

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, February 17, 2017				Report Date	Monday, February 13, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## Building Code Changes - Report #17/02/17/1203

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### Subject: Building Code Changes – Septic System

#### RECOMMENDATION:

As drafted by Mayor Gibson...

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has proposed a change to the Building Code, B-08-09-03, requiring mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner;

**AND WHEREAS** that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

**AND WHEREAS** the change document fails to identify the administrative costs to Municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs;

**AND WHEREAS** many Municipalities already have bylaws to regulate septic systems especially near waterways;

**AND WHEREAS** the majority of homeowners pump out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer’s money than “enhancing” maintenance on existing functioning systems;

**AND WHEREAS** adequate legislation already exists to correct malfunctioning systems;

**AND WHEREAS** Premier Wynne stated on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the ROMA conference that the Province recognizes that “one size fits all” solutions do not always work in rural Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara, and Maria does hereby request the Honorable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to rescind proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution is sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution is sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and to all Ontario Municipal Mayors for consideration.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As provided by Mayor Gibson previously via email as well as the attached MAH summary.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

None immediately however; costs for monitoring, inspecting and record retention would be borne by the municipality through the Chief Building Official. Costs of testing, dumping would borne by already cash strapped residents, many of whom are seniors on fixed incomes.

**Policy Impact:**

**Others Consulted:**

Mayor Jim Gibson, Head, Clara & Maria

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*