

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 23, 2012				Report Date	Friday, March 16, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Reeve Stewart's Response Report #23/03/12/1102									

Subject: To receive the responses to questions asked of Reeve Stewart at the meeting of March 9, 2012 concerning the letter she had printed in the NRT on February 22, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the following resolution requesting responses to the specific questions posed of Reeve Stewart in the letter from Councillor Gibson as presented at the meeting of Friday, March 9, 2012.

WHEREAS Reeve Stewart caused to be printed in the NRT a letter making serious allegations against staff and council which were defamatory in nature;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Gibson as the meeting of Friday, March 9, 2012 formally requested a written explanation of the statements made by Reeve Stewart in her letter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to receive and review the responses of Reeve Stewart as they relate specifically to the questions posed by Councillor Gibson.

Background/Executive Summary: Self-explanatory. Defamatory statements were printed in the NRT in a letter provided by Reeve Stewart. Councillor Gibson is requesting an account of the persons and violations of the policies and/or legislation quoted in the letter.

The Clerk has contacted the municipal solicitor to obtain advice as to whether this conversation is to be held in open session and/or if the libellous comments of Reeve Stewart opened the municipality up to legal liability. A response has not yet been received.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None

Policy Impact: None.

Others Consulted/Resources/References: Mr. Conroy, Municipal Solicitor – have yet to receive his response.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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