

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 3, 2010				Report Date	Monday, July 19, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
County Public Works Recommendations – Roads Report #03/09/10/205									

Subject: Report from Steve Boland re: road tour with Terry May 5, 2010 and subsequent presentation to Council of Friday, July 16, 2010

RECOMMENDATION: That Council consider the following actions as a result of professional opinion expressed via letter from County Public Works dated May 26, 2010.

**WHEREAS** Steve Boland and Dave Darch of the County's Public Work's Department conducted a Road Tour with our Road Super on May 5, 2010 at our request and subsequently attended the July 13 Council meeting to further express their professional opinion and provide direction to staff;

**AND WHEREAS** some of the activities recommended require specific Council direction as they were not planned or budgeted for in the 2010 calendar year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to contract with professional engineers to provide a preliminary study and report on the detailed work required to correct and prevent further damage and erosion along Harvey Creek Road;

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: County engineers have the expertise required to make recommendations on the condition of our roads. In May this municipality contacted the County to have their experienced employees review some areas in question and provide recommendations towards remedy.

Some of the recommendations made by County engineers have been complied with as they were neither time nor labour intensive:

- Signs have been installed on Mackey Creek Road warning of the curve hazard;
- Chokecherry Lane has been modified (at the expense of the property owner) to meet standards.
- Meetings have been arranged with MTO to discuss changes with Dunlop Crescent (removal of windrows); and Boudreau Road ditching into Highway 17 drainage ditch;
- a draft agreement is being created to provide maintenance duties to County assets on a cost recovery basis (Dunlop Road and Mackey Creek Road Culverts);.

It is the recommendation of these professionals that we have a geotechnical specialist with slope stability experience with saturated soils review the situation along Harvey Creek Road in greater detail and make a recommendation to Council.

Staff recommendation is that in order to fulfill our obligation for due diligence the situation be reviewed by specialists. Postponing attention to this situation will only compound the problem. If it is determined that there are no significant challenges with the bank, then only time and insignificant funds (engineering fees for a study) are lost. If it is determined that there is work required, time is necessary to plan for a solution.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: With prudent planning, costs for a preliminary study, report and if required eventual project will be offset by taking pre-emptive action as opposed to watching the situation deteriorate and dealing with the consequences.

Policy Impact: N/A

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk	
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk	<i>Melinda Reith</i>