#### Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council Type of Decision Meeting Friday, December 12, 2017 Report Monday, December 4, 2017 Date Date Decision **Priority** Х Yes No Χ High Low Required Direction Information Type of Х Х Open Closed Meeting Only COLA and CPI increase - October to October -Report #12/12/17/1201

#### **Subject:**

Review of the annual cost of living increase for contracts, salaries and honorarium.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

**WHEREAS** Council policy and past practise has been to award cost of living adjustments to staff salary, municipal contracts and council honoraria when the October to October Consumer Price Index surpassed 1%;

AND WHEREAS numbers for Ontario show an increase of 1.3% 2016-2017;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize the 1.3% cost of living adjustment based on the October to October Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for Ontario to all applicable salaries, honoraria and contracts effective January 1, 2018.

#### **BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Historically, Stats Cans year to year consumer price index percentage has been used to increase compensation for Council, staff salaries and municipal contracts. It has not been awarded when lower than 1%. The 2016-2017 October to October is 1.3%.

## **Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

	1.3% increase
Council Honoraria	\$250
Staff Salary	\$3,950
Municipal Contracts	\$2,200
Approximate Total Cost to Municipality of	\$6,400
Implementing COLA for 2017 at 1.3%	

## **Others Consulted:**

Noealla LeBreton, Treasurer StatsCan <u>http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/cpis01g-eng.htm</u>

### Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

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Municipal Clerk *M Reith*