Head, Clara & Maria Policies and Procedures			
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## **POLICY**

Legal services to Council and employees of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria may be provided for matters arising out of a Council members or an employee's direct and proper discharge of duties.

## **GUIDELINES**

- 1. A Council member or an employee, while engaged by the Municipality and in proper conduct and discharge of their duties, who finds that a matter has arisen or may arise which could involve action against the Council member, an employee or the Municipality, should immediately report the matter to the Clerk-Treasurer giving full particulars of the circumstances. In the case of the Clerk-Treasurer, the matter should be reported to Council.
- 2. The Clerk-Treasurer will formally document the incident. The report shall be signed by the Council member or employee and the Clerk-Treasurer. In the case of the Clerk-Treasurer, the report shall be signed by the Clerk-Treasurer and the Head of Council.
- 3. It is the responsibility of the Clerk-Treasurer to immediately report and review the matter with the Municipal Solicitor.
- 4. Each situation will be based upon its individual merits. Legal assistance is made available upon the recommendation of the Clerk-Treasurer and the Municipal Solicitor.
- 5. A Council member or an employee who chooses to retain legal assistance/advice on their own without reference to the Municipality places themselves in a position where assistance, either legal or financial, may not be available from the Municipality.