

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday March 22, 2022				Report Date	Monday, March 14, 2022			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #22/03/22/1202 – Clean and Clear By-Law Survey Results									

Subject: Results of the Clean and Clear By-Law Survey

Recommendation: That Council does not proceed with having the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law implemented.

Background/Executive Summary:

Council passed resolution 21/11/18/1002 on November 18th, 2021 directing staff to send out a public survey concerning the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law that was previously discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 25th, 2021.

Staff prepared an online survey, with the information approved by Council, and provided notice via property tax bill notices, community emails and on the municipal website.

82% of respondents do not believe there is an issue with debris accumulation within the municipality, and 84% of respondents do not believe there is a need for a Clean and Clear By-Law in the municipality. 87% of respondents do not agree with the provision of the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law. The number of respondents for each question vary from 132-134 respondents, and is outlined below.

1 Do you believe there is an issue with debris accumulation on properties located within the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria?



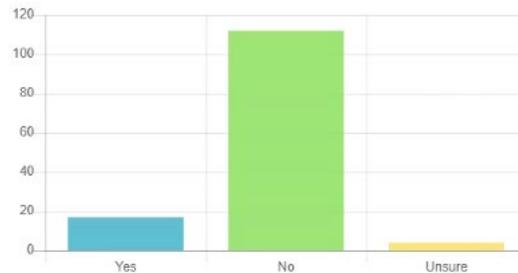
14% (18)
Yes

82% (108)
No

5% (6)
Unsure

132
Responses

2 Do you believe there is a need for a Clean and Clear By-Law for the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria?



13% (17)
Yes

84% (112)
No

3% (4)
Unsure

133
Responses

3

Do you agree with the provisions of the proposed By-Law 2021-35 Clean and Clear By-Law?



13% (18)
Yes

87% (116)
No

49
Standard Deviation

134
Responses

The responses for Question 4 and the Additional Comments have been enclosed due to the length.

Staff also received eleven paper copies of the survey in the municipal office, as well as letters from residents of which were included in correspondence. Out of the eleven paper copies submitted to the office: all disagree there was an issue with debris in the municipality; all disagree there was a need for a Clean and Clear By-Law in the municipality; and all disagree with the provisions of the proposed by-law.

The survey was created so that only one response per computer could be accepted. There are concerns that the survey may not be accurate as one person can submit multiple responses through various electronic devices as well as through physical copies at the municipal office. Aside from providing each and every person with a secure key to access and respond to the survey, I am not certain there is a way to get around this issue without significant staff time and financial resources. It is staff understanding that Council wanted to provide a survey to the public to receive a general consensus on the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law. The results that have been received have been far in opposition to proceeding with the by-law. Since publication of this survey, staff have also received numerous complaints in the municipal office of residents who are concerned with the passage of the Clean and Clear By-Law.

Based on the information received through the survey and complaints received at the municipal office, it is staff's recommendation that Council does not proceed with the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

None at this time.

Enclosures:

Survey Results

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Clerk/Treasurer