



**THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF
HEAD, CLARA & MARIA**

BY-LAW NUMBER 2014 – 20

BEING a by-law to change the name of the title of the head of council from “reeve” to “mayor”;

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2011, Section 220*, as amended, authorizes a municipality to change the titles for its head of council and other members of its council. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 95. ;

AND WHEREAS historically a Reeve was the head of Council in small rural municipalities which had different responsibilities than larger municipalities where the head of Council is called a mayor;

AND WHEREAS these distinctions no longer exist as small rural municipalities are responsible for many of the same legislated responsibilities as large municipalities;

AND WHEREAS five municipalities in Renfrew County have both a mayor and a reeve;

AND WHEREAS 10 of the 17 municipalities at county council have a mayor only leaving two Renfrew County municipalities with the head of Council known as the reeve;

AND WHEREAS the trend across Ontario is to change the title from reeve to mayor to simplify communications with upper tiers, larger centres and ministry representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby enact as follows:

1. **THAT** the title of the head of council be changed from “reeve” to “mayor” to more accurately reflect current understanding by members of the community, provincial representatives and the public in general;
2. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect from and upon the final passing thereof.

READ a 1st and 2nd time this 5th day of December, 2014.

READ a 3rd time short and passed this _____ day of _____, 201_.

JIM GIBSON, REEVE

MELINDA REITH, CLERK