

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, December 4, 2009				Report Date	Monday, November 30, 2009			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Roads Truck Reserves 04/12/09/204									

Subject: Request for funds to be removed from Roads Truck Reserve to purchase a new vehicle for roads use as soon as possible.

Recommendation: That the following motion be adopted removing funds from the Roads Reserve so a new vehicle can be purchased before year end.

WHEREAS the current roads vehicle is beginning to require costly repairs on a regular basis;

AND WHEREAS the funds exist within the Roads Truck Reserve to purchase a new vehicle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize the removal of those funds (\$32,500) to be used towards the purchase of a new vehicle for use by the Road Superintendent. Should there be any funds remaining after the purchase, they will be returned to that reserve.

Background/Executive Summary: Within the past year the roads vehicle has required repairs of \$2,637.68 over and above routine maintenance. At a recent inspection it was recommended that additional repairs of nearly \$1,000 were required to replace tie-rod ends, wheel bearings and an alignment. At annual repairs of nearly 10% of the cost of a new vehicle it is in the municipality's best interest to dispose of the current vehicle and purchase a new one. The current vehicle is over 10 years old.

In compliance with our procurement by-law a request for proposals/quotes has been prepared in conjunction with the roads superintendent and has been advertised. Once we have received quotes from various dealers both in Pembroke and North Bay a final decision will be made and the vehicle will be purchased. Because Reggie Francoeur performs regular maintenance on our vehicles and is privy to basic repair information we will consult with him for his opinion on reliability and availability of parts of the makes that the dealers quote on.

Due to basic pricing knowledge, we have limited our search to Ford and Dodge dealers as other makes are prohibitively expensive for the type of vehicle we are looking for.

Resources/Others Consulted: Whitewater Region (sample rfp); Canadian Tire; Internet consumer reports; Ruth Morin, Treasurer; Tracy Pearce, Treasurer Trainee; Wilfred Lamure, Roads Super;

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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