

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 8, 2016				Report Date	Monday, September 5, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
#08/09/16/1202 – Taxation for Small Campgrounds									

**SUBJECT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the following RESOLUTION.

**WHEREAS** recently the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) ruled that small family owned campgrounds employing fewer than 5 people are no longer considered Small Businesses and face significant tax increases;

**AND WHEREAS** some campgrounds are having their taxes reassessed and are facing significant tax increases which may lead them to close business;

**AND WHEREAS** Head, Clara & Maria is home to 4 small campgrounds which may or may not be negatively affected by this change in legislation;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's campground association "Camping In Ontario" is working with the Federation of Independent Business to push the Department of Small Business and Tourism, Finance Canada and the CRA to ensure that campgrounds are recognized as small business and pay the same taxes small businesses do;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby respectfully urge the Federal government to set aside audits until the unclear and unfair application of these rules is reviewed and that the federal government recognizes small, mostly family-run campgrounds as small businesses, and treat them the same as other small businesses;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated for support.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Additional information is contained in the attached letter and resolution provided by MP Cheryl Gallant and the city of Quinte West.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/BUDGET IMPACT:**

May have significant impact on ratepayers; does not affect the municipality in general.

### **POLICY IMPACT:**

### **OTHERS CONSULTED/RESOURCES:**

<b>Approved and Recommended by the Clerk</b>	
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk	Melinda Reith