

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 4, 2009				Report Date	Wednesday, Sep. 2, 2009			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Solar Power Property Assessment Report #04/09/09/207									

**SUBJECT:** Report on the request for support from the Town of Amherstburg for fair assessment of properties used for solar power generation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council pass the following resolution supporting the Town of Amherstburg in its quest for fair property valuation.

**WHEREAS** the Town of Amherstburg has requested support for its resolution in modifying the calculation of Property Assessment for solar energy operations;

**AND WHEREAS** it makes sense to offer some type of rebate or reduced rate to unconventional land uses due to projects which are being encouraged by the Provincial Government to solve an energy problem in an environmentally friendly way;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the Town of Amherstburg and request that the Province, specifically the Ministry of Finance, continue with consultation with Municipalities and the Solar Industry to reach a fair and equitable property assessment valuation method for these operations;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our MPP, AMO and the Town of Amherstburg.

**Background/Executive Summary:** As stated in the attached resolution the current value assessment does not fairly value properties that are being used for uses that are not conventional. The suggested valuation would be fairer and would encourage rather than discourage production of solar and other alternate power sources.

**Options/Discussion:** Support or not.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:** None.

**Policy Impact:** None.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

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