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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, March 28, 2014				Report Date	Wednesday, March-26-14			
Decision Required	Х	Yes		No	Priority	Х	High		Low
Direction	Х	Information Only			Type of Meeting	Х	Open		Closed

Resolution of Support – Greater Madawaska – AMO's Approach to Gas Tax and Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund Sharing - Report #28/03/14/1103

Subject:

Resolution of support for the Township of Greater Madawaska and the County of Renfrew's position respecting AMO's Approach to sharing provincial revenues.

RECOMMENDATION:

As requested by Council at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

WHEREAS the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria did receive and discuss resolution #327-13 of the Township of Greater Madawaska concerning the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s position on the allocation of provincial gas tax funds and the Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure fund;

AND WHEREAS traditionally gas tax funds finance public transportation and transit systems in approximately one quarter of Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Small, Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund (SRNIF) according to AMO's allocation model includes sharing the \$100 million announced funds with many municipalities which also receive gas tax transit funding:

AND WHEREAS this Council believes that an equitable sharing of the gas tax funds and stricter eligibility to the SRNIF is only fair to ensure that smaller rural municipalities receive a representative and proportionate share of available funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council support the resolution of Greater Madawaska asking that AMO review their preferred funding model and bring forward a fair allocation of provincial gas tax revenues for all municipalities in Ontario reporting on the allocation for each municipality under current methodologies for both programs;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate ministries and organizations for support and action.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Self Explanatory. As per the request of Council.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

None

Policy Impact:

Others Consulted/Resources/Sources: Resolution of the Township of Greater Madawaska.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk