

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 19, 2019				Report Date	Tuesday September 10, 2019			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #19/09/19/1003- Winter Maintenance Contract									

**SUBJECT: Request of consideration of the COLA clause for the 2019-2022 Winter Maintenance Contract**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council provide direction to staff regarding the request for consideration of the COLA clause that was to be excluded from future exterior contracts.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Council awarded the Winter Maintenance Contract to Pat Stewart Trucking. In his tender submission, Mr. Stewart included the clause for COLA to be incorporated in the contract. At the meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>, Council directed the Clerk to look at the wording of Resolution Number 17/01/19/006 passed on January 17, 2019 which states:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize option 2 as amended.

2- That the 2.4% cost of living adjustment based on the October to October Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for Ontario be applied to all applicable salaries, honoraria and contracts, if stated, effective January 1, 2019 and cost of living adjustments be excluded from future contracted service negotiations.

It was noted at the last regular meeting of Council that the current tendering process does not allow for multi-year pricing, only a base price.

**OPTIONS:**

Approve the request for COLA to be incorporated into the contract; or  
Maintain that COLA be excluded from the contract.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

Only applicable if the threshold exists for Council to consider approving COLA, at which it would then depend on the rate of increase.

**Others Consulted:**

**Approved and Recommended by the Clerk**

Crystal Fischer,  
Clerk