



HCM News

**T H E U N I T E D T O W N S H I P S O F H E A D ,
C L A R A & M A R I A**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Council and Staff of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria. With the coming holidays, the Municipal Office will be closed the following dates.

Monday, December 26, 2016

Through to

Monday, January 2, 2017



Due to dates of Statutory Holidays this year, the Disposal Site, waste and recycling collection schedule will NOT be changed. Collection will occur at regular dates and times. To ensure recycling is picked up, please set your bags out before 9:00 a.m.

The Garbage Collection between **December 24nd and January 7th** will be Amnesty Days where more than the usual one bag of garbage will be collected roadside. For these dates, two **untagged** bags of normal household waste will be allowed. Rules as to unacceptable materials and sorting of recyclables will be enforced. We are simply allowing an additional bag or regular household waste due to the “normal” amount of extras accumulated over the holidays.

Come January, the Disposal Site Hours will be Reduced once again - for January, February and March **ONLY** the disposal site hours will be as follows. Bissett - Tuesdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and Stonecliffe - Thursdays - 12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GIBSON

Greetings all,

I have some really good news for you and especially for our administrative staff. A few Council meetings ago, our admin staff brought a proposal to Council to do some renovations to the municipal office. These proposed renovations included moving walls and changing the office layout.

After discussion and debate Council indicated to staff that it was unwilling to allow the proposed renovations as it was basically a short term fix. Council then directed staff to come back with a design and proposal for a significant addition to the existing structure that would do the following:

- Satisfy the space needs for the next 15 to 20 years.
- Provide separate and private work spaces for the CAO and Treasurer.
- Increase staff safety and security.
- Add spare offices for use by auditors, building inspector, temporary staff, and summer students.
- Have private meeting space where ratepayers can do business with admin staff.
- Improve access to the library.
- Create a more modern and professional look to the admin building.

Staff did what they were asked and brought back a proposal that Council accepted so starting in the new year we will begin a two phase construction project that will see the existing office structure gutted and changed and an addition built when the frost is out of the ground. We hope to be back to normal business by midsummer. This work has been sole sourced to Mackey Construction who did the hall expansion and kitchen renovation to our satisfaction at a reasonable price.

The unfortunate thing about this is the disruption to normal business. Staff will be doing a lot of their work from home as they do now on Thursdays. Most of their work is done on computers now so it matters little where that computer is located.

I would ask that you bear with us for the next six months for this disruption to business and numerous office closures. Staff will keep you well informed of the logistical problems as they arise. This is short term pain for long term gain and I would ask that you call well in advance if you need to do business with our staff. Please watch our website and our Community bulletin boards for regular status updates on the construction progress and staff availability. I hope I'm not being presumptive by thanking you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Now let's get to the really important part of this event and that is how is it going to be paid for and are our taxes going to go up? Yes, our taxes may go up by a very small amount. We intend to self finance this work using our healthy reserves and replenish those withdrawals over time to minimize any increase in taxes. We did that with the hall expansion and we'll do it here because it is cheapest and least painful way to look after our infrastructure needs over the long term.

Please, if you have any comments or concerns, direct them to any member of your Council.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our numerous volunteers for their collective thousands of hours of work they perform on an annual basis for the betterment of our Community. Without you, we would have nothing.

I wish all of you a very merry and peaceful Christmas and the very best in the New Year!

Jim Gibson



LIBRARY NEWS



A very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year to all from your Librarian and Library Board Members.

Thank you everyone for your continued patronage in 2016.

Remember we are always getting in new and current books and DVDs; if there is something that you would like us to bring in, just mention it to us and we would be happy to check into it.

The Library will be open on Wednesday, December 28th (weather permitting). Please see full holiday schedule on Library doors.



RECREATION IN HCM

It has been a busy fall in HCM. Many volunteers took part in the Christmas Cake Bake yielding approximately 200 pounds of Christmas Cake. Sales are going very well, but there is still some cake available for sale at the municipal office. There is a dark recipe with smaller fruit and nut pieces and a whole fruit and nut light recipe, both available with or without rum for \$15/pound. Proceeds go back into HCM recreational funds.



Lots of spooky creatures turned up at the community centre for the children's Halloween Party. We made Halloween crafts, played candy corn bingo, Pictionary and had fingers on a bun for lunch. Thank you to our volunteers who helped set up and decorate the hall, John Reith for making lunch and Gayle Watters and Pat McGurran for donating treats and prizes for the kids.

The Wild Game Dinner was a huge success, with more than 100 people served. The bear stew was a huge hit! Thank you to Wilfred and Nancy Lamure who spearheaded the event again this year. Without them and their family this event would not be possible. Also a big thank you to those who helped with the event—from set up, decorating, cooking,

servicing, clean up and bar. Terry would like to also thank everyone who donated food and wild game for the dinner. We look forward to another Wild Game Dinner next year!



Join us in ringing in the New Year with our annual New Year's Eve party on Saturday December 31st at the Stonecliffe Community Centre. Doors open at 8:30 pm and the band starts at 9:00 pm featuring the Laurentian Hillbillies. Tickets are only \$15.00 per person, which includes a late lunch, and are available at the township office or Pinecrest Florist in Deep River. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now! There is a local designated driver program for HCM residents; those who live outside of HCM, please plan your own safe ride home. Donations to the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation are accepted at the door and the bar.

'Tis the Season...For Giving Available from the Municipal Office Some would make great stocking stuffers.

- * Fruitcake—baked here by our committee volunteers— dark or light, with or w/o rum. \$15 / piece. Each piece at least 1 lb.
- * New Year's Eve Party Tickets—Only \$15 each
- * Tickets for a paddle board and life jackets—\$10 each—over \$700 value. (To support 2017 Homecoming)
- * Township fleece sweaters—4 colours—\$42—men's and lady's sizes.

Thank you for supporting the Head, Clara & Maria Rec Committee. Funds raised are used to upgrade and equip our facilities; to purchase and install play equipment at Old Mackey Park and on community centre grounds to create healthy play scapes for our children and grandchildren; to provide children's programming and community gatherings; to support Canada Day activities as well as local organizations including the North Renfrew Family Services and the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation and Homecoming 2017.



A Christmas Invitation!



The Community Christmas Social and Potluck supper on Sunday December 11th at the Township Hall is an annual event sponsored by the local Catholic Women's League. The Christmas party begins at 2:00 pm with supper served at 5:00 pm is an opportunity for families in Head, Clara and Maria to come together and enjoy this wonderful season. We offer games and crafts for children during the afternoon. Bingo with lots of prizes and Christmas carols are also part of the afternoons' fun. We are expecting Santa to make an appearance too!

If you are planning to attend it is very important for us to know what you plan to bring for the potluck supper, how many will attend and the names and ages of children in your group.

Please contact: Linda Chartrand 586-2366 or Debbi Grills 586-1904

Please remember to bring a donation for the local Food Bank.

See you there!

Residents of Head, Clara & Maria are invited!
Community Christmas Social and Potluck Supper
Sunday December 11th at 2:00 pm
Stonecliffe Township Hall



Activities are planned for the whole family.
Supper will be served at 5:00 pm
Join us for our annual dinner and afternoon of
Christmas music and fun.
Please bring a donation for the Food Bank
This event is sponsored by the CWL
Help us plan - RSVP by December 6th to:
Debbi Grills 586-1904 or Linda Chartrand 586-2366

WITH GRATITUDE



Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the employees of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria for their dedication and hard work over this past year. The work, working environment, culture and climate in the municipal workplace has changed significantly over our time working here together; in my opinion for the better. It is with great pride that I recognize the outstanding efforts of our staff: Wilfred (Terry) Lamure, Gayle Watters, Noella LeBreton, Bill Donnelly, Bob Labre, Crystal Fischer, Trang Tron and our Librarian Mel Theil for always striving to do what is best for our municipality in all that you do.

These individuals work, behind the scenes and not often on glamorous tasks, to bring all of us, safe roads, timely garbage and waste collection, safe buildings, improved recreation services, clean facilities, a balanced budget, a well-equipped library and an efficiently and effectively functioning municipality.

It takes a special kind of person to successfully work in public service, to operate in the fish bowl which is public administration and thrive. Thank you for your efforts in making Head, Clara & Maria an enjoyable place to work, visit and live. I am truly proud of your efforts and service and look forward to another year of reaching for combined success for each one of you, and for our municipality. I wish only the best for you and your loved ones in the New Year.

I would be remiss if I did not also offer my thanks and praise for the community volunteers who work tirelessly to host various events throughout the year for the enjoyment and betterment of our community. Community spirit is alive and well in Head, Clara & Maria and we have you to thank. You step up to host events to increase community involvement and often to raise funds which benefit our recreational facilities. Thanks again, for all that you do.

Sincerely, Melinda



WITH SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to long-time residents, Carl Lentz, Carol Larocque, Raymond Boudreau and Donalda Meilleur.

Carl, along with his wife Laurel, raised a family of four in Bissett Creek and will be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him; he was a kind and caring man. After a long fought battle with cancer, Carl succumbed this fall, at home, surrounded by family. May he find peace.

Carol Larocque, a former employee of the municipality and long-time resident of Stonecliffe passed in October. Carol had a love for life and an infectious laugh, and will be missed by her family, friends and neighbours. Until her health forced her to move closer to care, Carol resided in Stonecliffe in the home she grew up in. May she rest in peace.

Earlier in the year Raymond Boudreau, a long-time resident of Mackey also succumbed to cancer. Raymond travelled to various parts of the province to find work but always returned to the home he loved, living on his family's homestead. Easy going, Raymond was kind to neighbours and willing to chip in and help anyone who asked. May he find peace.

Donalda (Nally) Meilleur was raised in Mackey and passed late in November. For years Donalda was a fixture at the General Store in Mackey where she lived with her sister Mary, and Mary's family, always coming in to smilingly interact with customers, especially the youngsters, whom she called "baybay". Nally found such joy in babies and young children. She spent her last years in the Long Term Care Centre in Deep River. Interment will occur in the spring at the Mackey cemetery alongside family members. May she rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathies to their loved ones!



'Tis the Season to be Careful



ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking and cooking are the **top 2 causes of fatal fires** during the holidays (Nov, Dec, Jan).

Injuries caused by smoking account for **1 in 10 home** fire injuries during the holidays.

Smoking accounts for **30%** of all home fire deaths during the holidays.

Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

27% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

**Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking.
DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.





Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

New Year's Eve 2017

Stonecliffe Community Centre

Doors open at 8:30

Band to begin at 9:00 featuring

The Laurentian Hillbillies

Tickets ONLY \$15/person

Donations to the Deep River & District Hospital Foundation Accepted

Tickets available from the Municipal Office 586-2526. Call or email to arrange payment, delivery or pick up—hcminfocfischer@gmail.com

Door Prizes—Late Lunch – Cash Bar

Local Designated Driver Program

Outside HCM—please plan your own safe ride home.

Limited Seating—Get Your tickets Now!

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 or 613-586-2591 for information!

Or just drop by.

Yoga in Stonecliffe

Yoga is continuing for a late 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.

Things you need to know:

Classes and Times:

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| Thursday December 8 | 11:00 to noon |
| Thursday December 15 | 11:00 to noon |
| Thursday December 22 | 11:00 to noon |
| Thursday January 12 | 11:00 to noon |
| Thursday January 19 | 11:00 to noon |
| Thursday January 26 | 11:00 to noon |



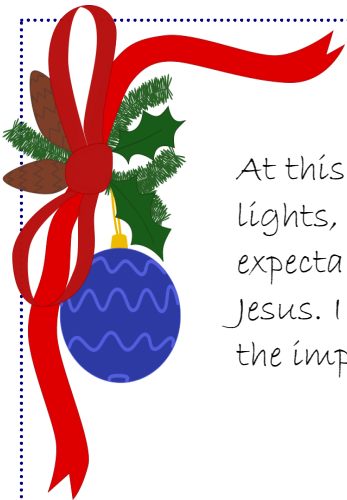
\$10 per class prepaid for the 6 weeks (\$60)

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.



Christmas Message 2016

At this time of year we are surrounded by the excitement of Christmas... lights, shopping, plans to visit family and friends but none better than the expectant faces of children and their unwavering belief in Santa and Baby Jesus. I would like to share this simple children's prayer. It reminds me that the important things are not things.

*Father, it's that wonderful time of the year again.
 We're going to celebrate Your Son's birthday soon.
 We will be preparing our home, our gifts, and our food.
 Help us to remember to prepare our hearts.
 Help us in all our busyness to remember it is Your Son
 we're getting ready for.
 Help us, help a friend, keep a promise or visit someone lonely.
 Come Lord Jesus, we need your peace.*

I hope that Bob and I will be able to personally wish you the "peace of the season" at our Community Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas!
 Councillor Debbi Grills

Need a hostess gift? Or just like eating Christmas Cake?

HCM Rec Committee still has some homemade Christmas Cake for sale at the township office. We have a dark recipe with smaller fruit and nut pieces and a light recipe with whole nuts and fruit. Some have been soaked with rum,



some without. It is \$15 per loaf, which is approximately one pound, often heavier.

Please call 613-586-2526 to reserve yours today!

THANK YOU

To residents and visitors who braved the cold weather to commemorate our veterans at the Remembrance Day ceremony. Also to our volunteers who set up, organized and executed the ceremony. It is wonderful to see our community gather to remember those who have served. Also a big thank you to those who brought food, contributing to a nice warm meal after the ceremony.



Lest We Forget.

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STARTS OCTOBER 16



WHERE:

**TOWNSHIP HALL
STONECLIFFE**

WHEN:

SUNDAYS AT 1:30 PM

| 2016 | DATES | 2017 DATES | |
|------|-------|------------|----|
| OCT | 16 | JAN | 8 |
| OCT | 30 | JAN | 22 |
| NOV | 13 | FEB | 5 |
| NOV | 27 | FEB | 19 |
| DEC | 4 | FEB | 26 |
| DEC | 18 | MAR | 12 |
| | | MAR | 26 |
| | | APR | 9 |
| | | APR | 23 |

Community Dates to Remember

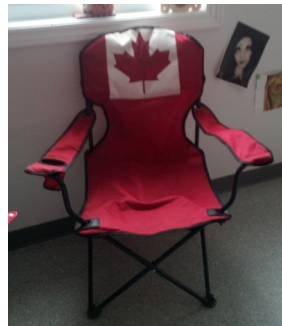
- **Regular Meeting of Council**
December 9th at 2:00 pm
- **CWL Community Christmas Party**
December 11th at 2:00 pm
- **New Year's Eve Celebrations**
December 31st at 8:30 pm
- **MLSC Open Sesame**
January 21st

Watch your email and bulletin boards for more information.



FOUND

TWO CAMPING CHAIRS HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. ONE IS RED WITH A MAPLE LEAF AND THE OTHER IS RED WITH A WHITE FLORAL PATTERN. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 613-586-2526 IF THESE CHAIRS BELONG TO YOU!



Many Thanks

To neighbors & Friends

For the Lovely Meal/served

After the burial of my sister Rayda

For the Love & support shared by so many

May God Bless

Each and everyone

*With heartfelt thanks
Linda & all the Jennings
family*





Ontario Provincial Police
Police provinciale de l'Ontario

News Release/ Communiqué

FROM/DE: Upper Ottawa Valley OPP

DATE: October 26, 2016

WINTER DRIVING TIPS – STAY ALERT, SLOW DOWN, STAY IN CONTROL

(PEMBROKE, ON) – With winter weather in the forecast the Upper Ottawa Valley Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind motorists that adverse weather conditions put extra demands on you as a driver and on your vehicle's performance.

STAY ALERT. SLOW DOWN. STAY IN CONTROL. These are three key elements to safe winter driving. Motorists are advised of the following safety tips to help everyone arrive at their destination safely.

- Drive according to current road and weather conditions. Reduce your speed when adverse weather conditions arise.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. Remember, longer stopping distances may be required.
- Be able to see and be seen. Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, and lights.
- Consider installing four winter tires on your vehicle, install good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid in your vehicle
- Give yourself extra time to reach your destination. Consider postponing or cancelling your trip if the weather does not improve.

The following is a list of some recommended items to carry in your vehicle:

- A charged cell phone in case of an emergency
- An ice scraper, snow brush, a small shovel, sand, salt or other traction aid
- Booster cables, road flares, fuel line anti-freeze, and tow rope
- Extra clothing and footwear, a blanket, high energy non-perishable food, matches and a candle
- Flashlight, small tool kit, first aid kit

To check on road conditions before your trip you can call 5-1-1. The Ministry of Transportation's Traveller Information Services provides road information for provincial highways in Ontario by telephone at 5-1-1 or online with accessible information on the MTO Ontario 511 website at www.ontario.ca/511

STAY ALERT. SLOW DOWN. STAY IN CONTROL.



A friendly reminder from your Treasurer....

Any outstanding invoices not paid by Friday December 30, 2016 will be added to the property tax account and will appear on March's Interim Tax Bill.

**PAYMENT
REQUIRED**

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 Rivières

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.



Bill would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a



Merry Christmas.



Obviously, we don't like to tell people not to recycle however; its important to remember that at Christmas, with giftwrap, it's better to reuse or not use at all.

People often want to recycle as much as they can and stuff their bags with wrapping paper, tissue, ribbon, bows and more.

Unfortunately, glittery, shiny, laminated papers are not recyclable and often contaminate a whole load. Please consider your choice of wrappings, and if you use coloured papers—please use the garbage.

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.

SNOW ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

Annual snowplow operations begin with the first significant snowfall of the year. This can be as early as November 15 (our contract start date) or as late as Mother Nature decides. Township bylaws and the *Highway Traffic Act* prohibit parking or stopping on a road in a way that interferes with plowing operations. Plow operators need clear roadways to complete their routes safely and on time. Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, residents are prohibited from depositing snow on any roadway. When clearing snow, pile it on your property – do not shovel it onto the road or across the road into the ditch. This practice is dangerous because it may cover the salt/sand applied and may cause drivers to lose control. It may also cause windrows of snow that freeze across the road causing further hazards. Wilfred has already noticed and reported this practice in some areas. If it continues, the Ontario Provincial Police will be contacted for enforcement of the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act*, which also applies to municipal roads.



Be respectful of others and municipal operations; plow safely.



TRAILER PARKING FOR SLEDDERS

Municipal staff allow for parking of vehicles and trailers along municipal roads at certain locations along Mackey Creek and Ashport Roads. The snowplow turnarounds are already plowed as widely as possible in these areas for this purpose; vehicles parking there are not ticketed provided they park where indicated.

So long as people park their vehicles along the left side of the road, the left side while traveling in the road (the south side of Mackey Creek Road and the north side of Ashport Road) they are OK. They will not be ticketed, towed or plowed in.

Be respectful of others and municipal operations. Ride Smart. Ride Safe.



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EMAIL LIST: If you would like to be on our community email list please contact the Municipal Office. It is the intent of staff to keep email addresses secure by using Blind Carbon Copy however; we can not guarantee confidentiality.

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COUNCIL 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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/>

*It is Christmas in the heart that
puts Christmas in the air.*

-W.T Ellis