



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

A little rain could not dampen the spirits at Old Mackey Park this Canada Day. The newly expanded and volunteer built picnic pavilion was ready to house the crowd should raindrops fall. Approximately 160 people enjoyed a wonderful day of family fun by the river. Music led by Gerald Chaput and his band as well as Open Mic singers entertained the crowd throughout the day. A historical display of pioneer crafts was also presented by Peter Boudreau and Ruby Black. It was difficult for children to choose a favourite activity on

the morning games circuit that included Scavenger Hunt, Frisbee Tic Tac Toe, Giant Jenga and Bean Bag Toss. At noon, the crowd gathered to see Canada's flag raised over the park by the youngest and most senior citizens of HCM, Michael Sproule and Betty Condie. They were joined by all the voices led by the children present in singing our national anthem. A delicious and free BBQ lunch of sausage or hot dog on a bun with sauerkraut and veggies was served by local volunteers. After lunch, T-Shirt painting and Bird House making proved to be the most popular of



the day's activities. New skills were learned and many good memories created. The day ended on a sweet note with Canada Day cake served by Mayor Gibson and Councillor Grills.

It goes without saying that a wonderful community event would not happen without the tireless work of volunteers. Many thanks go out to all who made this day possible. (Councillor Debbi Grills)

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GIBSON

Hello all

In my last note I talked a bit about County Council. This time I'll explain how voting takes place during County Council meetings. As you know, there is a considerable difference in the number of electors in each of our 17 Municipalities in the County. In municipalities that have a ward system, each member of Council has one vote regardless of the number of electors in their respective wards and all votes carry equal weight.

At County Council however, the votes are different inasmuch as all votes are weighted according to the number of electors in the respective Municipalities. The criteria are based on one vote per 500 electors and the number of electors is taken from the latest MPAC database. No single Municipality shall have more than 24% of the total weighted vote as per County bylaw 10-01 which is the bylaw that governs the weighted vote system. We have 690 electors shown on the MPAC database for Head, Clara and Maria. This number may surprise some of you since there are only about 230 full time residents living here. The large number takes in to account all the seasonal properties and all the MNR and F hunt camp leases plus any vacant private properties. When I raise my hand to vote, that vote counts as only two of the 194 votes in the weighted system. As the next smallest number of weighted votes is six, there is no mathematical combination of weighted votes that would result in Head Clara and Maria being able to influence the outcome of any vote at County Council. The Town of Peta-wawa is the heavy hitter with 31 weighted votes (16 per cent of the total) followed by Laurentian Valley with 17 weighted votes. There are eight Municipalities with less than 10 votes.

Well that's it for the County tidbits for this issue.

Your recreation committee has been very busy as of late with a very successful St. Pat's day party and an equally successful first ever fish fry luncheon. A new trail side café was tried this year and took place on the four Saturdays in February. It was a chance for our residents to have lunch in the Community and was a very well received break for snowmobilers out on the trails.

The well attended Mother's day breakfast was sponsored by the Jennings families and the proceeds went to the Relay for Life. The library board held their spring card party and hosted and fed 24 tables of card players along with others who just wanted a good lunch. The Missing Link Snowmobile Club hosted their annual volunteer and landowner appreciation dinner for about 70 people.

The library board held their spring yard sale this year in June and called it June Jazzar which was a change from May Madness. The event was again well attended. Congratulations to the library board and their dedicated volunteers for another well run event.

Congratulations to the Lair sisters, Betsy, Paula and Cathy and their helpers for hosting another successful ball tournament to raise funds in the support of cancer research.

A big thank you to Paul Sarrazin and his helpers for clearing all the brush behind the ball field fencing. The ball field looks much better now and the balls from the heavy hitters are easier to find.

Richard Yates, a long time resident of our Community used to say "the



weather forecast scares away more people than the weather". The forecast this year didn't scare about 170 people who came to Mackey Park to help us celebrate the year of the flag and Canada Day and enjoy a delicious free lunch.

Our celebration of Canada Day is attracting more and more folks from outside our township so we must be doing something right. We got to display our new welcome banner and received a lot of positive comments about it and all the other Canada Day decorations. Thanks to all those who donated the use of their items and their time to help organize and run this event. Thanks to all those who helped erect the addition to our pavilion and a special thank you to Councilor Calvin Chartrand who donated his time and his equipment to excavate for our new addition to the pavilion, remove stumps, improve the landscaping, and expand the parking area.

For those of you who haven't thought of attending the celebration of Canada Day I would encourage you to come out to Mackey Park next Canada Day to meet old friends, make new ones, visit with relatives and enjoy all that is offered.

All these very successful events portray to those from outside our Community that HCM is a socially active and caring place to live. None of this would be possible without the work and commitment of our dedicated volunteers and the assistance of our Municipal staff. It takes about 100 plus hours of volunteer time to host a large event and we see many of the same volunteer faces at all the events. On behalf of our Council and staff I extend our appreciation, our heartfelt thanks, and our congratulations to all our volunteers. Well done. We would be nothing without you!

Thank you for taking the time and showing the interest to read this newsletter.

Mayor Jim Gibson

Intergenerational Programming

We are working on improving opportunities by creating a program which encourages intergenerational interaction, volunteerism amongst seniors and sharing of skills, knowledge and talents.

Do you have talents, stories, knowledge, experience or skills you might like to share with others?

We would like to create an opportunity where our seniors, who have a wealth of knowledge, experience and talent share it with others.

We would also like to call on our students to help teach technology and computer skills (and others) to our seniors who might like to learn how to stay connected to their families who live far away.



If you feel you might have something to share and would like to participate, please call Gayle or Crystal at 613-586-2526 to share your ideas. Someone will be contacting you in the near future to discuss various opportunities. We hope you will consider becoming involved. (MR)

COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Mayor Jim Gibson and all the councillors especially Councillor Debbi Grills for the honour of being senior of the year. It was a very big surprise.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the presentation. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

On a change of topic I would like to thank everyone who has saved valu-mart slips for the library and the 28 oz. cans for the tomato plants. This year I had enough cans for all the plants. I hope you will keep on saving them.

Betty Condie

OUTDOOR Mass & BBQ

is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 @ 11:00 a.m. at Old Mackey Park. Rain or shine.

Everyone welcome and please bring your lawn chair. BBQ Fundraising lunch to follow immediately after mass to raise funds for Catholic cemetery upkeep.



If you are able to help out in any way; please contact Linda Chartrand at 613-586-2366.

Thank you for Your Time, Generosity and Energy!

Volunteers make our community the wonderful place that it is! Thank you, thank you, thank you to Paul Sarrazin who took the lead and worked with a number of men to clear the brush and weeds from around the ball diamond in Stonecliffe. We truly appreciate your efforts and would like to formally thank each and every one of you.

A special thanks to Todd Belanger (Chalk River), Glen Sarrazin (Rolphton), Adam Desjardin (North Bay), Jason Martin (Chalk River) and Christian Caron (Mackey) who came from near and far, donated their time, energy and money to rent equipment and provide the manpower required to complete this task. It looks amazing!

OLD MACKEY PARK PAVILION EXTENSION

In 2014, after the Canada Day festivities were over, and equipment was being put away, a conversation occurred amongst residents who sat enjoying the remainder of the day. As a result of that day-dreaming, some of these same guys came together in 2015 and worked to erect an extension to the pavilion used at Old Mackey Park to host Canada Day celebrations, the annual outdoor mass and other private events.

Council accepted their offer of free labour and equipment in exchange for supplies.

In May and June of 2015 a group of workers came together to complete this project. A special thank you to those volunteers who worked during hot and wet conditions to finish this project.

Thank you to Gerry Ryan, Finney Lee, Paul Fischer, Chris Burant, Calvin Chartrand, Winston Chartrand, Darryl Francoeur, John Reith, Jim Jennings, Wyman Jennings Jr., Tom Jennings and our own Mayor Jim Gibson. And finally an honourable mention to Wilfred/Terry Lamure and Vince Morin who took time out of their day to lend a hand lifting trusses.

Giving Back Makes a Community!

Community Dates to Remember

- ★ **Saturday, August 1, 2015—
50s/60s Dance**—Stonecliffe Community Centre—Doors open 7:30 p.m.—tickets \$15 each, door prizes, period dress prizes, cash menu and cash bar
- ★ **Public Meeting & Special Meeting of Council**—North Renfrew Emergency Rescue Unit (Auto-Ex)—Saturday, August 29, 2015—10:00 a.m.
- ★ **Outdoor Mass and Fundraising BBQ**—August 23, 2015—11:00 a.m. Old Mackey Park
- ★ **Rec Committee Ball Tournament**—September 12—Watch for Details.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Your Staff at Work

HCM staff and Council work diligently to save tax dollars and make prudent purchasing decisions.

Did you know that when travel is required for training purposes, staff try to choose the closest location or if a similar travel distance, go to a location where family or friends live so we can stay with them saving the costs of accommodation and meals.

Did you know that Gayle worked with some of our service providers and corporate ratepayers (OPG, Cambium Environmental and TransCanada) to obtain co-funding and donations for our Canada Day Celebrations.

Did you know that we have been the recipient of no less than 3 grants so far in 2015. We still have to sign the contracts on some so can't provide details but look for info in upcoming newsletters.

Do you have any positive suggestions to help save tax money? Working together we can strive to keep HCM taxes the lowest in the County while still meeting our legislative requirements. (M Reith)

HCM Library Looking For Volunteers

Are you able to donate 2 ½ hours of your time on a Tuesday evening or Saturday afternoon? Your library is looking for people to work 1 shift a month to staff the library. If you are interested in being part of the library team:



Call 613-586-2761 or email
hcmlibra@xplornet.com

For Sale in Office or during Recreation Committee Events!

Fleece Sweaters

w HCM logo

\$42

Lady's and
men's styles
and sizes available.



Red/black and Grey/black.



Your Public Library News

LIBRARY COMPUTER CLEARANCE

The HCM Public Library is clearing out its old computer items through a sealed bid process.

The items being sold are numbered 1 through 5 below, are between 6-8 years old but do have some life left. Each has XP as an operating system but no other programs. They are being sold as is and must be picked up **by August 7th at 3:00 p.m..**

Interested individuals should submit their name, mailing address, phone number, the number of the computer as listed below and the amount of your bid to the Township Offices by **12 noon on August 5, 2015**. All information is required to process the bids. Missing info could result in disqualifying your bid.

1. ACI Platform System – Touch Monitone (desk top model)
2. Optiplex 760 – Dell (desk top model)
3. LG Touch System (desk top model)
4. Laptop – Dell
5. Samsung Monitor

**Remember to save
your Value Mart
Receipts!**



Your Escape Close to Home

Need to escape the heat, flies or rain this summer? Drop by the library to check out our books—new and old, DVDs, audio-books, use our wifi or go on-line with one of our computers. Enjoy your summer!

Enjoy your Library!

Open M, T, W & F 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 or Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 3:00.

Tone and Fit Group

Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Township Hall - 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

Everyone is welcome - No Cost—Please come and join us.



Mild Aerobic exercise to suit your needs via DVD instruction.

Contact Cathy Sutherland – mcsutherland1954@gmail.com or 613-586-2591 for information!

Or just drop by.

Yoga in Stonecliffe

The HCM Recreation Committee is continuing to offer **Thursday morning yoga classes** this fall with instructor Kim Knight. We are hoping to interest at least 5 participants and will welcome more! The July yoga classes were well attended and participants have enjoyed learning the fundamentals.

Things you need to know:

The 6 classes will begin at 9:00 am on Thursdays beginning September 10th in the township hall. \$10 per class prepaid for the 6 weeks (\$60) from September 10 to October 15. Classes: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8 and 15. Participants will need a yoga mat.

A Message from Kim

After the first class, I'll tailor your classes to suit the needs of each of the participants; observing how they move and making recommendations for healthier movement using poses and movement to do this. Participants need to be able to get up and down off of the floor, assisted by a chair if necessary.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Debbi Grills at 613-586-1904 or leave a message at the office 613-586-2526.



OPP—AND CITIZEN SELF REPORTING

The Ontario Provincial Police is pleased to offer *Citizen Self Reporting*, an alternative reporting option that allows the public to report specific crimes to police via the internet, anywhere, anytime. The OPP's Citizens Self Reporting system allows members of the public to use a computer or mobile device to report an incident without requiring an officer to attend the scene.

Citizen Self Reporting is simple and convenient and can be used when reporting incidents that do not involve injury or a suspect, or a crime that is not an emergency. The use of this new system is completely optional. Police will still attend a call for service if desired.

Visit the website yourself to check it out: <http://www.opp.ca/reporting/>

USE THIS SYSTEM TO REPORT:



1. Lost/missing property under \$5,000
2. Stolen license plates or validation stickers
3. Theft from a vehicle under \$5,000
4. Mischief/damage to a vehicle under \$5,000
5. Mischief/damage to property (other than a vehicle) under \$5,000
6. Theft under \$5,000
7. Driving Complaint. Visit the site for more information.

OPP AND TEXT WITH 911

Beginning Wednesday, April 15, the OPP will be equipped to receive emergency calls for service via *Text with 911* (T9-1-1) from people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (DHHSI) and for which the OPP is the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP).

T9-1-1 enables emergency communication with OPP 9-1-1 call takers via text message (or SMS). In order to use T9-1-1, members of the DHHSI community must register their cell phones with their wireless carrier in advance. Some older model phones may not be compatible. Those who have more than one cell phone will need to register each phone individually. The T9-1-1 service is not intended for use by the general public.

An Information Card is available on the OPP website at this address (<http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=620>) and via several OPP-serviced jurisdictions. More information is also available through the Canadian Wireless Telecommunication Association at www.cwta.ca.

FROM YOUR TREASURER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - PROPERTY TAX—Continued

Info from the last issue may be located on our website under the Administration and Finance tab.

When are the tax rates set?

Tax rates for the current year are usually set and approved by Township Council once the county has set theirs, usually by April 30 of the current year. You can further search our website to view the current Tax Rates. www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

What is Current Value Assessment (CVA)?

In 1998, the Province of Ontario reformed the property assessment legislation in Ontario with the implementation of Current Value Assessment (CVA). Under this new assessment system, all property assessments in Ontario are updated on a regular basis.

The CVA of a property represents an estimated market value, or the amount that the property would sell for in an open market, arm's length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer at a fixed point in time.

The following indicates the valuation dates from 2006 to the current year:

Taxation Year	Valuation Date
2013 – 2016	January 1, 2012
2009 – 2012	January 1, 2008
2006 – 2008	January 1, 2005

Who determines the assessed value (i.e. CVA) of my property?

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is a not-for-profit corporation responsible for determining the CVA and tax class for all properties in Ontario for municipal and education taxation.

If any information on your Notice of Assessment is inaccurate, such as the assessed owner, location or property description, etc. you may contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 to verify details about your property.

What are my options if I disagree with the CVA for my property?

The first step for owners of residential and farm property is to have your assessment reviewed by MPAC by filing a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). For property owners in other tax classes this step is not mandatory. There is no fee for filing an RfR and the deadline to apply for each taxation year is March 31. You can visit the MPAC website at www.MPAC.ca to obtain a Request for Reconsideration form.

Property owners also have the option of filing a formal Appeal with the Assessment Review Board (ARB). There is a cost for filing this appeal. The annual date to appeal is March 31 of the taxation year. Forms are available on the ARB website www.arb.gov.on.ca or by calling 416-314-6900 or 1-

800-263-3237.

If your RfR or Appeal is successful, MPAC or the ARB will forward the results directly to the municipality in order to expedite processing of any tax adjustment. A tax account is only adjusted when the municipality is notified of the change in assessment by MPAC or the ARB. It is recommended that taxes continue to be paid while an appeal or reconsideration is underway to avoid penalty and interest charges in the event that the appeal or reconsideration is not successful. There may be a significant delay between the time an assessment is appealed and a decision is rendered. If you have an outstanding reconsideration or appeal, and you are selling your property, please ensure your lawyer makes provision for re-adjustment of taxes subsequent to your closing.

Can I compare my Taxes to my neighbour's Taxes?

Yes, by comparing assessed values. You can come into Municipal Office and use our Assessment Roll Book or you can check MPAC's website to get property values. Choose properties in your area which are similar, to compare assessed values by using their property inquiry tool "AboutMyProperty".

When will the next reassessment occur?

The next province-wide assessment update will take place in 2016.

If you make any changes to your property that affects its value your property will be reassessed to reflect that change. The Assessment Act requires MPAC to send a Notice when any information contained on the assessment roll has changed from year to year.

Visit the MPAC website at www.mpac.ca for further information.

I recently received a Supplementary/Omitted Assessment Notice from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). What is it and what happens next?

Supplementary Property Assessment Notices are issued by MPAC when there has been a change to a property during the current taxation year due to a change in property classification, an addition, renovation or new construction.

Omitted Property Assessment Notices are issued when the current value assessment for an improvement (e.g., a new home or addition) was not previously recorded on the annual assessment roll. An Omitted Assessment Notice may apply to the current year and, if applicable, for any part or all of the previous two years.

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria will use the information from the Supplementary or Omitted Property Assessment Notices to issue tax bills. It is important to note that if your property is newly constructed, at first you are likely to be assessed for the value of the land only. MPAC will issue a supplementary assessment for the value of your home effective the date of occupancy. Tax bills will be issued for Omitted Assessments for the current and up to two prior years.

Due to the timing of receipt of the information from MPAC, Supplementary/ Omitted Tax bills are usually due in one installment regardless of the number of years being billed. (Continued on next page.)

FAQ—Treasurer Continued...**How is a supplementary tax bill calculated?**

Supplementary tax is determined by multiplying the supplementary assessment (increase in value) by the tax rate and prorating this amount based on the number of days the building has been completed or occupied for the year.

Does a Supplementary notice mean that my property taxes will go up?

If the supplementary notice is for additions or improvements to your property, yes, the taxes will increase. Your land may have been previously assessed; therefore your supplementary/omitted tax bill will only be for the structure portion of the property.

If your supplementary notice is only for a change in classification, the municipality applies a new tax rate to your property. The new tax rate could be higher or lower than what was previously billed.

When must the supplementary tax bill be paid?

The bill must be paid within 21 days from the date that it is issued. Additional assessment occurring from building a new home or addition can result in a supplementary tax bill that can amount to thousands of dollars. You should plan for this billing as soon as you start work on your property by putting money aside on a monthly basis to pay the bill when it comes due.

Additional info may be located at...<http://www.townshipofheadclaramaria.ca/departments/administration-finance/>

Community Fire Safety Information

CO ALARMS ARE NOW MANDATORY

Do the CO alarm requirements apply to a trailer or other similar transportable structures such as recreational vehicles (RVs), campers or motor homes?

Possibly. The CO alarm requirements are applicable to 'buildings' that contain a residential occupancy and fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or storage garage.

A trailer or other similar transportable structure could be considered a 'building' provided it satisfies the definition provided in the Fire Code. Article 1.4.1.2. of Division A defines 'building' as **"any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy"**. In assessing whether a trailer or other similar transportable structure meets this 'building' definition, the following factors should be considered:

- degree of permanence
- signs of anchorage (e.g. masonry blocks)
- presence and condition of wheels
- presence and currency of license plates
- roadworthiness (i.e. is it capable of immediate transport)



and

- treatment under other regulations (e.g. Park Model Trailers constructed in conformance with CAN/CSA Z241 are considered buildings for the purposes of the Building Code)

Hence, **if a trailer or other similar transportable structure is used as a 'building' to house a residential occupancy and contains a fuel-burning appliance, the CO alarm requirements apply.**

STILL LOOKING FOR A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR?

We at the municipal office are able to purchase bulk detectors at a reasonable price from the Official Distributor for the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. We have a number for sale here in the office.

This product is a "Worry Free" Digital display, peak level memory with a sealed 10 yr. lithium battery. The cost is \$33.35 (all taxes included). When comparison shopping remember to determine whether batteries need to be changed. This one will save you that cost over 10 years. (B Labre)

WELCOME ABOARD CRYSTAL

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Crystal Fischer, an area resident, to our team as Receptionist and Administrative Assistant. I am very pleased to publicly announce that over the first 6 weeks, Crystal has proved to be a strong, independent worker who is learning quickly. Already we have received positive comments on her level of professionalism from a complete stranger who called for assistance. I am confident that Crystal will be an excellent match for this position and our office. Please join us in welcoming Crystal.

Due to the size of our office the need for additional staff is often questioned. A visit to our municipal website at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/> will provide a brief overview of the areas of responsibility for staff. Although we are small in residents we are large in geographic area and are still responsible for many of the same legislated programs, training and tasks as much larger municipalities.

At any time, if anyone wishes to visit the office to "job shadow" to see what a typical day is like; you are more than welcome to do so. Most transactions/interactions are public as this is a public office and HCM staff and Council are strong proponents of open and transparent government. If you would like to observe a specific employee or position, please call ahead to ensure that they are working the day you plan to visit. (MR)

Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth Receives \$25,000 from Renfrew County United Way

The Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth recently received \$25,000 for its initiative to provide a safe and caring environment for youth ages 16 to 21 in need of a safe bed where their immediate basic needs can be met. Columbus House (Pembroke) Inc., Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County, The Phoenix Centre for Children and Families, and the Renfrew County United Way formed a collaborative to collectively address the issue of youth homelessness in Renfrew County. "We believe that collective impact approach will produce profound and long-term results" says Arijana Tomicic, Executive Director with Family and Children's Services. Press Release - Safe Shelter for Youth July 23, 2015 Page 2 of 2



In the photo are (left to right): Front row - Gail Logan-McMeekin, Executive Director, Renfrew County United Way and Megan Rousselle, Youth Outreach Worker/ Safe Shelter for Youth Coordinator, Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County. Back row - Arijana Tomicic, Executive Director, Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County, Greg Lubimiv, Executive Director, The Phoenix Centre for Children and Families, and Tina Belanger, Executive Director, Columbus House (Pembroke) Inc.

The collaborative recognizes that there are numerous youth, aged 16 to 21, who are living unsafely in situations of homelessness (including couch surfing), in situations where food and shelter are offered in exchange for sexual activity, in situations where they must participate in criminal activity in order to be fed or have access to shelter, and in situations where any of the aforementioned is preferable to their own home life. These youth congregate on the streets, may ask people for money and their ability to trust in their community is low. They do what it takes to survive and protect themselves. The goal of the Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth is to deliver short-term support for youth between the ages of 16 to 21. They can call and be provided with a comfortable and secure place to stay.

"Our ultimate goal is healthy and independent youth within a supportive family and a caring community" says Tina Belanger, Executive Director of Columbus House (Pembroke) Inc., "and the funding that we received from the Renfrew County United Way will help us develop a model and establish a range of shelter options for Renfrew County youth."

If you have any questions regarding the shelter, please contact Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County at 613-735-6866.

Milestone Achieved in Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim Negotiations

Negotiators take key step toward fair and equitable settlement to advance reconciliation and unlock new economic opportunities in eastern Ontario

June 12, 2015 Ottawa, ON Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

The governments of Canada and Ontario and the [Algonquins of Ontario](#) announced today that their negotiators have initialled a proposed Agreement-in-Principle on the Algonquin Land Claim. This is a key step toward a final agreement that will balance the rights of all concerned and open up new economic development opportunities for the benefit of the Algonquins and their neighbours in eastern Ontario.

The proposed agreement-in-principle (AIP) is one step towards the negotiation of a final agreement. The goal is to define the ongoing rights of the Algonquins of Ontario to lands and natural resources through a final agreement that will provide clarity going forward for the benefit of all who live and work in the claim territory.

The next step in the process is for the Algonquins of Ontario to vote on the proposed agreement-in-principle. If the vote is successful, the next steps are approval by the governments of Ontario and Canada followed by a tripartite negotiation process leading to a final agreement. The final agreement would need to be approved by the parties and given legal effect by the Ontario legislature and Parliament of Canada.

Quick Facts

- ◆ The Algonquins began to petition the Crown for a treaty in 1772 and repeatedly asserted their rights and title to their traditional territory in eastern Ontario.
- ◆ The present negotiation process has been underway since the early 1990s.
- ◆ Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario are committed to achieving an agreement that balances the rights of all Canadians and creates greater certainty in the territory. The development of the proposed agreement-in-principle was shaped by an extensive public consultation process undertaken in 2013.
- ◆ While the Agreement-in-Principle is not legally binding, it would form the framework for continuing negotiations towards a final agreement or modern-day treaty.
- ◆ There will be many continuing opportunities for public input in the years ahead during negotiations toward a final agreement.
- ◆ The agreement-in-principle (AIP) proposes the transfer of \$300 million in capital funding and 117,500 acres of provincial Crown lands to Algonquin ownership.
- ◆ No privately owned land will be taken away from anyone to settle the claim. No one will lose access to their private property. Algonquin Park will remain a Park for the enjoyment of all.

The proposed Agreement-in-Principle is available on the Ontario website at: Ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



Our residents Recycle!
While visiting with us, Will you?

HCM has a comprehensive Waste Management PLAN including **BLUE BOX RECYCLING** and much more. **BLUE BOX MATERIALS ARE ACCEPTED AT OUR DEPOTS IN CLEAR BAGS. HAZARDOUS WASTE (BATTERIES, FLOURESCENTS, PROPANE TANKS) ARE ACCEPTED AS WELL.**

For Information call 613-586-2526 or visit <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/Recycling.html>.

Thank you for helping us divert waste from our landfill.

HCM Staff Diversion Efforts

Please keep our recycling programs in mind. We collect pop can tabs, stamps, Campbell's labels and milk bags at the municipal hall. We pass them on to different organizations or school groups who then collect larger amounts with the end goal of providing funds or a product to make someone's life easier.

If you are aware of any other group or organization which collects recyclable materials for the greater good; let us know and we will investigate to see if it is something that we can support.



MOE AND OUR OPERATIONS

We have received notice and a warning from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) that we can no longer accept any quantity of liquid industrial waste or hazardous waste at our disposal sites to stockpile for our annual Municipal Hazardous Waste Day. Staff were attempting to provide an added service to our ratepayers who wished to get rid of materials prior to our event however; we have received a warning and could risk a fine if we were to continue.

Please note that Bill will no longer be able to stockpile materials; you will have to set them aside at home and make arrangements in May to bring them to our hazardous material collection event.

We apologize for any inconvenience but must follow MOE guidelines or risk fine or site closure.

We are working to submit an application to modify our current Certificate with the Ministry so we can make things easier for everyone however; this will take some time. Thank you for your cooperation. (M. Reith)

Municipal Disposal Site Hours

Bissett Creek Site

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

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

Located on Bissett Creek Road

Stonecliffe Site

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

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

Located on Kenny Road

Collection Days and Times

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.

Recycling Collection Dates

August—Tuesday 4, 17, 31

September—14, 28

October—Tuesday 13, 26

November—9, 23

December—7, 21

The **Next Newsletter** will go out **September 18, 2015**. If you have any content for inclusion, please submit it to twpshcm@xplornet.com or drop a hard copy off at the municipal office before then. Thank you for your interest in your community. (MR)

TOXIC PLANTS IN THE AREA

Know the Difference—Stay Clear

From <http://www.invadingspecies.com> — OFAH/OMNR Invading Species Awareness Program

Colour Copies are available in the office. Some are toxic some are not. Learn the difference.



	Giant Hogweed (<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>)	Cow Parsnip (<i>Heracleum maximum</i>)	Wild Parsnip (<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>)	Queen Anne's Lace (<i>Daucus carota</i>)	Angelica <i>Angelica spp.</i>
Height	2.5 to 5 m	1 to 2.5 m	0.5 to 1.5 m	0.3 to 1.5 m	1.2 to 2.1 m
Flowers	Large, white umbrella-shaped flower clusters 30 to 90 cm across, made up of 50 to 150 small flower clusters	White umbrella-shaped flower cluster 10 to 30 cm across, made up of 15 to 30 small clusters	Yellowish-green flower clusters 10 to 20 cm across	White flower cluster 5 to 10 cm across. Pale pink before fully opened. Often single purple flower in centre of flower cluster	Greenish-white globe-like flower clusters 8 to 25 cm across
Leaves	Prominently spiked edges Up to 1.5 m long Leaflets grow right out of each side of main stem, with no leaf stalk	Leaves have lobes shaped like a hand with fingers, with fuzzy undersides Up to 0.5 m long and wide Leaf blade separated from main stem by leaf stalk	Leaves consist of 2 to 5 pairs of leaflets that grow across from each other along the stem, and one diamond-shaped leaflet on the end Leaflets toothed and often shaped like a mitten	Leaves are staggered along the stem (alternate) Leaves consist of leaflets that are finely divided into narrow segments. Each segment of the lower leaves is further divided into fine lobes, resulting in a feathery appearance	Alternate leaves, divided into 2 to 3 leaflets
Stem	Hollow, 5 to 15 cm thick Prominent purple blotches Distinct, coarse, bristly hairs	Hollow, 5 cm thick at base Green, few to no purple spots Soft and fuzzy hairs	Green, 2.5 to 5 cm thick Smooth with few hairs	Green, 1 to 2.5 cm thick Covered with fine bristly hairs	Purple or purple blotched Smooth (no hairs)
Lifecycle	Biennial (lives for 2 years) or perennial (lives longer than 2 years)	Perennial	Biennial/Perennial	Biennial	Perennial
Origin	Invasive	Native	Invasive	Invasive	Native

Wild Parsnip

Wild parsnip, which is also known as poison parsnip, is a member of the carrot/parsley family. It typically grows a low, spindly rosette of leaves in the first year while the root develops. In the second year it flowers on a tall stalk and then dies. The plant can form dense stands and spreads quickly in disturbed areas such as abandoned yards, waste dumps, meadows, open fields, roadsides and railway embankments. Its seeds are easily dispersed by wind and water, and on mowing or other equipment.

Like giant hogweed and other members of the carrot family, it produces sap containing chemicals that can cause human skin to react to sunlight, resulting in intense burns, rashes or blisters.



There is an abundance of this along the highway in Mackey between Donnelly Road and the causeway. Please be careful. It will affect your pets as well as your skin.



Giant Hogweed

Although not yet spotted in HCM Giant Hogweed is within the County. Again, be able to identify it and keep away. It is a garden ornamental from southwest Asia that is naturalizing in North America and becoming more common in southern and central Ontario.

Giant hogweed has the potential to spread readily and

Other Resources:

www.invasivespeciescentre.ca
ontario.ca/invasivespecies
www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca
www.invadingspecies.com

Ministry of the Environment pesticides information for homeowners
www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/category/pesticides/STDPROD_085338.html#1

Ministry of the Environment fact sheet Managing Pests in Lawns and Gardens
www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/resources/STD01_076153.html

For More Information:

Please contact the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711.

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SEPTEMBER 11 | OCTOBER 16 | NOVEMBER 13 | DEC. 11

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