

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 24, 2017				Report Date	Friday, March 10, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Support – Horton Admaston/Bromley OPP Reporting - Report #24/03/17/1104

Subject:

Support for the Townships of Admaston/Bromely and Horton and their request that the OPP expand reporting requirements to be more comprehensive and transparent, including not just calls for service but base services as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the following resolution as requested by Council at its meeting of Friday, February 17, 2017.

WHEREAS it is legislated that every municipality is to provide adequate and effective policing services with many municipalities relying on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) without having much say in its operations and management practises;

AND WHEREAS the Townships of Amaston/Bromely and Horton have circulated a resolution and letter for support, calling on the OPP to modify its reporting process to be more comprehensive and transparent, to include not just calls for service but costs for base services such as proactive and preventive policing activities, and maintain the current municipal services board model;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support this position and encourages the OPP to improve its reporting as above and specifically making notations for calls which occur on Crown lands as opposed to private property within each municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to appropriate entities for support, action and information.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In HCM, when calls are responded to, it is not recorded whether or not they were specific to municipal or private property and that owned by the province. As the majority of land within the municipality is owned by the Crown, it is expected that a large percentage of calls are also due to activity on Federal and Provincial land including the Trans Canada Highway provincial parks, logging roads, and Crown leases.

Without this specifically being marked on reports, these calls are being charged back to the municipality in error. Correctly accounting for these calls might reduce annual policing charges for our municipality.

Further, in the base costs charged by the OPP, we pay for proactive and preventive policing activities which we see little evidence of in our municipality. Accounting for these activities might more accurately result in a truer billing of costs for services received.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Could be significant. How often are we being charged for services provided for provincial lands. How often are we paying for services which are not being provided in our community due to our composition and location.

Since 2014 Policing costs have more than doubled from \$45,000 to an estimate of \$92,141 for 2017.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk

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