

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, May 20, 2011				Report Date	Tuesday, May 17, 2011			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Public Meeting – Budget and Taxes Report - 20/05/11/704									

SUBJECT: Need for a public meeting to answer questions related to the budget adopted for 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: That the following resolution be passed.

**WHEREAS** reports in area newspapers did not accurately reflect the budget increases for 2011 resulting in misinformation being circulated;

**AND WHEREAS** a number of Councillors have been contacted by ratepayers requesting clarification;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby direct the Clerk to prepare for and advertise an open “public” session of Council to be held at the regular meeting of Council of Friday, June 3, 2011 in order to make a short presentation to the public and then allow Council members to respond to questions from members of the public.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Self explanatory – the comments made in the NRT did not accurately reflect the operating costs for 2011 and subsequent misinformation is circulating. This will provide Council with an opportunity to directly respond to questions from the public to set the record straight.

Information as presented to Council prior to the budget discussions will be provided to members of the public at the meeting.

Others Consulted:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*