

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 27, 2013				Report Date	Thursday, September-19-13			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Support – Kenora – Flying/Sky Lanterns - Report #27/09/13/1201

Subject:

Support for the resolution of the City of Kenora concerning the ban on flying lanterns in Ontario.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the following resolution in support.

WHEREAS the use of flying/sky lanterns pose a significant risk of forest fire where used in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS policing this use will be extremely difficult for individual municipalities and Fire Departments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the City of Kenora in their petition to the province and requests that to ensure the safety of rural residents, their property and vast acreages of Crown property that the Provincial government makes the prudent decision to ban the use and sale of these lanterns, used primarily for entertainment, within the Province of Ontario.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The resolution of the City of Kenora is attached for information. These devices are lit and released often reaching significant heights and distances before coming to ground, not necessarily spent as a form of decoration and entertainment. I have personally witnessed their use in Head, Clara & Maria and had some concern with their ability to start fire.

Options/Discussion:

To support or not.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

No impact with this resolution; significant if fires are to be extinguished as a result of their use.

Policy Impact:

None

Others Consulted:

City of Kenora resolution. Researched use and availability on-line.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk