

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, May 21, 2020				Report Date	Wednesday, May 14, 2020			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #20/05/21/1002 – Main Street Revitalization/Boat Launch Repair Update									

Subject: Main Street Revitalization/Boat Launch Repair Update

Recommendation:

Defer use of Main Street Revitalization Funding, for up to one month, until an update is available from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Farm and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Background/Executive Summary:

In March 2020, the Boat Launch Tender was awarded to Mackey Construction for the repairs to the Mackey and Deux Rivieres boat launches (for a total of ~\$36,500 including the additional work identified for the Mackey boat launch). There was no successful bid submitted for the Stonecliffe boat launch project.

Given the impact of COVID-19 on construction projects and the application process for Species at Risk (Ministry of the Environment, Parks and Recreation), the boat launch repair projects were not able to commence prior to water levels rising in the municipality.

A one-time extension to use the Main Street Revitalization grant funds was already approved in January 2020, allowing the deadline for use to be pushed back to October 31st, 2020. A request for a further extension to allow us time to complete the boat launch repairs in Spring 2021 was not immediately approved as AMO’s transfer payment agreement with OMAFRA states that the funds must be used by October 31, 2020. However, given the number of municipalities who are facing challenges using these funds due to COVID-19, AMO is following up with OMAFRA to look at potential options, including possible extensions.

If no extension is granted, these funds could be used for other previously identified projects, such as street lights.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Funding amount received for Main Street Revitalization is \$37,864.91. These funds have been received by the municipality, and if not used, will need to be repaid.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk
Charlotte Toope, Clerk-Treasurer