THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

BY-LAW NUMBER 2008-15

BEING a by-law repealing by-law number 2004 -14 being a by-law regulating wildfire services in the municipality and amending by-laws number 2006-09 and 2006-10 being by-laws to regulate fire bans and to regulate open air burning respectively.

WHEREAS the *Forest Fire Prevention Act* R.S.O. 1990 section 21 (1) states that subject to an agreement made under section 19 and to subsection (2), every municipality in a fire region shall at its expense extinguish grass, brush or forest fires within its limits;

AND WHEREAS through a lengthy process of research, public consultation and deliberation Council has decided to dissolve the Wildfire Service of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria;

AND WHEREAS in order to meet its legal obligations, Council has entered into a 5 year Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide comprehensive coverage for all municipal and crown lands within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS section 2 a) and b) of said agreement require the municipality to implement a forest fire prevention program and control open air burning through a by-law and a municipal fire permit system;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate that these actions be formalized by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does enact as follows:

1. **THAT** by-law number 2004 -14, being a by-law to regulate wildfire services in the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria is hereby repealed;

2. **THAT** Appendices A, B, C and D of said by-law being an Organizational Chart, Level of Wildfire Service Document, a Wildfire Service Membership Policy and a Wildfire Services Management Policy respectively are hereby repealed;

3. **THAT** Wilfred Lamure be hereby relieved of his volunteer position of Chief Fire Warden as the Volunteer Fire Service is hereby dissolved;

4. **THAT** by-law number 2006-09 being a by-law to regulate fire bans and its appendices be amended by striking out the term “Chief Fire Warden” wherever it occurs therein and substituting therefore, in each case, the term “By-law Enforcement Officer”;

5. **THAT** said by-law is further amended by striking out the term “Volunteer Warden(s)” and “Wildfire warden”;

6. **THAT** by-law number 2006-10 being a by-law to regulate open air burning and its appendices be amended by striking out the term “Chief Fire Warden” wherever it occurs therein and substituting therefore, in each case, the term “By-law Enforcement Officer”;

7. **THAT** this by-law come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing;

READ a 1st and 2nd time this 2nd day of May 2008.

READ a 3rd time short and passed this 16th day of May 2008.

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TAMMY SONNENBURG, REEVE

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MELINDA REITH, CLERK