



# HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD,  
CLARA & MARIA

HCM HOMECOMING 2017

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK  
HCM HOMECOMING 2017 FUNDRAISER

2017 will mark Ontario and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday/anniversary, 150 years since confederation.

## Are you ready for a party?

HCM Council, staff and volunteers are planning an exciting event for the four days of Canada Day weekend to celebrate, HCMHomecoming2017. We hope you can come out to join us.

Still to be confirmed, plans will include at a minimum live music, inflatables, balloon artists, a baseball tournament, community meals, beer garden(s), outdoor games, historical archival, BBQ, Canada Day cake, fireworks, essay and poster contests, and much much more. Something for everyone.

We have a Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/HCM-Homecoming-2017-1072326276193880/>, a webpage at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/news-and-events/homecoming-2017/>, a twitter account at Head, Clara & Maria @hcmhomecoming21, #hcmhomecoming2017 and a dedicated email address of [hcmhomecoming2017@gmail.com](mailto:hcmhomecoming2017@gmail.com).

Please use any of these formats to keep up to date on plans.

## Homecoming Fundraising Cook Book

To help out without coming out you might consider submitting photos to share in the community history project (HCM Public Library Board) and our webpage and/or submit family recipes and pics to support our community fundraising cookbook.

We hope to include recipes from past and present residents, family favourites of all categories from appetizers and soups to desserts, from wild game to vegetarian, you name it we'll include it. To make this book unique, it would be awesome if you could provide some stories surrounding why the recipes you submit are important to your family, or where they originated.



To keep it simple, pull out the recipe, take a photo of it and email it to us. Drop by the office with it and we'll photocopy or scan it, drop your recipe in the mail - use any format you prefer. **Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2016** to make sure we can get some cookbooks in stock for Christmas gifts; we'll have them available at Homecoming as well. What a wonderful gift to connect our family and community members, our present with our past.

#### Homecoming General

Grant applications have been submitted to the federal and provincial governments to help offset costs for 2017's special events but any donations towards this project would be gratefully appreciated. Tax receipts will be provided for cash and/or in kind donations with a value of over \$10.

If you have any ideas you would like to share, please feel free to come forward. Planning is better together. (MR)

## T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

One of council's goals for 2016 is to determine whether or not there is a need for a new service in our community? Do you occasionally need to travel some distance for medical or health appointments and have a concern about driving or how you are going to get there? Maybe you normally drive but won't be able to after receiving some type of treatment and have a one off need for assistance? Maybe you just don't drive in cities?

**Or** are you able and willing to drive someone to an appointment in Pembroke, Renfrew, Ottawa or North Bay?

Council would like to determine if staff can play a part in providing a service of matching these two groups of people up. Can you drive a neighbour to an appointment? Do you need a ride? What has been proposed is that municipal staff become involved simply in matching people who need a ride up with those willing to give one. We would keep a list of available drivers; if and when you need one, you contact office staff and we'll match you up.

Of course we would have to work out details on liability, which vehicle, who pays for gas etc. but first we would like to determine whether there is a need and/or ability to provide the service in the first place.

Please contact any member of council or staff with your position before the end of October. We hope to bring this to the November Council meeting. Contact details are on the last page of this Newsletter.

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GIBSON

Hello folks,

This article will deal with the biggest problem small Municipalities like us have from a Municipal staff point of view. Federal and especially Provincial governments regardless of the colour of the party in power are continuously downloading work and accountabilities to Municipal governments. More often than not this downloading is not accompanied by any financial assistance to execute the work.

The latest and one of the most concerning examples is the Province's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing intention to download the work involved with the enforcement of residential rental maintenance standards to all Municipalities in the Province by making amendments to the Residential Tenancies act, 2006.

The Ministry is offering Municipalities two options:

**Option one** is to create interior and exterior property standards bylaws and enforce the Province's maintenance standards which are much too long for this newsletter.

**Option two** is to enforce the province's maintenance standards by appointing an inspector who will do the inspections and issue remedial work orders to the landlord as a result of a renter's complaint.

There are 93 municipalities in the province without exterior or interior property standards bylaws and 52 municipalities with partial bylaws. Any reader of the NRT will know how time consuming and costly the enforcement of property standards bylaws can become.

You can view the standards on line by looking at [Ontario Regulation 517/06](#).

Last year your Council decided to join a new group called the Rural Mayor's Forum of Eastern Ontario (RMFEO). This group has been successful in focusing the attention of the O.P.P. and MPAC to problems with the O.P.P. billing increases to smaller Municipalities. I will be bringing a draft HCM Council resolution to this Friday's RMFEO meeting to attempt to get endorsement of that group in opposing the Ministry's downloading of this enforcement that will do nothing but increase our administrative costs.

It's interesting to note that the 2006 census shows that HCM had zero renters.

Wish me luck.

Jim Gibson



## R E C R E A T I O N

The Recreation Committee has been extremely successful in hosting events over the past two plus years and has poured profits back into our community. Soon to be completed is a new play structure being installed at Old Mackey Park. It has taken some time but plans are underway to have them installed soon (perhaps completed by the time you read this).

As a lower tier municipality in Renfrew County, we have benefited from the County Healthy Kids program which was responsible for donating \$10,000 to purchase equipment for our lending hub which has turned out to be an undeniable success.

Crystal has worked hard to get the program up and running resulting in some happy equipment users. A popular item seems to be the paddle boards. Thanks for suggestions from users; we will streamline our processes for next year to make the system more user friendly for everyone. And don't forget, for winter we also have snowshoes and hiking poles for use; in all sizes.

A second project, funded mainly by the Healthy Kids program but supplemented by the Recreation Committee is a new "natural play scape" soon to be installed behind the community centre in Stonecliffe. Finally, it's determined that it is OK for kids to play on hills, trees and rocks again. Watch for these improvements to be completed before the snow flies.

Although we will not know whether or not we have been successful until some time later this year; an application has been submitted to the

Trillium Foundation to erect player and spectator benches and shelters for the ball diamond which has seen a recent resurgence in use, thanks in a large part to Paul (John-Joe) Sarrazin. Again, some funds required for this project will be donated by the Rec Committee.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to plan and host events; and to all of you who come out to support them. We do more together.

On that note, we would like to thank Adam Desjardins for coming forward to host a ball tournament on Saturday, October 8. One of the purposes of the Recreation Committee is to assist residents in hosting events. Adam came forward with an excellent idea and a group of people willing to help him, and along with Rec Committee volunteers planned another event proceeds of which will flow back into recreation programming in our community. Thank you to Adam and everyone involved with this project.

I've recently had a conversation with a long time resident who is missing broomball. She had some excellent ideas for continuing physical activities during the winter months as not everyone is a snowmobiler. We tossed around ideas such as snow baseball or broomball.

Staff and rec volunteers are here to help you. If you have an idea, get in touch with us and we will be happy to help you work out the details. All we need is some lead time, and a few people willing to help out.

To date we have ongoing exercise mornings – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 – 10:00 and Yoga – Thursdays at 11:00. Pickle ball is booked for Tuesdays at 1:00. Each of these programs were implemented by residents and supported by Council through free use of the hall; and in some cases, some equipment support.

**Got An Idea? We Are Here For You And Again, We Can Achieve More Together.**

Mark your calendars for these **Upcoming Community Events:**

- Ball Tournament  
*October 8th*
- Regular Meeting of Council  
*October 14th at 2:00pm*
- Christmas Cake Baking  
*October 25/26 Tentative*
- Kids Halloween Party  
*October 29th at 1:00 pm*
- Remembrance Day  
*November 11th at 10:45 am*
- Regular Meeting of Council  
*November 18th at 2:00 pm*
- Wild Game Dinner  
*November 26 at 5:00 pm*
- Regular Meeting of Council  
*December 9th at 2:00 pm*
- CWL Community Christmas Party  
*details to follow*
- New Year's Eve Celebrations  
*December 31st at 8:30 pm*

Details are posted on the municipal calendar at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/calendar/>.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Fall Ball Tournament and Fish Fry, raising just over \$1200 to put towards improving our baseball field. Our volunteers and supporters alike are incredible!

The draw for the Rawlings glove and Easton bat was made on September 12, 2016 at the township office, with Julie Stewart's 10 of spades winning the bat and Lorie MacDonald's Queen of spades winning the glove. Congrats ladies!

Please watch for upcoming information on our next big draw, a Pelican paddle board, which is to be drawn at our Canada Day/ Homecoming 2017 celebrations. Tickets will soon be available at the township office.



A friendly reminder that the final property tax installment is due by **October 31st**.

Please note past due taxes are subject to interest charges of 1.25% compounded monthly.

# THE PLANNING ACT AND SMALL RURAL ONTARIO

Recently Council and staff have heard from a number of residents of Head, Clara & Maria concerned about the provincial Planning Act and the Official Plan and implications which directly affect their ability to use their own property.

The 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) which is a document prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to inform local official plans and zoning by-laws, made changes which encourage what they call “infilling” and reduce the need for increased infrastructure.

Some of those components included eliminating the reliance on private water and sewer and limited lot creation or severance under specific circumstances.

After that policy plan was rolled out, rural municipalities complained, as these policies significantly decreased the freedom in use of rural private lands.

The 2014 PPS reflects some of those changes which have been reflected again in the County of Renfrew Official Plan. 2015-2016 brought about a review of the County Official Plan. In October of 2015, Council and staff met with county planners to discuss the review and implications on Head, Clara & Maria and its property owners.

Some areas of concern and identified by Council include:

- Restrictions on lot creation, or severance along private roads;
- Restrictions on lot creation, or severance on private roads which front or enter onto Highway 17;
- Restrictions on development along “highly sensitive” or “at capacity” lakes.

Some of these restrictions have been in place since 2005, some are new.

The challenge this poses to property owners is that they are restricted in enjoying their property and in using it for what was the intended purpose for some people, as retirement income or pension.

Council and staff would like to assure residents and property owners that we have taken every opportunity in the past to oppose these changes and have most recently created a resolution to be circulated to the review committee, every municipality in Renfrew County and municipalities within the province to reflect our position.

Council and staff feel strongly that although prudent land use planning is required, that rules created for urban areas are not specifically transferrable to rural areas.

Specifically we are going to request from the County that an exemption is provided for Head, Clara & Maria to allow severance in these areas. Council believes that property owners should have the right to enjoy their own properties, to be able to follow through on long held plans to sever and sell 100 plus acre tracts of land to finance their retirements. Our Council is working for you. (MR)

## Yoga in Stonecliffe

Yoga is continuing for a fall session at the HCM Community Centre. The start times are changing for these Thursday morning yoga classes with instructor Kim Knight. We are hoping to interest at least 5 participants and will gladly welcome more! Yoga is a great activity for all age groups. It can help you improve your strength and flexibility.

### Classes and Times:

Thursday October 6	11:00 to noon	Thursday November 3	11:00 to noon
Thursday October 20	11:00 to noon	Thursday November 10	11:00 to noon
Thursday October 27	11:00 to noon	Thursday November 17	11:00 to noon

\$10 per class prepaid for 6 weeks (\$60)

Participants will need a yoga mat. There are a few mats at the hall if you wish to try a class.

### 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 to get your name on the list at 613-586-1904 or leave a message at the office 613-586-2526. Please visit Kim's website at [incrementalyoga.ca](http://incrementalyoga.ca) for more information, or follow her on Facebook.



**CHILDREN'S  
HALLOWEEN  
DANCE PARTY**

Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
1:00 pm at the Stonecliffe  
Community Centre

*Wear your best costume and join us for some dancing and treats! This event is free of charge. **All children under the age of 12 require parental supervision!***

For lunch we will be serving fingers on a bun, popcorn and of course candy! There will be lots of games and spooky music. Interested in judging the kid's Halloween costumes? Please contact Crystal at 613-586-2526.



CONTACT  
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HEAD, CLARA & MARIA RECREATION COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A

## *Wild Game Dinner* - November 26, 2016

And is looking for donations of wild game. To qualify, all game must be legally obtained under a valid hunting, trapping or recreational fishing licence **and** donated to be served at the event. For each donation we must keep a list of all persons who donate uninspected meat containing each donor's name, address and telephone number in full, and, the name of the species from which the donated meat was obtained. Terry Lamure has agreed to be our chef, other volunteers welcome.

UNFORTUNATELY MIGRATORY BIRDS SUCH AS DUCK AND GEESE ARE NOT ALLOWED UNDER THE PROVINCE'S REGULATIONS!



HAVE A FAVOURITE WILD GAME RECIPE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE OR SHOW OFF?  
CONTACT TERRY TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP HIM OUT!

We do have some space to freeze your delicacies!

### The law

- You can serve wild-caught fish or game wildlife to the public at charitable events, if you follow certain rules.
- You don't need a permit or authorization to do this.
- You can't serve a species that is endangered or threatened.

### Applicable rules

By law, you must do *all* of the following:

- serve only wild-caught fish or game wildlife that was
  - legally obtained under a valid hunting, trapping or recreational fishing licence and
  - donated to be served at the event
- host the event for a charitable purpose and use all profits from the event for that purpose
- record all revenues and expenditures and the manner in which the profits were used for the charitable purpose and keep these records for 1 year after the event
- notify your local medical officer of health (at your local public health unit) in writing about your event at least 5 days before it occurs

You must also:

- keep donated wild-caught fish or game wildlife separate from inspected meat (commercial products)
- keep a list of those who donated the wild-caught fish or game wildlife and attendees of the event
- notify all attendees that uninspected wild-caught fish or game wildlife will be served at the event. This notice must be printed on each ticket and posted at a conspicuous place at the entrance to the event venue.
- keep a list of all patrons that attend the wild game dinner and must provide a copy of the list to a public health inspector upon request. The list must contain each patron's name, address and telephone number in full.



## WASTE MANAGEMENT

After some growing pains we are getting into the groove of new recycling and garbage collection processes. Bill has been collecting both since July and is now seeing the benefits of our changes.

How did we get here? Why did we change?

In 2015 staff began a review of our waste management program and processes in a large part due to directive from the Ministry of the Environment (MOE). Of significant importance is our need to comply with the covering of the garbage cell at our landfill on a daily/weekly basis. Council and staff are working with our advisors and MOE rep to work out a plan to meet our legislated requirements AND keep our operating costs low.

Once again, regulations which are created for a larger operation are being imposed on small rural municipalities. When we addressed some of our issues with our MOE Rep and questioned whether or not our current operations were not meeting the intent of the legislation, if not the specifics of our plan, we were told that the plan had to be enforced, no matter the costs or need. It was likened to breaking a traffic law. It wasn't that our operations were not being managed properly, but that we were not following the law.

This has led us to the change in operations. With the bins we purchased to hold materials, the plan is to use them for recycling as well as waste. With the waste being held in bins, there will be a need to cover the cells (costs of contractor and equipment) less frequently, decreasing overall operation costs.

The move to collecting recycling in-house was partially an operational challenge concerning the transfer of garbage across the provincial border and the lack of proper control of records. With the bins, our recycling amounts are properly recorded resulting in us receiving appropriate compensation through the Blue Box Program funding program through Stewardship Ontario and other programs.

So a recap on which plastic bags go in the recycling container:

Grocery bags, flyer and grocery sacs, plastic outer wrap (from bottled water, toilet paper etc.)

Ziploc, bread and inner milk bags – clean and dry only please.

All plastic bags go in a “bag in bag system”.

**NOT** recyclable- dog and cat food bags, soil bags, planter pots, saran wrap, anything with paper labels, frozen food bags (veggies, fries) etc. Remember **“when in doubt, throw it out”**.

Also, we need to remember that **‘Some things are recyclable – the system just can't handle it right now’!** Like Styrofoam, there is simply no market for it, so instead of filling our landfill, we need to re-think our purchases based partly on packaging.

A re-use note. If you have large planter boxes or pots; instead of filling with soil, fill the bottom third or so with Styrofoam. It makes the planters lighter and easier to move. (MR)

# LIBRARY NEWS



A few things happening in October/November at your neighbourhood HCM Library!



October 15 to 22 is **Public Library Week** – Drop in and enter your name for a chance to win 1 of 3 gift cards.

Again this year, you can have your chance to win a **chocolate haunted house**. There will actually be two; one for the children and one for the adults. We will only have one on display beginning on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Can you find the pumpkin?** Each week in October, there will be an orange pumpkin hidden in one of the children's books (look for the sign). If your child has a library card and would like to win a new children's book, bring your child/children in so No library card yet? No problem, your child can just leave the on the librarian's desk with their page number where the pumpkin come in and choose a new book for **Oct 3 – 31, with one pumpkin hiding per week!**



they can try their hand at finding the pumpkin. we'll sign them up! When they have found it, pumpkin, in the **PUMPKIN CONTEST envelope**, name, as well as the name of the book and was hiding, and your child will be contacted to their very own collection. **Contest runs from**

Coming up on **Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**, we will have the **Aging Well Theatre group** here to entertain us (Stonecliffe Town Hall). Please come and join us for some **fun and refreshments**. There will also be a donation box for non-perishable food items for the Deep River and Area Food Bank.



# Tone and Fit Group

Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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

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](mailto:mcsutherland1954@gmail.com)

or 613-586-2591 for information!

Or just drop by.

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STARTS OCTOBER 16



WHERE:

**TOWNSHIP HALL  
STONECLIFFE**

WHEN:

**SUNDAYS AT 1:30 PM**

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## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

Head, Clara and Maria Veterans Memorial  
Stonecliffe

Please gather in the Hall at 10:30

Luncheon in the Hall will follow.

If you wish to contribute to the lunch please contact:

Debbi Grills 586-1904 or Jim Gibson 586-2761



# New Year's Eve 2016

Stonecliffe Community Centre

Doors open at 8:30

Band to begin at 9:00 featuring

## **The Laurentian Hillbillies**

With Kurt Penney, Paul Adams, Mike Gayda and Mike Primeau

**Tickets \$15/person**

\$5 from each ticket sold will go to the North Renfrew Family Services

**Door Prizes—Late Lunch – Cash Bar**

**Local Designated Driver Program**

Outside HCM—please plan your own safe ride home.

### Municipal Disposal Site Hours

#### Bissett Creek Site

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Saturday 12:45 pm—3:45 pm

Located on Bissett Creek Road

#### Stonecliffe Site

Thursday 12:45 pm - 4:15 pm  
Saturday 8:30 am—12:00 pm

Located on Kenny Road

### 2016 Recycling Dates

October 11 (Tuesday) and 24

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19



### 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.

### For Sale in Office or during Recreation Committee Events!

#### Fleece Sweaters with HCM logo

**\$42**

Ladies and men's styles and  
sizes available.

Red/black and Grey/black

**NEW!**

Royal/black and Navy/Black



### HCM Staff Diversion Efforts

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.



VISIT OUR UPDATED SITE

[www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca)

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**COUNCIL 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Council meets at 2:00 pm. (14:00 h)

**OCTOBER 14 | NOVEMBER 18  
DECEMBER 9**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:00 P.M.**

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE PLEASE  
CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 613-586-2526

Sub committee meetings are posted on the municipal calendar located on our  
webpage at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/calendar/>

*What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.*

*- Ralph Martson*