



# Spring Newsletter

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria

April 2009

## SPECIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION

It's time for our annual recycling pickup for large and bulky items. The collection will take place on Tuesday, May 19th and Monday, June 1st starting at 8:00 a.m.. This collection is for recyclables only—any garbage will be left for you to remove. Please place large cumbersome items that you wish to recycle at the road-side by 8:00 am on the recycling day. If you are not sure if the item is recyclable or if you need assistance—call our contractor Yvan Lamoreaux at 613-586-1994. Eligible materials include those items that may be reused or recycled.

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, air conditioners, and all other regular materials as this is also a normal collection day.

Please consider the weather when placing materials out. A sofa or chair soaked with water will be difficult to collect and may eventually be land-filled due to damage. Should it be raining on the first collection day, either cover the material or keep it for the next date. You can call the recycler to arrange for special pick up.

**Reminder...**The disposal sites are open for one hour each day for your use to dispose of or recycle large items as well.

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## Emergency Management Training

Mark your calendars. We are planning a training session for emergency management purposes for those who have volunteered to assist staff during a weather related emergency within the municipalities. Gayle is busy organizing a training and information session to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Municipal Hall from 1:00—4:00. During this session we hope to answer your questions, provide details

about responsibilities and protection, and provide you with maps and instructions. As people are often away during severe weather events, we would like to obtain back ups for all assessment areas. Please bring an interested friend or neighbour. We will provide you with a brief overview of our obligations under the provincial guidelines and a review of our plan and how you will fit into it. Hope to see you then.

## CHANGE OF RECYCLING DATES MAY

Please note that our contractor will not be available on Monday, May 4 but will collect on Tuesday, May 5 instead. Other than this change, all other collections will take place as usual. For a complete recycling schedule, garbage collection dates, disposal site hours and Household Hazardous Waste information please visit our website at [www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca)

# 2009 OPERATING BUDGET



On Friday, March 27, 2009 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria formally adopted its budget for the 2009 calendar year. This budget chart shows all sources of revenue (your taxes are in the “Current Taxes Receivable” section) and expenses for this year.

## REVENUE

Current Taxes Receivable	\$266,884.00
Previous Year Surplus	\$23,760.00
Transfer from Reserves	\$240,538.00
Grants in Lieu - Hydro	\$97,384.00
MMAH	\$32,000.00
Railroad ROW	\$10,658.00
On. Mun. Partnership Fund	\$219,000.00
Special Grants	\$31,200.00
Roads Grant	\$000
MR Event Earnings	\$200.00
MR Hall Rental	\$1,000.00
Lottery Licenses	\$15.00
Trailer Permits	\$40.00
Building Permits	\$1,500.00
Fire Donations/Proceeds	\$-
Fire Permits	\$10.00
Tax Certificates	\$400.00
Admin Fees	\$75.00
Investment Income	\$10,000.00
General Account Interest	\$5,000.00
Penalty & Interest on Taxes	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,500.00
Gas Tax	\$3,704.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$50.00
Disposal Site Fees	\$300.00
Helipad	\$500.00
Funds Collected for Library	\$500.00
Tax Sale Recovered Costs	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$950,718.00</b>

## EXPENSES

Council	\$32,285.00
Administration	\$207,350.00
Emergency Management	\$4,850.00
Fire 911	\$8,000.00
Health & Safety	\$2,000.00
Fire Safety Expenses	\$500.00
Building Code Enforcement	\$10,300.00
Recreation	\$77,050.00
Roads	\$367,762.00
Environment	\$146,000.00
Library Reimbursed Costs	\$500.00
Library Wage Expense	\$4,600.00
Cemetery	\$500.00
Promotions	\$400.00
Transfer to Reserves	\$29,728.00
Economic Development	\$4,000.00
Tourist Info Centre	\$1,000.00
Policing Costs	\$52,893.00
Physician Recruitment	\$500.00
County Consult Fees	\$500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$950,718.00</b>

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Revenue	\$672,215	\$769,150	\$849,896	\$950,718
Expenses	\$672,215	\$769,150	\$849,896	\$950,718
Taxation	\$152,000	\$173,627	\$218,346	\$266,884

**As was true in the past three years, our total operating budget has increased. This is due to provincial and federal funding made available for specific projects. We cannot use the special grants to reduce regular operating costs but must initiate projects that would not otherwise have been started, hence the increase in total spending and the roads expense category.**

## 2009 ONTARIO FISHING WEEKEND

Each year, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many non-governmental organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters team up to declare one summer weekend a licence-free fishing weekend.

**This year Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12, 2009 has been declared. Enjoy the natural beauty of our many lakes & rivers. Go Fish!**

For more information contact:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705) 748-6324 or

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (705) 755-1902

**CATCH THE FUN!**

**Take a neighbour! Teach a kid!**

## CELEBRATE CANADA DAY AT HOME IN THE TOWNSHIPS!

For 2009, the Federal Government under the Canadian Heritage's Celebrate Canada program has provided funding for local Canada Day Celebrations. Your

Municipal Council has agreed to contribute the required funding to obtain a grant from the Federal Government to provide a family fun day to be held likely at Old Mackey's Park. Details and event times will follow. Watch for the posters and keep Canada Day Celebrations in the Townships in mind for 2009.

## PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING

Major road repair? new culverts? renovations to the hall? upgrades for the Municipal Garage? Canada Day Celebrations? Where is all the money coming from?

If you have been hearing rumours about or noticing work being completed and are wondering where all the money is coming to pay for it? In these times of economic turmoil and people losing their jobs?

The answer is special grants from both the federal and provincial levels of government. The economic stimulus packages of both levels of government are providing municipalities with funds to perform public works projects that are needed but would otherwise not take place due to lack of local funding. Our Council has decided to take advantage of this funding and apply for grants to have work completed on our roads, at the hall and the garage.

Further, changes in legislation require upgrades to public facilities to assist with accessibility for all people. We are in the process of applying for various grants, and should we be successful, you will soon see change in the community.

Any questions or concerns, call your Municipal office or your local Member of Council. Let us know what you think requires attention.

## BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

It's spring again, and building time.

In order to comply with the Ontario Building Code, enacted to ensure your safety and that of any future occupant of your home, a large number of activities require inspections and permits. If you are planning any building activity, please call Robert (Bob) Labre at 613-586-1950 and leave a message. Bob only works for us one day a week but will get back to you to arrange a mutually convenient time for consultation and inspection. For a complete list of zoning, planning and building requirements as well as Homeowners guides for specific projects, please see the "Building, Zoning & Planning" page on our web site, the 2007 Building Newsletter on our web site or drop by the Municipal Office for a



copy. As a quick guide, the following activities may require a permit—please call before you begin.

- New building;
- Garage, porch, deck, addition;
- Rooms in basement or attic;
- Enclosing a porch or deck;
- Raising or excavating to add a basement;
- Shed larger than 100 ft<sup>2</sup>;
- Fireplace or central air;
- Siding, roofing, re-shingling;
- Drywall, vapour barrier, insulation;
- Replacement of doors or windows;
- Demolition;
- Septic systems.

**To make sure—Call Bob @613-586-1950! Otherwise you may have to redo or undo work already completed—at your expense.**

## NEW FOR 2009—ONTARIO WIDE PESTICIDE BAN

Ontario's cosmetic pesticide ban is now in effect. About 250 pesticide products are banned for sale and more than 80 pesticide ingredients are banned for cosmetic uses.

Starting April 22, 2009, consumers will be able to purchase pesticides only for public health or safety reasons such as

**This comprehensive pesticide ban eliminates most of the chemicals that the do-it-yourself homeowner has used in the past to curb weed growth and control insect infestations.**

fighting West Nile Virus, killing stinging insects like wasps, or to control poison ivy and other plants poisonous to the touch. Biopesticides and lower-risk pesticides to control weeds and pests will also be available.

To help Ontario gardeners learn how to

care for their lawns and gardens using greener alternatives, Communities in Bloom will be organizing seminars across the province, delivered by master gardeners or horticulturalists at community and garden centres. One will be held at Toronto Botanical Garden on May 25 at 7 p.m. Admittance is free.

To support Ontario's emerging green economy, the Agricultural Adaptation Council will use a provincial investment of \$480,000 to establish the Cosmetic Use Pesticides Research and Innovation Program. The program will encourage the development of lower-risk pesticides and other green alternatives.

**LEARN MORE** about the [rules and exceptions](#) for public health or safety, agriculture, forestry and golf courses at

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/news/2009/030401mb.php>. Get some tips on caring for lawns and gardens using greener alternatives at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/pesticides/healthy.php> or the

Many homeowners fear that the ban of pesticides will be the end of their green lawns, and the return of dandelions, crab grass, allergies, lawn diseases, and pesky insects.

Ministry of the Environment's additup website at <http://additupontario.ca/en/index.php>.

## Veteran's Memorial Committee

From Veterans' Committee:

Now blanketed in snow, (at time of writing) the Head, Clara & Maria Veterans' Memorial commemorates 179 Veterans from our Townships. Such a high number of Veterans from such a small community shows great courage, loyalty, and is indeed a cause for pride. The generosity and spirit with which you responded to the project is also a cause for pride.

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Memorial. Without your time, hard work, and financial support, our Veterans' Memorial would not have been possible. Together we raised over \$10 000 and provided a seemingly endless supply of skill and sweat! Thanks to Council, the Library Board, and all municipal staff for your support, your enthusiasm, and your hours of work.

As always, our heart-felt thanks to our Vet-

erans who've given so much to our community and our country. We hope that the Memorial will honour your memories for generations to come.

DVDs and photo CDs of our dedication celebrations will be available soon at the Township Office for \$1. Come on down and pick up your copy, and stop by the library to look through our Veterans' photo album, collected by Joan Charbonneau.

If you have a photo to share, or any questions, please contact us through the Township Office.

The Head, Clara & Maria Veterans' Memorial Committee

### PROVINCIALY ISSUED THREATS, ALERTS & ADVISORIES - FYI

There exists a method for anyone with e-mail access to receive Public Safety Canada alerts and advisories. It is through Safe-Canada and users can sign up to receive e-mail alerts daily via their individual e-mail. Please see this website for details of how to sign up:

- Public Safety Canada [http://www.safecanada.ca/to pic\\_e.asp?category=25](http://www.safecanada.ca/to pic_e.asp?category=25) or <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>
- Health Canada <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index-eng.php>

# Fire Season and Burn Permits



Fire season is upon us and so is the requirement for burn permits. (April 1–October 31) Daily Fire Permits are required for any burning within fire season **ASIDE FROM SMALL CAMP TYPE FIRES USED FOR HEAT OR COOKING.** Permits are available at the main office or through our By-law Enforcement Officer, Wilfred Lamure, during normal business hours @ \$2 per permit per day. (613-401-0372)

## Conditions of a Daily Permit

All persons setting an open fire in the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria shall first obtain a fire permit from the municipality. The material to be burned shall be limited to wood, wood by-product or grass. A person who has obtained a fire permit shall:

- Not permit more than 3 cubic metres of material to be burned at any one time;

- Ensure that the means of extinguishing the fire are available at the site at all times during the fire;

- Ensure that no person shall set any fire out of doors except in the presence of a competent adult person, and this person shall be in constant attendance at any burning operation;

-No person shall burn grass unless the area to be burned is less than .1 hectare (1/4 acre) in size and the flaming edge is less than 10 metres in length;

-No open air fire shall be maintained when the wind is in such direction or intensity so as to cause: a decrease in visibility on any highway or roadway or a rapid spread of fire through grass or a brush area;

-No fire shall be set or allowed to burn between the hours of two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset dur-

ing the fire season.

All persons setting an open air fire shall:

- be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons occasioned by said



fire;

-be liable for the costs incurred by the MNR fire fighters (including personnel and equipment) who may be called in to extinguish a fire. Our By-law Enforcement Officer will enforce this by-law.

The MNR will also be in our area more often this year and are able to lay charges.

**Open burning during day time hours is not permitted. You will be fined.**

# Municipal Fire Bans and Restricted Fire Zones

Council By-law 2006-09 is a by-law to regulate fire bans within the municipality. The by-law allows for the municipality to declare a ban outside of the MNR Declaration of Restricted Fire Zone. The MNR areas are quite large and conditions may be quite different over the expanse of the zone. To protect our residents and their property, Council deemed it prudent to be able to impose a ban when conditions here warranted, while those in the remainder of the MNR fire zone did not. As a result, there may be times when our Municipality may have a fire ban when the MNR has not declared one. Driftwood, a provincial park, is Crown land and is not subject to our by-laws. As a result, there may be times when campers at

Driftwood Park are allowed fires, and the rest of the residents of Head, Clara & Maria are not.

Council recognizes that this apparent unfairness affects commercial campground operators within the municipality. In order to accommodate them, Council has, in that same by-law, devised a campground inspection program as per the *Forest Fire Protection Act* (FFPA). This program provides for an annual inspection (at a cost of \$25) to ensure that the campground meets the FFPA criteria for designation. Should the campground meet the requirements, it is declared a “designated campground” and fires will be allowed within its boundaries during a Municipal Fire Ban. **Any exemp-**

**tion has no effect during the implementation of an MNR Restricted Fire Zone.**

There are still restrictions for users of designated campgrounds as fires are not allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and fires must be contained in approved fireplaces and locations.

For more information or to call for an inspection please call the Township office or Wilfred Lamure, By-law Enforcement Officer at 613-586-2526.

A copy of this by-law and its appendices, including campsite designation checklists, may be found on our website under the Wildfire Reporting tab.

## Disposal Site, Garbage & Recycling Collection Hours

Disposal site times will change the 15th of May and the 15th of September annually. During December, January and February the sites will be closed on Sunday and Monday due to reduced demand.

**Summer Hours** (May 15–Sept 15): Bissett Creek—Daily 6:00–7:00 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily 7:30–8:30 pm

**Winter hours** (Sept 16–May 14): Bissett Creek—Daily from 1:30–2:30 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Please take note that the disposal sites **will not** be open on any statutory holiday. Should garbage pickup 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) Dates for May—5th and 19th. Please have material out by 7:30 a.m. for collection.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day:

To be scheduled for fall—likely September or October. Please don't landfill these items—save them to drop at the depot to be held at the Township Garage at Stonecliffe. More info on line.

## 2008 Recycling and Garbage Statistics

2008 was the second year of your municipal recycling program. A large number of residents have actively participated in the recycling program and have diverted a total of 31.81 tonnes of material for 2008 almost double the 15.48 tonnes collected the previous year.

This amounts to approximately 92.39 kgs/household.

6.23 tonnes of scrap metal was diverted from landfill and 2.13 tonnes of Household Hazardous Waste through a special collection event. (that we will be continuing) Even though our recycling has increased, the amount of waste going to landfill is still quite significant.

Using an estimate provided by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) to calculate the weight of waste from a known volume—we estimate that 385.70 tonnes of garbage was actually landfilled in 2008. Since 2008 was our first full year with accurate counts and control over access to the disposal sites we do not have a comparison to previous years, but now have a sound calculation to base future estimates on.

For 2007, based on annual costs of the recycling program of \$19,817 and using MPAC data of 339 single family households (includes 205 seasonal) the cost per household for our recycling program was \$58.45. The cost per tonne was \$1,490 (2007). **For 2008 our costs per household rose to \$63.69 but the cost per tonne was reduced significantly to \$689 per tonne.**

Depending on the findings of WDO we may receive some funding in the spring of 2009 to offset those costs but final calculations have not been completed to date.

The amount of material diverted from landfill in 2008 over 2007 has increased significantly, keep up the good work. Still, we need to continue to

take steps to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill sites and work to extend their life. Further, increased recycling will reduce the cost per tonne recycled for our program and may result in increased reimbursement from WDO.

Failure to extend the life of our landfill will likely result in our having to increase taxes to bear the costs of transporting our waste to larger centres where processing plants that utilize waste to

**“Let's all do our part to reduce, reuse and recycle!”**

produce energy are being created.

Each of you can take steps to reduce the amount of material going to landfill. The page opposite lists the materials that can be recycled and those that you can save for our Household Hazardous Waste collection day to be held in the fall. Composting of kitchen, yard and garden waste will reduce landfill as well. It is possible to compost and not attract bears. You could have a chain link container, an electric fence surrounding your compost or you could compost only yard and plant materials and not the kitchen scraps.

Visit <http://www.greenontario.org> to see what more you can do to divert material from our landfill and other ways to conserve.

We need to recognize that some people recycle aluminum and other materials on their own; some return material to the Beer Store for refund. WDO uses a formula based on population to account for those items when distributing compensation. We appreciate and encourage those efforts as well.

Also, we will soon have a container at the Stonecliffe site to assist in recycling and to store materials for reuse. Watch for it.

## RECYCLING PROGRAM

**PLASTIC BAGS** - All plastic bags except chip and cereal bags; **ALUMINUM FOIL/PLATES; METAL and ALUMINUM CANS** - SOUP, POP, BEER, JUICE, etc.... cleaned; **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 is to be confirmed but will be in the fall and well advertised. Please watch for notices 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.

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. Please watch for posters with additional information closer to HHW Collection day.

### LOCAL HOME BASED BUSINESS FAIR

Do you operate a home based business that you would like to advertise? Do you have a product you would like to market?

On Saturday May 23, 2009 the Area Economic Development Committee is hosting a local trade fair to be held at the Deep River Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost for a table is \$15. Don't pass up this cost effective opportunity to advertise or market your service or product to the people of the area. What a great chance to present what you have to offer. Please contact John Walden, Planning/Development Manager at 613-584-2000 ext. 123 for more information or to reserve a table.

