



# HCM Fall Newsletter

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria September 2011

## Welcome to Your **Community** Newsletter

What a glorious autumn! The colours are turning slowly, enticing us outdoors for that extra cup of coffee while we breathe in the crisp air and consider the million things that might pull us indoors. We choose to stay outside and trim and dig and listen and trowel – and affirm why it is that we live here.

As you soak in the last of that warm air, what have you chosen to pursue this year? The **Wellness Group** is organizing group exercise activities. The **Book Club** is organized for the coming year. The **Library** continues to offer an amazing collection of good reads. Watch for details of the fund-raising **card party** on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for another series of speakers on **Coffee Mornings**. What a great opportunity to meet with neighbours and learn about issues that affect us all.

The **Snowmobile Club** has met over the summer and is ready for the season. There was some discussion about a **Craft Group** getting together once a week – a “bring-your-own-project” gathering. Please call or email, and we’ll help to set it up. Remember to order those **Vesey Spring Bulbs** by Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proceeds go towards funding needs for our community.

May Madness, Canada

Day, and the Old Mackey Outdoor Mass were extremely successful events since our last newsletter. Many thanks to the many volunteers who make our community one where people not only support one another but celebrate together, as well.

Talking about celebrating ... Congratulations to Wade for finishing three years of treatment!!!! We rejoice with you and your family. It’s been a tough and courageous journey for all of you.

Blanche Jennings – Happy 90<sup>th</sup>! Your gentle life has touched so many. We look forward to many more tales and the friendship you offer so readily.

We grieve the loss of Sue van Houten last June. Sue had such a warm heart and ready smile. She seemed to deeply listen to everyone with whom she interacted. We remember she’d share with us the CD she played full blast with her family as they travelled up the Valley for the first time. It always made her want to sing and move wildly – reflecting her incredible zest for life. We send our fondest thoughts and warm wishes to Eppo and the children.

We would also like to acknowledge the passing of one of our long-time residents, Mr. Roy Therrien. Roy passed away September 15, 2011 at the age of 75; our condolences to Lita and her

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family.

Our Municipality is a large area of isolated communities. Help us to connect and build a positive and supportive community. If you have something you’d like to share, do contact us.

Meanwhile, breathe in that glorious colour....

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# Council News

## Recent Council Decisions

Over the past months the HCM Council has decided to opt out of a number of committees and agreements with its municipal neighbours. The reason for two of these decisions (Visitor's Centre and Economic Development) are the costs involved and the perceived lack of return on investment. This does not mean that economic development is not a focus of council.

It was extremely difficult to determine the benefit for our ratepayers in paying for staffing for a visitor's centre located over 50 km away. Instead, our municipality and local businesses are promoted through placement of colour brochures in every visitor's centre in the County through our membership in the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association.

Additionally, we have links posted on their website (and ours) and in their publications. Our Council has determined that this was more effective than the \$1,000 a year for membership in the Visitor's Centre.

As for the Economic Development Committee, once again, it appeared that most benefit

was realized by Laurentian Hills and Deep River; there did not appear to be a tangible benefit to HCM residents for the \$3,600 annual membership.

The latest decision of Council is that of discontinuing participation in the Auto-Extrication unit with Laurentian Hills and Deep River; it is not the cost. The amount of money contributed to the purchase of the vehicle in 2007 was \$4,572 based on a per capita agreement. There were no regular annual fees aside from \$800 per year for 2010 to and including 2013 to replace some equipment; the costs were minimal.

The challenge with the arrangement is liability and the fact that HCM does not have a fire department. As such, the municipality is not obligated to provide any services beyond the Forest Fire Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The discussion concerning withdrawal from this agreement commenced in 2008 and centered on liability and the ability to provide the service. There was discussion then and now about the ability of Deep River to staff it's own department while out on calls and

the possible implications of that in the future. What if...a serious incident/fire /accident occurred in DR while they were here in HCM? The issue of liability was considered quite similarly as during the discussion concerning the continued operation of our own volunteer fire service.

The auto-ex service is provided only along Trans Canada Highway 17 and in very limited circumstances would actually benefit our residents. As we are not a part of mutual aid (which we can not obtain as we do not have any "mutually" beneficial services or equipment) this vehicle could not respond to incidents on our municipal roads. As such it is believed that the provision of this service should be left to the provincial government as is ambulance services.

If DR and LH would like to "stay in this business" they are able to continue to provide the service and bill MTO and insurers for their time (as they do now). HCM does not need to be a participant for continued service and risk the potential liability. (MR)

# Council News

## Public Meeting Zoning and Building

On Friday, October 7, 2011 Council will be holding a public information session to discuss the implementation of a Waste Management By-law inclusive of tipping fees and bag limits for all residents. Anyone wishing to make representations in respect to the proposed changes is welcome to attend. You may also forward written comments to be read at the meeting. Information is on the Agenda and Reports page for the September 9th meeting (or at the municipal office.)

**October 7, 2011—2:00 pm  
Public Meeting  
Waste Management By-law in-  
cluding Tipping Fees**

Should you wish to speak on any other topic, please follow our Procedure By-law and forward a request for a deputation to the Clerk or put your thoughts in a letter and forward it to the Clerk's attention for inclusion in the next Council package.

Council meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month unless changed by resolution of Council and advertised. Any member of the public, whether a resident or not, may attend a meeting of Council. All Agenda and Reports to Council are posted on-line the Friday morning of the

council meeting. You may also drop by the office to receive a copy.

Procedures for making presentations to Council may be found in our Procedure By-law which is on-line under our By-laws page or available from the Municipal Office in hard copy.

If you would like to know what Council "is up to"? Feel free to attend any meeting, review past minutes, agenda and reports to Council on-line or contact a municipal employee or member of Council. You may also visit the municipal office and we will be happy to provide you with the minutes books for your perusal.

Upcoming presentations to Council which you may find interesting:

- Friday, November 4, 2011—Allastair Baird, County of Renfrew Economic Development Officer appointed to HCM—on what services the County will provide specifically for our municipality;
- Friday, December 2, 2011—Rick Watchorn, MNR District Manager—introductions and what the MNR is up to in our area;

Come out to meet these gentlemen and learn what outside organizations do for our residents.

## FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION

**IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM FIRE?** If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least one metre away from things that can burn, including curtains, furniture, pets?

Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?

Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year? A chimney fire could burn your house .

Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?

Are propane tanks, gasoline, or other fuels stored safely outside your home?

Are you burning seasoned wood to prevent excessive creosote?

## HAVE A FIRE SAFE FALL AND WINTER

Robert Labre Fire Prevention Officer & CBO

All structure or vegetation fires within HCM must be reported. Please call Robert Labre 613-401-6955 (Fire Prevention Officer) or 613-586-2526.

Burn permits are required to the end of Fire season. (April 1—October 31) Daily Fire Permits are required for burning within fire season aside from small camp type fires used for heat or cooking. Call or drop by the office.

**BOOK CLUB**

We invite anyone interested in joining us to contact Cathy at 586-2634. Our group is currently reading *The Midwife of Venice* and will meet on Oct. 26. On the November 30th meeting we'll discuss *Midnight's Children* by Salman Rushdie and/or *The Tiger* by John Vaillant. The books we choose are available in the library, and we try to choose a variety to suit our diverse group. If you haven't read the book, you can still join us for discussion to see if the book has personal appeal, and, best of all, to get together. We meet every 6 weeks or so in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you!

*(CBB)*

**HARVEST  
LUNCHEON &  
CARD PARTY**

October 13, 2011—12:00  
**BRIDGE AND EUCHRE**

Tickets \$12 (limited #)

Includes table favour and door prize!

**Stonecliffe Municipal Hall**

For more information or to book your table call Sue Giroux 613-586-2742 or Joyce Aiston 613-586-2391.

This event is a Head, Clara & Maria Public Library Fundraiser

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**DAILY FROM 8:30 – 4:00  
TUESDAY EVENING  
FROM 6 – 8:30 & SATUR-  
DAYS 12:30 – 3:00**

Come and check out our new automated cataloguing system and amazing selection of current reads. We also offer WIFI services and have 3 CAP sites available.

**Shop at Valu Mart ? How about bringing us some of those extra receipts and contribute to this fundraising venture.**

**We also have a perpetual book sale that may interest our visitors...check out the rack which is stocked with items for you to purchase for a "free will" donation.**

We ask our members to mark their calendar for the upcoming Library week—Oct 16-22 2011 where they will have an opportunity to enter into a draw for the chance to win one of three gift certificates each time they visit the library, check out an item or check out multiple items. Watch for details...

We look forward to seeing all at the Harvest Luncheon...but remember seating is limited. (GW)

Contact us:

hcmlibra@xplornet.com or on-line at <http://hcmpubliclibrary.ca>

**CWL**

Watch for notices at the post office boxes for details on our upcoming annual Seniors Christmas Dinner. Plan ahead and plan to join us. More details to come.

Our Fall Bingo has now changed to a Winter Bingo and will occur sometime around Valentine's Day. Watch for posters for your chance to come out and win some cash prizes. (MR)

**VESEY'S FUND-RAISING**

It's time to tuck away those spring bulbs for hibernation! Please order your bulbs from the flyer by Oct. 3rd by visiting the Municipal Office. 50% of our sales go to our community projects. Thanks for your support. You'll be glad you did come spring...

*Call Cathy BB for inquiries (586-2634).*

We have received notice that the Family Health Team in Deep River has reached capacity and is no longer accepting new patients. It appears that there has been a change in the number of doctors at the practise at this time. We will provide further information once available.

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY

To be placed on a waiting list please call Health Care Connect at 1-800-445-1822 or visit [www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect](http://www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect) for more information.

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### MEET & GREET

We'd like to introduce to you our lively and warm spirited Carole Anne Rioux.

Carole Anne was born in the hallway of the Deep River Hospital which is now the old A&P/



AECL Laurence Hall, as many of our local residents well know. Ironically, there had been a serious accident in Mackey, and the hospital rooms were filled up. Many years later, Carole Ann has made Mackey her home.

Carole Ann's parents moved to Deep River from Quebec City in 1947, her dad a systems analyst for AECL. Her mum arrived in hat and white gloves knowing no English, and after one quick look at

the small town, wanted to curtail the adventure and move back to the city. They eventually adjusted to Deep River, becoming active in the Deep River Golf Club (Carole Anne's brother Don is a golf pro), Curling Club, and the many other social activities of this unique small town.

Carole Anne attended St. Mary's and enjoyed curling, track, basketball and other sports. After a couple of years of high school, she transferred with her family to Nepean in Ottawa. At 17 she ran away to Toronto to stay with her best friend (still, after 60 years), and has gained experience over the years in bookkeeping, retail, radio dispatching, office administration, paramed services, and personal care work, to name a few. She's lived in St. Catherine's, Prince Albert, Kemptville, Smith Falls and Victoria, BC, to name a few. She raised her son Todd as a single parent for 7 years.

Above all, Carole Anne loves to work with people, and her favourite work has been with seniors. She's very proud of her son Todd who is a master corporal in the military. Her granddaughter Kaylie is the joy of her life, and Carole Anne says, "She's totally me". Given Carole Anne's colourful life, she hopes Kaylie has an easier time being who she is than her grandmother has had. Carole Anne will do everything in her power to encourage her to become who

she is meant to be.

She met Dave Foote when she was in Smith Falls, and he wondered if she could be happy here. Carole Anne says it was like "coming home." They married at the Deep River Golf Club in 2005, and she has settled with him in Mackey on the Ottawa River, each day a gift. She enjoys gardening, aerobic exercise, yoga, walking, reading, cards and the Pogo game site. A cancer survivor of 4 years, Carole Anne has never given up. Her message to share with us: "Don't be a quitter. And don't listen to others tell you who you should be. Be yourself." That is how Carole Anne lives her life. Thanks, Carole Anne, for being you. (CBB)

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### XPLORNET SATELLITE SERVICE

John Walden has arranged for Sue Good, General Manager, Xplornet Communications Inc. to come up to our area to talk about the new satellites, what it will mean to users and pricing options for people.

The date will be October 25<sup>th</sup> with the meeting being held at Laurentian Hills Town Hall at 7:00 PM. This issue is significant to people in HCM, so John has invited everyone to attend. Please pass the word along to anyone you know who may be interested. Thank you John!

## RECYCLING COLLECTION

October	3, 17, 31
November	14, 28
December	12, 27- Tuesday

## GARBAGE COLLECTION DATES FOR 2011

### Deux Rivieres

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Bissett Creek

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Stonecliffe

Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 noon

### Mackey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**\*Times are approximate, please be sure you have your material out on time. If you have any challenges with your collection service, speak to our attendant or call the office.**

## DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

### Bissett Creek Road Site

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm (3 hours)

Saturday 12:45pm - 3:45pm (3 hours)

### Stonecliffe Site – Kenny Road

Thursday 12:45pm - 4:15 pm (3.5 hours)

Saturday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon (3.5 hours)

## Recycling Contractor

Our recycling contractor is Andre Bergeron the owner of B.A.G. Recyclage, of Rapides des Joachims. You can contact Andre at 613-586-2215.

If you have large items that you need to dispose of, please call Andre, they may be recyclable, and he may agree to collect them from you apart from regular collection days. You won't know until you ask.

**REDUCE REUSE  
RECYCLE**



## Municipal Hazardous & Special Waste

Due to contractor availability we will not be holding a Hazardous Waste collection day until June of 2012. For those products that you have that are considered Hazardous Waste, please separate them from your regular household garbage and store them until that time. We are in the process of having our Certificate of Approval for the Stonecliffe Disposal Site modified so that we can hold some of these materials for residents during the year until each event is held. We will advise when we have obtained that approval.

The following materials are considered Hazardous Waste and are not to be disposed of in landfill: 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 batter-

## WE COLLECT RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES & CELL PHONES AT THE OFFICE via THE CALL2RECYCLE PROGRAM

ies 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.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

For those of you who have volunteered to assist the municipality with Emergency Management, we will be participating in a County wide exercise to be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Please set this date aside to be able to assist us in our exercise! More details to come.

Also, through provincial and federal funding, we are attempting to provide a communications system between all four hamlets in the event of widespread emergency, such as an ice storm. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities for assisting your neighbours through the use of VHF radio, please contact the office and speak to Gayle or Melinda. We are looking for volunteers, ideally one

# RECYCLING INFORMATION

**PLASTIC BAGS** - All bags except chip and cereal bags;

**ALUMINUM FOIL & PLATES;**

**METAL & ALUMINUM CANS;**

**CARDBOARD** - All types of boxes and box-board broken down and flattened;

**MILK AND JUICE BOXES/CARTONS;**

**ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS** Ketchup-mustard margarine/yogurt tubs etc.;

**PLASTIC BOTTLES;**

**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**  
Put Any Broken Glass in a Separate, Sealed Container to Prevent Injuries.

**SMALL APPLIANCES.**

Our contractors request that all materials be cleaned and placed in clear (transparent) plastic bags for collection to prevent material from absorbing water from weather, making recyclables 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/Visitors - 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.

from each community, who are willing to operate radios during emergencies. The local HAM operators club is also always looking for people interested in the hobby. Please feel free to contact Bob Howard at 613-584-2398 or Richard Bourcier at 613-584-1107.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

Council is in the process of enacting a comprehensive by-law which will allow for more control over the operations of our landfill and recycling programs. This by-law will provide staff with the tools necessary to meet our requirements under the provincial Ministry of the Environment's rules and regulations.

The by-law has not reached its final form yet, pending discussion at the upcoming public meeting on October 7, 2011. Be sure to come out and make your views known or feel free to make written representation by forwarding a letter to the Clerk's attention for inclusion in the meeting package.

Once the by-law has been finalized and adopted by Council, additional information will be forwarded to each resident and taxpayer explaining the changes to come.

The changes being considered are the result of the high costs of operating disposal sites as per MOE regulations and the diminishing capacity remaining in our landfill sites.

Some of the issues being discussed are bag limits for collection; tipping fees for all residents and all materials at the disposal sites and the use of clear bags for all materials.

Please note, there will be no limit placed on recyclables or materials that can be diverted from our landfill without further processing and cost to the municipality.

Do your part, reduce, reuse, recycle—make a conscious decision to dispose of the material at the purchase point. This way manufacturers might get the message and change the way they package products.

## Municipal Website

Please visit us at [www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca) for up to date accurate information. Back issues of all our newsletters, minutes of meetings, reports to Council, monthly budget and annual financial reports are included. If you do not have access to the internet or any interest in computers, you can still keep yourself up to date. Drop by the municipal office from Monday to Friday, 8:30—4:00 and we'll not only answer your questions but provide you with any of those same documents. They belong to the public and are available for public viewing. Have a question? Instead of relying on the all too inaccurate "grapevine" come to the source. We'll be happy to provide you with the truth. (MR)

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Send Newsletter suggestions, to Cathy Balla-Boudreau at [balla-boudreaudc@hotmail.com](mailto:balla-boudreaudc@hotmail.com), #36892 Hwy. 17, Mackey OR the Township office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Canada Post failing to reach a service agreement with Yates General Store Stonecliffe residents now receive their mail via post office boxes. This has brought an address challenge to light for office staff. Check to see that the mailing address on your tax bill is accurate and includes your 911#. If incorrect please provide a signed request to change your address, perhaps with your next tax payment. Although this change affects a large number of people, legislation prevents municipal staff from changing anyone's address without their signed authorization. Failure to receive a tax bill is not a valid reason for not paying your taxes on time. Legal responsibility lies with the property owner to pay their taxes and on time.

## TAXES

Final Installment of  
Taxes for 2011 are due  
October 31, 2011

You can pay at any  
Scotiabank Branch—  
just be sure to bring  
your bill with you.



## Euchre Schedule

Township Hall,  
Stonecliffe

Sundays at 6:00

### 2011 Dates

Oct. 2  
Oct. 16  
Oct. 30  
Nov. 13  
Nov. 27  
Dec. 11

Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year



### 2012 Dates

Jan. 8  
Jan. 15  
Jan. 29  
Feb. 12  
Feb. 26  
Mar. 11  
Mar. 25  
Apr. 1  
Apr. 15