

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, December 18, 2009				Report Date	Tuesday, December 15, 2009			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Maintain Budget Process Report #18/12/09/208									

Subject: To allow staff to continue to use the existing budget format for 2010 until after our auditor makes recommendations following the 2009 annual audit.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the following resolution allowing staff to maintain the current budget process to allow for ease in implementation and comparison.

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board has implemented changes to accounting practices to allow for depreciation to provide a clearer picture of each municipality's net worth;

AND WHEREAS the new changes allow each municipality by resolution to change or maintain their current budget process and format depending on their needs;

AND WHEREAS until our auditor completes our year end audit amending existing practices it is easier to maintain our old budgeting format for comparative purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to retain the existing budget format for the 2010 year, allowing for changes to occur in the future.

Background/Executive Summary: This resolution is required to allow staff to maintain existing practises for 2010. After our audit is completed our budget process may change, however it will include minor adjustments and possible inclusion of new accounts to compensate for the PSAB changes implemented in 2009. Until we see the recommendations of our auditor for the 2009 audit year, it will be simpler to use the old format. To date, our auditor's comments about the entire PSAB process is that it will not affect us much due to the scope and size of our municipality and accounts. The major changes will be compensating for depreciation and completing Balance sheets. Once this process evolves, it may make sense to amend our budget process slightly but for this year, 2010, it will be much simpler to maintain the existing format.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: - none

Policy Impact: - none. There is currently no policy affected.

Others Consulted: Ruth Morin, Treasurer; Peter Harrington, Municipal Auditor;

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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