



Fall Newsletter

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria

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Disposal Site, Garbage & Recycling Hours

Disposal site times will change effective October 31, 2009 due to lack of demand. Since 2006 we have had both sites open daily. After careful analysis of the usage statistics and the operations of neighbouring municipalities Council has decided to make the following changes. These hours are for both summer and winter operations.

Bissett Site—Tuesdays 12:30–3:30 and Saturday 12:45–3:45;

Stonecliffe Site—Thursdays 12:45–4:15 and Saturday 8:30–12:00.

Please note that the disposal sites **will not** be open on any statutory holiday nor will there be any collection. Should garbage collection be scheduled for any of these days, it will take place on the next regular business day.

Pickup times remain the same:

Deux Rivieres—Tuesday 10:00–11:00 am;

Bissett Creek—Tuesday 11:30–12:00;

Stonecliffe—Thursday—11:00 -12:00;

Mackey—Thursday 9:00–11:00

Recycling Collection:

Deux Rivieres & Bissett—every Tuesday with your garbage.

Mackey & Stonecliffe—every second Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) Please have material out by 7:30 a.m. for collection.

LARGE ITEM RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

The fall large item recycling collection will take place the week of October 19, 2009. As this collection is for the entire municipality and may take many trips to collect, please do not worry if your material does not disappear on the 19th. Our contractors will work until it has all been collected.

In general the following items are acceptable: large furniture—couches /chairs, tables/chairs, bed frames, rugs, mattresses (no carpeting); white goods—stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers (can be recycled even if not working); bags of clothing, coats, bedding, sleeping bags etc.; electronics or small appliances—TVs, DVDs, VCRs, stereos, computers, monitors, toasters, fans, and air conditioners.

Remember to put out all other regular material as well as the 19th is also a normal collection day.

Please consider the weather when placing materials out. A sofa or chair soaked with water will be heavy and difficult to collect and may eventually be landfilled due to damage. Should it be raining on the first collection day, either cover the material or keep it for the next date.

Also, you can call the contractor to arrange for special pick up. Yvan @ 613-586-2686 (Ask for Andre for service in English).

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Library Board News

Progress is the name of the game at the Library these days....what with Accessibility laws, Digitalization of the History project and Automation of the library. Our Public Library is certainly facing some challenges in meeting new requirements legislated for accessibility, which deals with providing accessibility to any challenged patron. Digitization of all our Historical photos, maps and documents is an exciting project and is being spearheaded by Marlene Gibson and Pam Charron in conjunction with Ontario Library Services North (OLSN). Automation is in the works and will certainly give us the boost needed to operate more efficiently with our limited staffing and volunteer base. All of these undertakings are huge and would not be possible at our library if it were not for some very specific and dedicated grants from the Ministry of Culture.

The library is also close to having its new logo finalized which will help to identify us as a Community based, Opportunity driven, Meetings place for Enjoyable times, spelling out the acronym "COME".

We have introduced some new services as well as maintained our standards. Laptops for lending are coming into play in the very near future. The policies to manage these items are being written and the systems should soon be available to our patrons. WI-FI is also a relatively new feature of the library, so, along with our Public access to the internet and on-site computers you can now bring in your own mobile units and keep up with your demanding correspondence. Visitors to the area can keep in touch with family and friends.

Our library is still collecting Valu-mart slips. This fundraiser has been very good to us to-date raising \$500.00 for our Library. If you shop at Valu-mart please save us your slips. They can be dropped off at the box in the Library or slipped through the mail slot in the Township Office door after hours. They sure add up nicely!

We still have our Book Sale set-up daily. For a "free will" donation you can pick out whatever books or magazines you like. We save our landfill by recycling/ reusing books, reducing waste and helping fund our library all at the same time.

Our Veteran's group has compiled a CD/DVD of our Veteran's Dedication and HCM Veterans as well as Dedication Ceremony Slideshow available for the small cost of \$2.00 per unit which just covers the materials to put these items together. Christmas is coming and this may be a nice stocking stuffer to give to a family member in remembrance of a brave ancestor. "Lest we forget."

October is Public Library month and Public Library week is from October 18th - 24th 2009. The fall also brings us to our "Stats week" this year from November 15-21, in which we collect annual statistics which helps us with our funding base. So if you can, please come by that week...just visiting us counts as does the number of items loaned and number of people using our internet service. All visitors for each and every visit can enter their name for a draw. We are hoping to develop a different twist to the entry rules to make it more interesting, so watch for details to be posted about the townships. Once here, just stop by the front desk on your way out and fill out a ballot!

Our hours remain the same; Daily from 8:30 to 4 (please enter at the Township Office door) Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8:30, and Saturday hours being 12:30 - 3, when access is available directly into the library. Books are loaned for a 30 day period with DVD loaned for 4 day time frame. Our library is run primarily by volunteers and we are always in need of workers, so if you have an evening or Saturday free please contact us, we never say no! We are also in need of a new Library Board member(s) If you are interested please see /call the Township Office for details. Memberships are free and all are welcome.

Coffee mornings will begin again in 2010--watch for our signs and we hope to see you out.

Disposal Site Information

A few reminders. The operation of our disposal sites is monitored by the Ministry of the Environment who legislate the operation with a list of requirements and regulations which we must follow under our Certificates of Approval .

It is against the law for anyone to drop any material at, in or near the disposal site when there is not an attendant at the site. If you are in the practice of carrying your garbage into the site during closed hours, you need to stop. This is not a lawful action and you could be fined. Further, depositing waste in any other area not licensed is illegal. Please do not drop your material at the gates, on the roadside or along our roads. There are many reasons for this including your safety and the need for us to monitor what is being placed in our sites.

Reminder: the Disposal Site Attendant will not collect from the roadside any material that is not placed in properly secured plastic garbage bags or boxes. We do not have a typical collection vehicle and materials need to be loaded and unloaded by hand. Any loose material will be left on the roadside where it will remain your responsibility to clean up.

There are weight restrictions and material restrictions and the Disposal Site Attendant has the authority to refuse to collect any material that is inappropriate to transfer or is not covered under our Certificates of Approval. For more information please call the Municipal office.

During the winter season with the

potential for adverse weather and hazardous road conditions, it is the responsibility of the Attendant to determine if the roads are too hazardous to collect waste roadside. The Attendant will inform office staff and collection will occur on the next day.

Starting November 1, 2009 the Disposal Site Attendant will only collect a maximum of two (2) large plastic bags of garbage from each home or business roadside. You may bring additional material to the site during operation hours. The reason for this change is to encourage recycling. You may leave for collection any number of recycling bags. Please sort your waste, participate actively in our recycling program and do your part to extend the life of our land fill. The disposal sites shall be closed on all Statutory Holidays.

Remember, household hazardous or special waste can not be discarded in our dumps. This includes things that some people might not even consider hazardous like batteries, electronics and certain light bulbs. Use the HSW collection day that we have arranged instead.

The Municipal website will be regularly maintained and will include current information about Municipal tipping fees, disposal site hours, garbage collection, recycling and household special waste collection days. Please visit us at www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca for updated information.

Building News

We would like to extend our appreciation to all those who have gotten used to calling our Building Inspector before beginning your building project. We do realize that with Bob working one day a week for us there are some challenges, however; Bob has been very accommodating with inspections and schedules. Please know that in order to contact our CBO, you need to leave a detailed message.



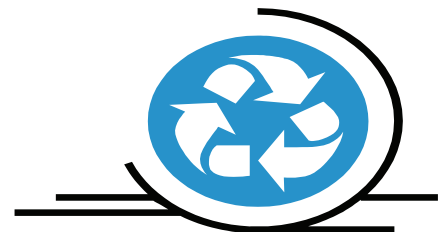
The CBO line is 613-586-1950 and very seldom will you get an answer. This is because of the fact that Bob only works one day a week and because on that day, he is usually out doing inspections.

Bob does monitor the phone line when not in our office and will get back to you to arrange an appointment or an inspection as early as possible, but please leave a detailed message, with your name, number and basic purpose of your call.

For general information about building permits, zoning by-laws, fees, severances and anything else building, zoning or planning please see our website at www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca.

Detailed information is included there for your use.

Homeowner guides for building permits, decks, septic installation and maintenance are on our page. There are also required forms and links to other sites.



REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

Household Hazardous Waste and Blue Box Funding

Although there are costs involved in collecting and diverting materials, governments are making it more and more worthwhile for municipalities to become involved. There are programs and incentives available as well as a push to make the manufacturers or importers of materials responsible for the costs of waste and diversion.

The first industry funding organization was Stewardship Ontario which is responsible for the Blue Box and the Municipal Special Waste programs.

Since then other plans and materials have been approved and designated by the Minister of the Environment. Through Waste Diversion Ontario, the stewards of those products will develop recycling diversion programs. Some of these additional products include tires and waste electronics.

WHAT THAT MEANS TO US!

For the 2008 year, your municipality has received \$1,994.38 from Stewardship Ontario for your Blue Box program, \$1,046.55 for your Municipal Special Waste program and \$1,000 to be used towards promotion and education for Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste programs. That's \$4,000 to offset the costs of our programs.

Along with the amount of materials diverted from our landfill, this results in a win-win situation. These numbers will only increase as our participation in recycling and diversion does and as we become more efficient and effective in our programs.

Know a neighbour who still hasn't come on board with recycling, perhaps you can pass this information on to him!

October is Fire Prevention Month

The Municipality has had a smoke alarm program in place for some months now, however; we still have a supply of alarms. If you have not already participated you have until November 30 to do so. Just bring in an old/expired smoke alarm and receive a brand new one, free of charge. Limit of one detector per household.

After December 1, 2009 should we still have alarms we will offer them to any resident on a first come first served basis. This time there will be a limit of two alarms per household.

Be sure to take advantage of this program and secure your home. Follow the tips from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office found on the following page to ensure that your alarms are installed and maintained correctly.

Fires spread quickly and you do have only minutes to evacuate. Smoke alarms do save lives and every second does count. Make sure you and your family have a better chance of getting out alive by buying precious seconds with a properly maintained smoke alarm. **Participate now.**

WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT

Heating and Cooking Make sure electric stove elements, ovens, kettles, frying pans, clothes irons, hair-dryers, etc., are OFF or unplugged to prevent fires from starting when the electricity is restored. Think carefully before you bring a fuel-burning appliance into your home. Any device that burns fuel requires *oxygen* to burn properly and *ventilation* to remove the deadly products of combustion. Carbon monoxide is produced by any device fuelled by natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood. It is a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas

that can be deadly.

Portable Space Heaters

- Use only portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor, and where applicable residential use.
- Before using one, review the manufacturer's recommendations for usage and follow the instructions carefully. Only use the fuel for which the appliance is designed.
- Provide adequate ventilation by opening a window slightly, when the heater is in use.
- Before refueling, turn off the heater, wait for it to cool and take the heater outside to refill.
- Keep all heaters at least 1 m (3 feet) away from combustible materials including drapes, carpeting and furniture.
- Turn portable space heaters off when you are not in the room and before going to sleep.

Portable Generators

- Portable generators should be used outdoors only. They should be carefully placed outside to ensure that fumes do not enter the building.
- Generators and hot gases should be kept away from combustibles.
- Store fuel for the generator outside in an approved container a safe distance away from the building and generator.
- Refuel only after shutting it down and letting it cool. Follow manufacturer's recommendations regarding use.
- Hire a licensed electrical contractor or electrician to install the unit. Have the installation inspected by the Electrical Safety Authority. (copyright: OFM)

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IT'S THE LAW!



Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up.

A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm to alert you, giving you precious time to escape.

Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

Homeowners

It is the responsibility of homeowners to install and maintain smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside sleeping areas.

Landlords

It is the responsibility of landlords to ensure their rental properties comply with the law.

Tenants

If you are a tenant of a rental property and do not have the required number of smoke alarms, contact your landlord immediately. It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way.

Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations

Choose the right alarms There are smoke alarms available with different features and applications, so choosing the right alarm can be confusing. Some of the features to consider include:

- **Power sources:** Smoke alarms can be electrically powered, battery powered or a combination of both. If you are installing an electrically powered alarm it is recommended that it have a battery back-up in case of power failures.
- **Technology:** most smoke alarms employ either ionization or photo-electric technology. Ionization alarms may respond slightly faster to flaming-type fires, while photo-electric alarms may be quicker at detecting slow, smouldering fires.
- **Pause Feature:** Smoke alarms with a pause button are highly recommended as it permits the alarm to be temporarily silenced without disconnecting the power source.

Install in the proper locations Smoke alarms must be installed on each storey of the home as well as outside sleeping areas. Because smoke rises, smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling. If this is not possible, install the alarm high up on a wall. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions

when installing smoke alarms. Avoid putting smoke alarms too close to bathrooms, windows, ceiling fans and heating and cooking appliances.

Test smoke alarms monthly Test your smoke alarms every month by using the test button on the alarm. When the test button is pressed, the alarm should sound. If it fails to sound, make sure that the battery is installed correctly or install a new battery. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one.

Change the batteries every year Install a new battery at least once a year, or as recommended by the manufacturer. Install a new battery if the low-battery warning sounds or if the alarm fails to sound when tested.

Vacuum alarms annually Dust can clog your smoke alarms. Battery-powered smoke alarms should be cleaned by opening the cover of the alarm and gently vacuuming the inside with a soft bristle brush.

For electrically-connected smoke alarms, first shut off the power to the unit, and then gently vacuum the outside vents of the alarm only. Turn the power back on and test the alarm.

Replace older smoke alarms All smoke

alarms wear out. If your alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them with new ones.

Handle nuisance alarms Steam from the shower or cooking in the oven, stove or toaster can cause smoke alarms to activate. If these types of nuisance alarms occur, **do not remove the battery**. There are several options you can try to reduce nuisance alarms.

- Relocate the alarm. Sometimes moving the alarm just a few inches can make the difference.
- Install a smoke alarm with a pause button that will allow you to temporarily silence the alarm.
- Replace alarms located near kitchens with photo-electric types.

Plan your escape Make sure that everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if it activates. Create an escape plan with the entire household and practice it. Make sure your plan identifies two ways out of each room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Once outside, stay outside. Never re-enter a burning building.

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Emergency Management Volunteers & Assessment Areas

As I am sure you are aware, our municipality does not have the staff or resources to efficiently or effectively survey our municipality in the event of an emergency. To provide assistance to their neighbours, the following residents have volunteered to perform assessments for the municipality in the event of a widespread emergency. They will survey a certain section of the municipality and phone in (if possible) their findings. This allows us to forward resources (ambulance and police) to where they are most needed. The following is a list of the areas and the assessor volunteers. Should you see them after any type of emergency, they are working on behalf of the municipality. Thank you to the following men and women who have volunteered their time to attend training and to assist their neighbours in time of need.

HAMLET	NUMBER	AREA	ASSESSOR
DEUX RIVIERES	1	BRENT ROAD - PURESFRING LANE AND ALONG HWY 17	JOHN & TRUDY MILLER
DEUX RIVIERES	2	DUNLOP CRESCENT AND HWY 17 EAST TO ROCK CUT TRAIL	RICHARD BARIL DAVE FOSTER
BISSETTS CREEK	3	McISAAC DRIVE AND TRAPPER'S ROAD	RUTH MORIN HECTOR MORIN
STONECLIFFE	4	HWY 17 GRANTS CREEK HILL TO VICKERY'S	FRED VICKERY JIM WATTERS
STONECLIFFE	5	HWY 17 VICKERY'S TO STONECLIFFE GRAVEYARD, LOGGERS AND BOAT LAUNCH ROAD	JIM WATTERS FRED VICKERY
STONECLIFFE	6	HWY 17 GRAVEYARD TO DRIFTWOOD PARK	KEN GIROUX JOHN BEESELY
STONECLIFFE	7	PINE VALLEY ROAD	JIM GIBSON ED AISTON
MACKEY	8	JENNINGS ROAD AND HWY 17 TO LAKEVIEW TRAILER PARK	BETTY CONDIE AND/OR LINDA OR WINSTON CHARTRAND
MACKEY	9	MACKEY CREEK ROAD TO SNOW-PLOW TURNAROUND	MAC HOLMES BARRY CLINGIN
MACKEY	10	HWY 17 - BOAT LAUNCH TO CELL PHONE TOWER	EDDIE FISCHER
MACKEY	11	DONNELLY & BOUDREAU ROADS	DON DOUCETTE DAVE FOOTE
MACKEY	12	FRANCOEUR & ASHPORT ROADS	BOB REID ALBERT CHARTIER
MACKEY	13	JOBIDON ROAD & MOSSBANK TRAIL	WAYNE CLOUTHIER DARRYL FRANCOEUR
MACKEY	14	HWY 17 from CELL TOWER EAST & HARVEY CREEK ROAD	DARRYL FRANCOEUR WAYNE CLOUTHIER

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE- PHONE - 613-586-2526 or 613-586-1950 FAX - 613-586-2596

RECYCLING PROGRAM

PLASTIC BAGS - All plastic bags except chip and cereal bags; **ALUMINUM FOIL/PLATES; METAL and ALUMINUM CANS** - **SOUP, POP, BEER, JUICE, etc....** clean; **CARDBOARD** - All types of boxes and boxboard broken down and flattened; **MILK AND JUICE BOXES/CARTONS** - please rinse thoroughly; **ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS** - Very important to rinse the food containers. - Ketchup-mustard margarine/yogurt tubs etc. must be clean; **PLASTIC BOTTLES** - All plastic water, pop, liquor and juice bottles;

STYROFOAM - Very important to clean food from Styrofoam; **PAPER PRODUCTS** - Newspapers, Egg Cartons, Magazines, Catalogues, Telephone Books, Office Paper, Household Junk Mail, Envelopes; **BROWN PAPER** - potato bags, flour bags, sugar bags; **GLASS CONTAINERS, BOTTLES, JARS** - All colours of glass and glass containers. PLEASE rinse all food and beverage containers; **Please Put Any Broken Glass in a Separate, Sealed Container to Prevent Injuries.** **SMALL APPLIANCES** -We will collect small appliances, computers and other electronics (toasters, VCRs, DVDs, fans, etc.)

Our contractors request that all materials be cleaned and placed in clear (transparent) plastic bags for collection to prevent material from absorbing water, making them more difficult to collect and process. There are a few simple rules to ensure that the materials collected end up recycled and not in our landfill. All containers must be rinsed so that no food particles remain in or on the container or bag. It's not necessary to remove paper from cans however; it is advisable to push the lids inside cans to prevent injuries during handling. Separate paper from material that has been washed. Unclean and damaged (wet) material will end up in our landfill.

Cottagers - please make your best efforts to join in our program. You may be able to place your recyclables out along with full time residents at designated locations or, you may place them in bins located beside the Township garage in Stonecliffe or at the Stonecliffe Disposal Site. Please do your part to keep our Township green. For more information please visit our Recycling page on our web site.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following materials are considered Hazardous Waste and are not allowed to be disposed of in landfill. In order to provide an opportunity for disposal for our residents, Council has sponsored a HHW collection event in the past and will continue to do so. **The date for fall collection is October 17 from 9:00 to 12:00.** Please watch for reminders at post offices, our webpage and the Township office. As there are costs involved with this collection, based on the volume of materials collected, HHW disposal is only available to residents and for materials that originated within the municipality. A staff member will be on site with the contractor to ensure that only residents make use of this service. Along with cost is the potential for reimbursement from Stewardship Ontario. There is currently a program which encourages recycling and diversion of HSW and reimburses municipalities for programs that they offer. Please see stats on page 4.

The materials to be collected will include: Paints and stains and their containers; Solvent such as thinners for paint, lacquer and contact cement, paint strippers and degreasers, and their containers; Used oil filters; Oil containers of 30 litres or less for a wide range of oil products such as engine and marine oils, and hydraulic, power steering and transmission fluids; Single use, dry cell batteries such as alkaline-manganese, zinc-carbon, lithium and button cell batteries (non-rechargeable) Automotive antifreeze (engine coolant and related containers; Pressurized containers such as propane tanks and cylinders; Fertilizers, for example, plant food or plant nutrients containing nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium (N-P-K); Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides and their containers; Aerosols; Acids; Cleaners; Fluorescents; and gasoline.

The following materials will not be collected: explosives and munitions, radioactive waste, pathological wastes, containers over 22 L and commercial wastes. There will also be no transferring of waste out of containers— so expect that the container that you transport the materials in will be disposed of as well.

WASTE REDUCTION WEEK is October 19–25, 2009

What is waste? Historically, the definition of waste according to Webster's 1913 Dictionary was: "lying unused; unproductive; worthless; valueless; refuse; rejected". Today, the Oxford English Dictionary defines waste as: "eliminated or discarded as no longer useful or required".

"Too Good to Waste" is the theme of the 2009 Waste Reduction Week in October. So let's start thinking of items that we would otherwise discard as: "resources that we conserve, reuse or recycle to protect our environment".

Why waste reduction? If we can reduce the amount of waste that is produced in the first instance, we are conserving resources and limiting the need to reuse or recycle. Canadians produce more than 31 million tonnes of waste annually¹, that's 2.7kgs per person per day. In perspective, that's the same volume of waste being generated as piling up 31 million average family cars. Nearly 40% of this waste is generated at home with the remainder coming from commercial, industrial, construction and demolition sources. Of the waste we are generating, we are diverting less than 25%. Most of our waste is buried in landfills. For waste to decompose in a healthy environment, such as your compost pile, it requires air and water. These are not present deep in the landfill, and as the waste slowly decomposes and reacts with what is around it, it can produce a leachate which may end up in our groundwater system, not to mention creating greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide. In properly managed landfills, leachate is collected and treated along with greenhouse gases. According to Environment Canada², landfill sites account for 38% of Canada's total methane emissions. It is up to each of us as individuals, communities, schools or businesses to consider what we are throwing away and the environmental impact this is causing. We need to look for alternatives that will promote waste reduction and help to protect our environment.

- Reuse jars and containers for storage.
- Donate reusable equipment to schools, churches or other charity organizations.
- When shopping consider buying used items. There are many "used" stores that offer refurbished items that work as good as new.

What can I do? Start practicing the 3Rs in everyday life. Whether you are at home, at school or at work, think about how you can reduce, reuse or recycle your waste to turn it into a resource. All of us have an important role to play in reducing waste.

1. Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division

2. Environment Canada www.ns.ec.gc.ca

Reducing Reducing the amount of waste produced in the first place, is by far the most efficient way of conserving resources and protecting our environment. We are all responsible for the waste we produce, so think: what do you throw away each day? When you avoid making waste in the first place, you don't have to worry about reusing it or recycling it later.

At work or school:

- Reduce paper use by using both sides
- Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- Rent items that are not used very often
- Purchase products with recycled content

When shopping:

- Reduce waste by avoiding over packaged or unnecessary disposable items
- Avoid food packaged in individual servings—where feasible and safe, buy in bulk
- Buy drinks in refillable containers where available
- Use your own cloth bags

As a community encourage your neighbors and friends to do the same. As a business reduce the amount of packaging you require for your products or the amount of materials used to make your product.

Reusing Reusing items give the resources they were originally made from another life, while reducing pollution and conserving the energy that comes with the manufacturing process or recycling the items.

- Purchase durable products that can be repaired and reused.

• Donate things to or purchase household items and clothing from charity shops or have a yard sale. You will be amazed - one person's trash is another's treasure! 3. Environment Canada www.ns.ec.gc.ca

Recycling Recycling and purchasing products made with recycled materials is the next way we can conserve resources. If we can't reduce waste by avoiding it, and it can't be reused, can we recycle it? 17 million Canadians (nearly 2/3 of us) have access to recycling.³

- Recycle in the garden by composting organics such as food scraps, leaves and yard trimmings.
- At work, separate items for recycling - this can save your business money in disposal costs.
- At school, consider setting up a recycling program.
- At home, use the recycling services provided by your municipality or take end - of - life items back to where they were purchased or other take - back centers.
- When shopping consider the material that the item is made from and packaged in. Have the resources already had a previous life? Are these resources renewable? How much of it is made up of recycled content? And only purchase materials which can be recycled again.

WASTE REDUCTION AND OUR MUNICIPALITY

Municipal Plans Municipalities all across Canada are affected by waste management issues every day. Reducing the amount of waste produced in a municipality is beneficial for a number of reasons: It reduces the need for landfill space; It saves valuable natural resources; And cuts down on greenhouse gas production; and saves the community money by reducing disposal costs.

Your municipality probably already has some form of waste reduction program in place. However, you may not be aware of all of the options that are available to you. Here are some alternatives within our municipality:

Drop - Off Systems In a drop - off system, residents deliver their recyclables to a central location or depot. Drop - off systems offer convenience and low operating costs. In addition to curbside collection, we have locations at both disposal sites and beside the municipal garage for recycling drop off. Same rules apply as for collection.

Deposit/Refund A deposit/refund system charges a fee on a container at the time of purchase. This fee is partially or fully refunded when the item is returned to a collection facility. An example of this system is the beverage container recycling system at the Beer store. This diverts a large amount of material from landfill.

User Pay User pay systems involve the application of a fee or tax. These systems support the "polluter pays principle" and are meant to encourage environmentally responsible behaviour. A user pay system has been implemented in many areas, where residents are limited to one or two containers of garbage per week. Residents who need to dispose of more than the weekly garbage limit must purchase an over - limit ticket for \$2 - \$3 per bag. **This might be something that our municipality has to turn to in the future if we cannot find other ways to encourage and increase recycling and diversion.**

Special Collection Days It is important to keep hazardous products, such as cleaners, paints, pesticides and electronics out of our landfills. Our municipality has an annual collection day, this year, October 17. Please make use of it.

Re-use Area We have recently purchased a container (located at the Stonecliffe disposal site) for materials that may be re-used. Our attendant will direct your used material to this location so that others may re-use it. If the material stays there for any length of time, it will eventually be discarded. Also, waste electronics, TVs, phones, stereos, computers, monitors, printers etc. may be placed into this container for special collection. Please separate your waste and do your part.

(Adapted from the Waste Reduction Week Municipal Resource Kit and their Website at <http://www.wrwcanda.com/>)

PUBLIC NOTICE

With winter and snow soon upon us and our duty to provide safe passage on our municipal roads, please respect the following legislation and the “NO PARKING, SNOWPLOW TURNAROUND” signs. This is a copy of the public notice which will appear in a future edition of the NRT.

As per the *Highway Traffic Act*, 1990, Section 181, “No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road.”

Wilfred Lamure, Road Superintendent

A new face around the office!

When visiting your municipal office or library, please take a moment to welcome Tracy Pearce to our team. Tracy is training with Ruth to ultimately take over Ruth’s position as Treasurer after Ruth’s retirement. Tracy has been in her position (part-time) since July of 2009 and seems to be fitting in well. Although she currently resides in Chalk River, Tracy has roots in the municipality being the granddaughter of Jean and Jeanine Lapping who were long time residents. Welcome Tracy.

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Euchre—It’s time for Cards?

Well, it might be, if we could locate an individual, or group of people willing to volunteer their time and energy into organizing euchre for this upcoming season. After many years at the helm, Brenda Desjardins is requesting that someone else take over for this year. Thank you Brenda for your many years of dedicated service to the card club.

The office staff produces posters, marking forms and pot luck lists but requires a volunteer to do the actual organization including: letting us know what supplies are required; opening and closing the hall; setting and clearing up refreshments; arranging for prizes;

collecting and submitting dues to the office and organizing the final pot luck dinner.

If you are interested in filling this position, please call the town office at 613-586-2526.

Brenda has advised that she will be willing to provide some assistance to the new volunteer in this first year.

As with so much in our municipality, the events that are planned are dependent upon volunteers.

If you feel that you are up to the challenge, please contact us as soon as possible, as cards usually start this month.

Emergency Management Training and Exercise

Set for Thursday, December 3, 2009. Any volunteers who would like to attend to learn more about how our plan would work (or not work) in the event of an emergency are invited to attend this important training and education session.

Philippe Geoffrion of Emergency Management Ontario will be here to assist us with the practice of our plan during a mock emergency.

Gayle Watters, will be contacting some of you personally in the near future with both an invitation and perhaps a role to play. Please call Gayle if you would like to take a more active roll or conversely, if you will be unable to attend.

Thanks for making your municipality more prepared.