

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, May 4, 2012				Report Date	Tuesday, May 1, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
New Code of Conduct – Council Members – Report #04/05/12/1101									

Subject: Review of the New Code of conduct for Council Members.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council pass the following resolution adopting the Code of Conduct as presented.

WHEREAS one of the recommendations of the Delfi Group reports included a review of the Municipal Code of Conduct;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to adopt the presented Code of Conduct for use commencing immediately.

Background/Executive Summary: The form presented is an amalgamation of the current code with a “Model Form of Code of Conduct for Members of Council” as presented in the Ontario Municipal Law: A User’s Manual 2012 by George Rust-D’Eye dated July 2011. It is listed as “Prepared for the Integrity Commissioners Association of Ontario by George Rust-D’Eye, WeirFoulds LLP; Borrowing substantially from provisions of the Code of Conduct of the city or Toronto and those of other municipalities.”

As this document has been created by a lawyer for the City of Toronto and presented in a Municipal Law User’s Manual, it is expected that it has covered all pertinent areas and is exact as to the interpretation of the law.

As the former document existed to attempt to provide guidelines for both staff and Council members and was not specific, and due to the challenges over the past year; it is felt that two separate documents are required so that each party knows which sections apply specifically to them.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None

Policy Impact: None, as per provincial legislation;

Others Consulted/Resources/References: Municipal Act; Ontario Municipal Law: A User’s Manual – 2012;

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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