

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, June 12, 2015				Report Date	Wednesday, June 3, 2015			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Amend Procedure By-Law - Report #12/06/15/1101

Subject:

Amend Agenda from “Call to Order and Moment of Reflection” to “Call to Order and Moment of Silent Reflection”

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the following amendments to the Agenda/Procedure By-Law.

WHEREAS Council has previously debated the pros and cons of various meeting openings;

AND WHEREAS a phrase was suggested at the meeting of May 8, 2015 included in the minutes fulfilling our notice provisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to change in the Agenda and Procedure By-law the phrase “*Call to Order and Moment of Reflection*” to “*Call to Order and Moment of Silent Reflection*” which moment is to be preceded by the following invitation of the meeting chair “*Let us take a moment of silent reflection to contemplate in our own way the responsibility we have to collectively use our skills and experience to ensure the mutual long term benefit of our Municipality and those we represent.*”

AND FURTHER THAT these amendments commence at the next meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As explained, this issue has been debated numerous times since the inauguration of this Council. This final format appears to meet requirements, is not a prayer but allows for private reflection in whatever manner the individual so chooses.

Others Consulted:

As per Council direction at the meeting of May 8, 2015.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk