

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, August 22, 2013				Report Date	Monday, July-22-13			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Resolution of Support – National Dementia Strategy Report – 22/08/13/1101									

Subject: Request from the Alzheimer Society to have the provincial and federal governments implement a national dementia strategy.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the attached resolution created as directed at the July meeting.

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are progressive, degenerative diseases of the brain that causes thinking and memory to become seriously impaired;

AND WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias most often occur in people over the age of 65 but can strike adults at any age;

AND WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias affect more than 500,000 Canadians currently and that this figure is projected to reach 1.1 million within a generation;

AND WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other dementias also takes their toll on hundreds of thousands of families and care partners;

AND WHEREAS an estimated further three million Canadians face the burden and challenges of providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias;

AND WHEREAS there is no known cause of cure for this devastating illness;

AND WHEREAS Canada, unlike many countries, does not have a national dementia strategy;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need to plan and raise awareness and understanding about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias for the sake of improving the quality of life of the people it touches;

AND WHEREAS MP Claude Gravelle Nickel Belt has introduced Bill C-356, An Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia, as he works for broad, all party and non-partisan support for an issue that touches us all. His legislation calls for a national plan that includes the development of strategies in primary health care, in health promotion and prevention of illness, in community development, in building community capacity and care

partner engagement, investments in research and other (advisory board, objective, investment in research, and caregivers and more)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby call on all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities to adopt a national dementia strategy, and urges all citizens of our community to become more aware and engaged concerning the far-reaching effects of this devastating disease.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Self-explanatory.

Options/Considerations: None

Policy Impact: none

Others Consulted:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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