Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Type of Decision									
Meeting	Friday, September 26, 2014				Report	Tuesday, September-23-14			
Date					Date				
Decision	v	Voc		No	Priority	Х	Himb		Low
Required	X	Yes		No		^	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only		•	Type of	X	Open		Closed
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#26/09/14/1102 – Disposal Site Expansion – Bissett Creek

Subject:

Request for permission to expend funds to apply for expansion of the Bissett Creek disposal site as per Council direction.

RECOMMENDATION:

As funds have been reserved for this purpose and as the legislation currently allow for limited expansion of smaller landfill sites, it is recommended that Council pass this resolution authorizing staff to work with Cambium to complete an application for the Bissett Creek disposal site expansion.

WHEREAS reserves exist for the sole purpose of procuring an expansion of municipal waste disposal;

AND WHEREAS current regulation allow for limited expansion of small landfill sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to contract with Cambium Inc. to apply for expansion for the Bissett Creek site up to the limits as recommended by Cambium.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This resolution is the result of Council direction and dedicated savings for specifically this purpose. The attached reports from Jp2g and Cambium outline the project. Unknown costs include the possibility of new monitoring wells. These costs will not be known until the MOE begins to process the application.

Although our current waste management practises have resulted in an increased life span for our current sites, it is a certainly that we will always have to manage waste. If other methods of waste disposal become more readily available and cost effective this will be land that will be reserved for this purpose well into the future and could be used for waste, for waste processing, storage, transfer etc.

If Council does not take advantage of the somewhat eased regulations at this point, it may be more difficult to apply in the future. Any new government may drastically change regulations.

Options/Discussion:

It is recommended that we begin the process and once pre-consultation with the MOE occurs and the possibility of need for monitoring wells is determined, the decision may be re-evaluated.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

There is currently \$253,000 in reserves dedicated to Disposal Site maintenance or replacement. The estimate for consulting work and application is about \$25,000. An estimate for well drilling and installation would be approximately \$_____ per well. (awaiting a response from Cambium)

Policy Impact:

Is within Council authority and responsibility as per the Municipal Act.

Others Consulted:

Dave Bucholtz, Cambium, Kevin Mooder, Jp2g, Noella LeBreton, Treasurer

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk