

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, October 14, 2016				Report Date	Tuesday, October 11, 2016			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Property Standards Download - Report #14/10/16/1107									

**Subject:**

Resolution in opposition to the potential downloading of property standards by-laws and enforcement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the following resolution.

**WHEREAS** small rural municipalities tend to have very few rental units;

**AND WHEREAS** renters can invite anyone into their rental accommodation (building inspector, health inspector, fire safety officer, electrical safety authority inspector etc.);

**AND WHEREAS** these invited authorities can make recommendations, issue orders to comply etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** interior and exterior property standards bylaws would undoubtedly decrease the already small number of rental units available in small municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of creating, administering and enforcing these bylaws is prohibitively expensive for small rural municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the enforcement of provincial standards under Ontario regulation 517/06 would be prohibitively expensive for small rural municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** 93 small municipalities see no demonstrable need for these bylaws or enforcement of them;

**AND WHEREAS** the latest Stats Canada census shows zero rental buildings in the United Townships of Head Clara and Maria;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head Clara and Maria does hereby request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry of Housing to halt the forced download approach to the enforcement of Ontario regulation 517/06 as described in the information package dated June 27, 2016;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Bill Mauro, the Minister of Housing, the Honorable Chris Ballard, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, the County of Renfrew, MPP John Yakubuski, the Rural Mayor's Forum of Eastern Ontario and the Algonquin's of Pikwakanagan for support.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Based on information obtained by Mayor Gibson at County Council.

**Options/Discussion:****Policy Impact:**

As per policy.

**Others Consulted:**

Committee of the Whole. Drafted by Mayor Gibson.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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