

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, December 13, 2013				Report Date	Tuesday, December-10-13			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Resolution of Support – Seguin Township – re: OPP proposed billing model- Report #13/12/13/1101

Subject:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the attached resolution in support of various resolutions received in opposition to the new OPP proposed billing model due to increased costs for small municipalities as directed by Council at the last meeting.

WHEREAS the province has worked to formulate an alternative to the current OPP billing model which is deemed unfair to small municipalities with populations under 10,000 as it is partially based on a per household set rate of \$260 per annum as well as an additional fees based on deployment or calls which has as yet to be determined;

AND WHEREAS using only the base cost and the number of households as determined by MPAC of 343, the base fee for Head, Clara & Maria for Ontario Provincial Policing costs would rise to \$89,180 from approximately \$43,000 per year over doubling our costs;

AND WHEREAS various small municipalities have requested support in their lobby of the provincial government to affect change before this new model has become adopted;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to join in the lobbying of the provincial government to take steps to re-evaluate the proposed funding model in exchange for something more fair to smaller municipalities noting that increased costs without the offset in funding is unsustainable in small municipalities with a limited tax base;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to area municipalities, the County, our MP Mr. John Yakabuski and the provincial government for support and action.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Self-explanatory. Resolutions and letters for support have been included for your information. The updates on this process have been shared with Council along the way and may be found on line in our Correspondence sections.

Options/Discussion:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

The adoption of this model will cause significant consequences for small municipalities who do not have the tax base to fund these types of increases. HCM Costs at just the base amount of \$260 per household, as determined by MPAC more than double policing costs. When other fees and charges, not yet determined are added, the costs will only increase.

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted:

Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; Correspondence throughout the process of review; resolutions from other municipalities as included.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk