

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, July 20, 2012				Report Date	Wednesday, July 18, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Fire Risk Sign - Report #20/07/12/1101									

Subject: Approval of "Fire Risk Signs".

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the current signage and discuss additional options for communicating Municipal Fire Bans.

WHEREAS Council has recognized the need for increased signage during this drought, Municipal Fire Ban and MNR Restricted Fire Zone;

AND WHEREAS the Emergency Management reserve contains funds sufficient for additional signage to be utilized to prevent a forest fire which is one of our identified hazards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to remove up to \$3,000 from the Emergency Management Reserve to purchase additional fire hazard and Fire Ban signage for use within the municipality.

Background/Executive Summary:

The original two signs are awaiting approval. I have authorized SunSign Graphics to upgrade the format of our logo and provide us versions in various formats for use for all purposes. The cost is \$100. The signs will be installed by our staff to save money. We will require pressure treated lumber and bolts.

There have been some requests for additional signage during a municipal ban. Councillor Gibson has requested that this issue be added to the agenda. Doug Antler had previously addressed this concern in an email sent last week when he enquired whether or not Council could take the lead in having uniform/standard signs created for use at the campgrounds during fire bans. He suggested that the individual campgrounds may even be willing to cover some costs if the municipality could take the lead.

It is staff suggestions to purchase a number of signs 4 x 4 with the fire hazard sign and "Municipal Fire Ban in Place" across the bottom to be installed in various additional locations throughout the municipality including the most used Crown land access roads and the campgrounds during a fire ban or restricted fire zone. Bissett Creek Road, Brent Road, Mackey Creek Road and Menet Lake Road are examples.

Compared with the costs of fighting a fire – the signage is minimal. Funds may be utilized from the "Emergency Management" reserve fund.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

The sign could be ½ the size of the current signs. Costs would likely be reduced accordingly.

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted/Resources/References: Councillor Jim Gibson, Doug Antler, Gayle Watters.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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