, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

#10/06/16/1201 – Council Endorsement of Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Subject:

Council approval for application to Canada 150 CIP Grant for washroom infrastructure improvements. With apologies, costing has not yet been completed. If Council could indicate an upward limit – an application will be completed within those parameters.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the following:

WHEREAS a funding opportunity has presented itself which may result in HCM being able to finance previously identified improvements including the installation of washroom facilities at the Stonecliffe boat launch;

AND WHEREAS funds do not currently exist to complete these projects but reserves do exist in Parks and Recreation which may be leveraged in order to make these improvements in time for the celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria recognizes the value in improving the safety, functionality and healthiness of municipal facilities and has recognized this in the most recent Strategic Planning exercise;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby endorse the funding application and commits up to \$ _____ from the Parks and Recreation Reserve as Council's ____% contribution to total project costs.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of completing a strategic planning exercise is to lay out the priorities for the next time period be it 3-5 or more years. The document accepted at the Council meeting of May 8, 2015 outlined at number 5 of 10 "Review of Boat Launch Infrastructure – docks, ramps, washrooms, lighting."

Once again, announced late in May is the Canada 150 Infrastructure program sponsored by the Federal Government to make community improvements which will be recognized into the future as being a legacy of Canada's 150th anniversary.

The proposals created by staff would replace old Mackey Park washrooms with cleaner, healthier compostable facilities and install a similar product at the Stonecliffe Boat Launch. Due to the composition of the funding requirements there would be two distinct applications.

Staff recommendation would be to rank in order of priority Old Mackey Park washroom upgrades and then Stonecliffe boat launch washrooms. Please advise if this should change.

Eligible projects can request up to 50% of funds however, smaller projects and those contributing up to 66.6% have an increased chance of being accepted. Which would council prefer?

The proposal to be put together by staff based on discussion with Council/emails includes the following: Compost toilets for Old Mackey Park and Stonecliffe boat launch.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

HCM Contribution at 50% - up to \$30,000 - \$15,000 for each project. Or
HCM Contribution at 66%.

Parks and Rec budget has \$15,000 available. Other reserves such as contingency, transition funding amount to over \$300,000 and could be used for this purpose to leverage grant funding. Any surplus from 2016 audit could then be used to replace those funds.

Policy Impact:

As per policy and program direction. The application is due on June 24, 2016.

Others Consulted/Resources:

Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; pre-approval via email to complete an application received by Councillors Grills and Foote. Personal confirmation from Mayor Gibson.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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