

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, January 9, 2015				Report Date	Tuesday, January-06-15			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
OPP Billing and Costs - Report #09/01/15/1102									

Subject:

Dissatisfaction with the OPP Billing Model and Costing Formula implemented by the Provincial Government.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the following resolution expressing their discontent and dissatisfaction with the unfair and inequitable billing model implemented by the provincial government.

Resolution

WHEREAS the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. Yasir Naqvi announced a new OPP billing model to take effect on January 1, 2015 based on calls for service and base costs which does not consider seasonal properties nor the differences between a “commercial” property as described in MPAC’s system in a small rural municipality such as a cell tower and a “commercial” property in a large urban center such as a night club or entertainment center;

AND WHEREAS the unorganized municipalities and their Provincial Land Tax payments from northern Ontario have not been considered or amended in this funding formula;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree with and support the enclosed resolutions of the Township of McKellar, the Municipality of McDougall, The Town of Bancroft, the Township of Pelee and the Township of Algonquin Highlands in expressing their objections to this flawed funding model;

AND FURTHER THAT it calls on the province at all levels and ministries to declare a moratorium on the implementation of the new billing model and to work to develop a model which is more fair and equitable meeting the needs of all Ontarians.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for support.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As per direction of Council at the December 5th meeting. Copies of resolutions of supported municipalities are included for reference.

Options/Discussion:

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted:

Noella LeBreton, Treasurer; various other municipalities; the Provincial Land Tax Review.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk