



*From the Office of the Mayor*

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF  
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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building – Room 281  
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Re: Dissolution of Local Emergency Response Board and Request for Services

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Dear Premier Wynne

At its meeting of Saturday, August 29, 2015 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria decided after considerable debate and public consultation to discontinue its agreement with neighbours for the provision of auto-extrication along the Trans-Canada Highway 17 which divides our municipality.

Although this was council's decision, the option had essentially been taken from us by the partner members of the North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit Board. It is our understanding that due to limited municipal resources and conflicting demands on those resources a number of fire departments are beginning to limit the services they are able to provide to their neighbours. This is a disconcerting trend; particularly when the services being provided are in fact provincial responsibility.

Although multi-faceted, one component of the on-going debate was the point that the highway is a provincial asset, owned and maintained in all other respects by the province and/or its contractors? Why and how did the provision of auto-extrication services as a result of motor vehicle accidents become the responsibility of local municipalities?

During public consultation Council promised as part of the decision making process to notify the province of the dissolution of this board and the now unprotected span of provincial

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highway throughout our municipality. We were further tasked with requesting that the province take the steps necessary to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the travelling public through our municipality and in fact across the province by making accommodation for the provision of this service.

We respectfully request that the province take a serious look at filling this void throughout the province and allocate the resources necessary to provide this potentially lifesaving service in a timely manner.

Sincerely

Jim Gibson, Mayor

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Cc: Hon. Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation  
Mr. Jim Wilson, MPP, Leader, Official Opposition  
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario  
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
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Enclosure: Minutes of Council meeting of August 29, 2015