

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, October 17, 2014				Report Date	Tuesday, October-14-14			
Decision Required		Yes	x	No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction		Information Only		x	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
<h2>Clerk's - Report #17/10/14/801</h2>									

Subject:

1. Time since last meeting has been spent working mainly on municipal **elections**.
2. **OPP Billing** webinar was followed. The changes are required in an attempt to make charges for Provincial Police services fairer for all municipalities. Some Ontario municipalities pay well over \$600 per capita for their policing. HCM stands to have our fees change from 2014's \$44,000 to 2015's estimate of \$94,514 under the new formula.

The province has agreed to phase the increases in by capping the increase at a maximum of \$40 per property. The transition phase in adjustment for 2015 will be \$36,036 for total billing for 2015 of \$58,478 for a year over year increase of \$14,320.

As much as election comments have included "keeping the line on taxes" and "watching spending" there is nothing we can do about this increase but pay it. Normal increases to revenues from taxation due to phase in will amount to \$13,500 for 2015 reducing the increase in policing costs for HCM ratepayers.

The 2015 billing statement shows total commercial and industrial properties used for calculations at 25. Staff plan to follow up with MPAC to determine the validity of that number and suggests Council express its concern with using this number in cost calculations. Not all commercial and industrial properties are created nor should be considered equal. One of our seasonal camp grounds closed for the winter would not begin to equate with the requirement for policing for an operating night club that other municipalities may have in their downtown core.

3. Stats included in your package show the success to date of the **Recreation Committee** with proceeds from events for 2014 totalling \$9,793.94. While expenses in the Miscellaneous Recreation fund show \$4,219.47 they reflect money borrowed to pay for expenses for events. These have been returned and total approximately \$2,000 resulting in a net profit for the committee of approximately \$7,790. The committee is working on their portion of the budget to be presented to Council through staff for discussion in December.
4. The **park use draft by-law** has been forwarded to the Recreation Committee for review and comment.