

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, August 22, 2014				Report Date	Tuesday, August-19-14			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

## #22/08/14/1102 – ROAR Recreation Conference Calabogie

**Subject:**

Council support for attendance at the new Recreation Conference in Calabogie in September.  
**Deferred from July meeting pending consultation with the Recreation Committee.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council support the attendance of at least one individual for the Recreation Conference to be held in September in Calabogie.

**WHEREAS** funds exist in the Recreation Budget and in Parks and Rec Special Projects which have not yet been specifically allocated;

**AND WHEREAS** grass roots, staff and Council voluntarism has initiated a rebirth in recreational and social activity within the community in recent years;

**AND WHEREAS** local municipal staff have organized a Recreation focused Conference to be held within the County in September focusing on the needs of small rural municipalities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE** Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize the Recreation Committee to send up to two people to the ROAR Conference in September;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council authorizes the Treasurer to cover registration and accommodation/mileage costs as per the municipal policy from the Parks and Rec Special Projects account.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

**Recreation Committee members have expressed an interest in participation in this conference seeing the value in it in their initial stages. At least three members expressed an interest in attending some commenting that they would take care of their own accommodation (with relatives in the area) to keep costs as low for the community as possible.**

**Options/Discussion:**

Council to approve or not.

**Members have expressed that they would attempt to reduce costs of accommodation and/or travel.**

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

In its initial year the conference organizers are offering full registration for 4 days at \$225.00 per person. -  $2 \times \$225 = \$450$ .

These costs would be reduced depending on who attended. Accommodation is \$99 per night and depending on attendees might be shared? -  $\$99 \times 2 \times 2 = \$396$  (plus taxes)

When attending two day conferences at Calabogie in the past the Clerk did drive there and back each day. Mileage would be compensated then. -  $330 \text{ km return for 3 days at } .54/\text{km.} = \$534.60$

Total costs would be about \$1,000 depending on the options selected and the attendees. The most cost effective option would be to leave early Tuesday morning, spend two nights and drive home Thursday afternoon.

**Policy Impact:**

As per policy

**Others Consulted:**

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk