

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

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 15, 2017				Report Date	Tuesday, September 12, 2017			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE Elder's Crossing									
Report #15/09/17/1201									

**Subject:**

A request from a ratepayer for support.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Council support the request of Mr. & Mrs. Elder in their goal of removing a private crossing lease fee.

**WHEREAS** Robert and Jancis Elder were required to lease a crossing from CP rail to access their permanent residence;

**AND WHEREAS** CP Rail has transferred administration of that crossing lease to the County of Renfrew in consideration of the eventual purchase of the rail corridor;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby support the Elder's in their request to the County to waive the lease fee indefinitely for the continued use of their access to their private property over the abandoned rail corridor.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Please see attached documents provided by the Elders. They have been paying leasing fees for this crossing for years and are responsible for clearing and maintaining the crossing. They are requesting council's support in having the lease fee reduced to zero. For the 2016-2017 winter season the snowmobile club's lease for use was zero. They would like the same consideration from the county.

FYI - This municipality has never paid for use of rail crossings.

**Options/Discussion:**

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:** - none

**Policy Impact:** expression of good will towards residents.

**Approved and Recommended by the Clerk**

Melinda Reith,  
Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*

## Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 3, 2017 2:38 PM  
**To:** Melinda Reith  
**Subject:** Fwd: CP RailRoad Bed Crossing Lease Agreement Transfer  
**Attachments:** Renfrew County Lease Agreement.jpg  
  
**Categories:** Red Category

Melinda, put in wrong email the first time! ☹

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**From:** Robert Elder  
**Date:** Sun, Sep 3, 2017 at 2:12 PM  
**Subject:** RE: CP RailRoad Bed Crossing Lease Agreement Transfer  
**To:** Jason Davis <[jason.davis@renfrew.ca](mailto:jason.davis@renfrew.ca)>  
**Cc:** Dave Foote <[hcmfoote@hotmail.com](mailto:hcmfoote@hotmail.com)>, Melinda Reith <[hmcclerkmreith@gmail.com](mailto:hmcclerkmreith@gmail.com)>, Calvin Chartrand <[chartrandc@hotmail.com](mailto:chartrandc@hotmail.com)>, Robert Reid <[robbie1\\_400@hotmail.com](mailto:robbie1_400@hotmail.com)>

To: The County of Renfrew: re: letter of 2017 May 24, Lease Agreement (attached)

I would like an amended "Algonquin Trail" crossing agreement with the County of Renfrew ensuring the crossing rights to our property, at no cost (\$0.00) to me.

As the property "Algonquin Trail" is being purchased with public tax payer funds and will be under public ownership, I feel that there should not be any fee for directly crossing the trail; from the south/east end of Loggers Road, Stonecliffe, to my right of way, accessing my permanent residence of 154 Loggers Road. If snowmobiles, four wheelers, motorcycles, etc, can cross county roads at right angles without paying fees, I see no difference in this case.

Regards,  
Robert Elder  
[613-586-2540](tel:613-586-2540)

Department of Development &  
Property



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May 24, 2017

Robert R. Elder  
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**RE: Lease Agreement**

To whom it may concern,

In 2011 the County of Renfrew, County of Lanark and the Township of Papineau-Cameron (the Partners) initiated discussions with Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway to acquire the abandoned rail corridor to ensure that it remained in the public domain for the creation of a multi-use, four-season trail system. The rail corridor is a total of 296 km in length, commencing in Smiths Falls and ending in Mattawa, Ontario. In 2016 the Partners signed and purchased the rail line from CP. The rail line was officially named the **Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail** to reflect the inclusiveness of the wide geographic location of the trail and the County of Renfrew subsection was named the Algonquin Trail.

As part of the agreement for sale of properties CP has provided us with the attached Notice and Direction to Licensees from CP Rail Company which authorizes the County of Renfrew to receive rent, fees and other payments under your agreement commencing April 1, 2017. Please make all future lease payments in accordance with your agreement(s) to the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

If you have any questions with regards to this notice and/or the attachment, please contact Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry & GIS at 613-735-3204 x463 or by email at [jdavis@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:jdavis@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

Sincerely,

W. James Hutton, MCIP, RPP  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
County of Renfrew  
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