

WHEREAS the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS based on 201 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario's projected new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario's municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billion;

AND WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario's municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards on transportation infrastructure;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Good Roads Association and to the CAA;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities requesting their support.