

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, March 22, 2022				Report Date	Monday, March 14, 2022			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #22/03/22/1303 – PWAG Recommendations									

Subject: Public Works Advisory Group Recommendations

Recommendation: That Council pass Resolution No. 22/02/22/009 directing staff to rent a portable toilet to be installed at the Stonecliffe Boat Launch at a cost of \$400 per month for approximately 4 months.

Background/Executive Summary:

The Public Works Advisory Group met on March 8th and have provided the following recommendations to Council:

- 1) Recommendation to Council: That Council rents a port a potty from the time are installed to the time docks are removed (typically May to September).
- 2) Recommendation to Council: consider creating a by-law that would enable the municipality to purchase and install signage in each of the four communities.

Staff reached out to MTO for further information and received the following email:

“Thank you for the email inquiring about the possibility of installing “No Jake Brake” signs on Highway 17 within the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

While we appreciate your concerns regarding the noise created by the use of “jake brakes” by transport operators, the ministry does not use such signs on provincial highways. Due to the vast number of locations where these signs could be used, it is not practical to consider this type of signing. Further, it is our understanding that “jake brakes” assist a truck in coming to a stop more quickly. By installing signs that prohibit their use, we remove the drivers’ discretion as to whether or not to use them, and in an emergency situation, transport operators should utilize all options when bringing their vehicle to a stop.

In order to maintain provincial consistency, and for the reasons listed above, the ministry is unable to comply with your request to install “No Jake Brake” signs along Highway 17.”

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

\$1600 for portable toilet rental.

Enclosures:

None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk
Crystal Fischer, Clerk/Treasurer