Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council Type of Decision Meeting Friday, March 28, 2014 Report Wednesday, March-26-14 Date Date Decision Priority Х Yes No X High Low Required Direction Information Type of Х Х Open Closed Only Meeting Resolution of Support - City of Stratford -**Province Wide Standard for Keeping of Exotic** Animals - Report #28/03/14/1102

Subject:

Resolution of support for the City of Stratford concerning the request for a Province-wide Standard for the keeping of exotic animals to provide consistency and health and safety for all Ontarians.

RECOMMENDATION:

As requested by Council at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria received and discussed the resolution of the City of Stratford adopted on November 12, 2013 concerning a request for provincial oversight on the issue of the keeping of exotic pets;

AND WHEREAS this Council agrees that provincially or federally created and enforced laws would provide a safer environment for all Canadians and also protect the animals themselves;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the resolution of the City of Stratford and joins in the request to petition the provincial and federal governments to implement standard rules to restrict the keeping of exotic animals to address health, public safety, animal welfare, environmental issues, and emergency responder awareness;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the appropriate ministers and administrators for attention and action.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Self Explanatory. As per the request of Council.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: None

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Policy Impact:

Others Consulted/Resources/Sources:

Letter and resolution of the City of Stratford.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk

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