



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.

From Thursday, December 21, 2017

To and including

Tuesday, January 2, 2017



Because Boxing Day is a Statutory Holiday, Deux Rivieres and Bissett Creek waste collection will occur on Wednesday, December 27th instead of the 26th with the Bissett site also open Wednesday. Recycling collection will occur in Mackey and Stonecliffe on Wednesday the 3rd instead of Monday, January 1st.

The Garbage Collection between **December 24nd and January 6th** 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 of 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.

RECREATION

On October 29th, the community centre was filled with dragons, witches and super-hero's—even Santa made an appearance! The kids enjoyed fingers on a bun, Boo Bingo, dancing and games. Our collaboration with the RDJ Youth Centre made this event much more enjoyable for everyone—from their children to large donations of food, punch and entertainment.

Thank you!

And thank you to Roseanne Boudreau and Linda Chartrand for all your help in the kitchen.

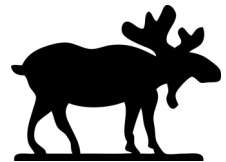


Nancy Rose and Randy Orr were gracious enough to lead our Remembrance Day ceremonies, kind enough to tell us their stories and add new elements to such a special day. Thank you to all those who joined us, donated food and worked to make the day a success.



Last month's annual Wild Game Dinner was once again a huge hit! Tickets sold out! Thank you to everyone who worked so tirelessly to make this dinner such an accomplishment; it would not happen without you! There have been many favorable comments made about this dinner.

There are more events being planned for 2018 – yoga, gentle exercise, cooking classes, stained glass, wood working - just to name a few. If there is something in particular that you would like to see take place in our area, please let us know; we will do our best to try to make it happen.



HCM Rec Committee is looking for volunteer committee members as a result of two recent resignations. It will be for a one year term, with the possibility to extend. Thank you Paul Sarrazin and Marlene Gibson for all your hard work and dedication to making our community a great place!

Don't forget to keep an eye on the local bulletin boards that are around the community to stay up to date on what's going on.

Happy Holidays!



2017 MUNICIPALITY IN REVIEW

2017 has brought many challenges and changes to our community. We lost two Council members to retirement and gained two new. Thank you to our retirees, Debbi Grills and Jim Gibson who between them have provided many hours, if not years of dedicated work towards the benefit of our community. Their contributions have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your service.

Our new Council members have come on board in the midst of some trying times; dealing with issues which are causing some significant dissention in our community. Staff have hopes that Cathy McKay and Ernie Villeneuve will be able to work together with remaining Council members and staff to forward Council's agenda towards the betterment of our community now and into the future.

Gayle Watters has retired from her career with Head, Clara & Maria and will be missed however; we are confident that Mel Theil will successfully fill the gap in our workforce and workplace.

At this year end, and soon to be new beginning, it is with optimism that employees hope that the troubles of 2017 will soon fall behind us and that 2018 will offer a year of hopefulness, reconciliation and positive progress. Together, there is nothing that this small community cannot accomplish.

As evidence, the 2017 Ontario/Canada150 celebration over the Canada Day weekend was a tremendous success enjoyed by those who joined us from near and far. We would

like to share a huge expression of gratitude for all of you who volunteered and worked to make our event a success. Thank you to all who helped out in any way and came to celebrate with us. Without you, our community would be so much less than it is and can continue to be.

Throughout this past year, we have learned that some of our steadfast and long term volunteers are nearing burnout. We have had some resignations from the Recreation Committee and would welcome new members. Without you, the number and extent of events will simply decline. If you feel you have some time to share; please contact Mel Theil or Crystal Fischer at the office. Council will be making appointments to the Rec Committee in the new year and would welcome you.

The staff at Head, Clara & Maria, wish you and your family all the best of the upcoming holiday season with new beginnings and promises for 2018, optimistically a year full of hope, health and happiness for everyone.
(MR)



In the words of Abraham Lincoln...

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

A Personal Note from the Clerk – Thank you to our Municipal Employees



Although this is not normally done publicly, I try on a regular basis to express my gratitude personally for and to the dedicated individuals who work for this municipality to provide the services and programming that has either been dictated by the province, requested by residents and/or directed by Council. I also feel that at least once a year; public acknowledgement is deserved.

Working in public service is anything but glamorous, and often quite difficult, especially in a small community where the actions taken at the municipal level are immediately felt by friends, family and neighbours. It is important to maintain professionalism, but also important to remember who you are as an individual and ratepayer as well. Often, those we hear from appear to forget that Council's decisions, be it an increase in taxes or reduction in services affects us as well. Most of us who work here also live here. We have family and friends. So do members of Council.

Sometimes municipal employees are tasked with jobs that they would rather not do; but simply have to, and are often legislated to do. You can be certain that these tasks are done with an understanding of how they will affect each and every one of us in the community. Our job is to provide services which benefit the majority; and sometimes, some people will be less than satisfied with decisions that are made by Council and carried through by staff. Still staff meet their obligations and roll with it...

Who really wants to sort garbage? Certainly not glamorous, but Bill does it with a straight forward and positive attitude. Bill completes his duties with pride and it shows in the state of our disposal sites and the cleanliness of our community. Thank you.

I'm not certain that Terry truly likes unplugging culverts, filling potholes and/or picking up garbage strewn along a roadway or in a park. Working long hot days surrounded by bugs can't be much fun either but he too, does this loyally. Thank you. And thank you to Vince who has worked with Terry over these past few summers.

Crystal is quite adept at her receptionist job and in a short time has taken on much more than she was originally hired for. Most recently, Crystal has completed Emergency Management training and is taking over our compliance tasks. She also has the fun of looking after the ever changing role of compliance with Waste Management amongst many other duties. Thank you Crystal for successfully taking on these tasks and so many more. You are a truly welcome addition to our office.

Noella, with the dreaded tax-collector title, performs her duties in a professional positive manner, no matter what bad news she has to deliver. Along with these non-glamorous tasks, Noella has taken on so many other duties including being in charge of our technology needs. And through it all, Noella is looking out for you, to make certain that policy is being followed and savings are being recognized on every transaction made. Thank you Noella for your diligence.

Steff is our new facility caretaker and is doing an excellent job; again doing something that is necessary but not by any stretch of the imagination fun, in an efficient and thorough manner. Thanks for keeping

our hall and office clean Steff. We were sad to see Trang leave, but are happy to have gained Steff. We don't see Bob as often as we would like but you can be certain that he is working diligently to ensure that buildings are being built according to code, and our obligations under the Fire Marshal's office are being met proficiently. Bob tells us that we have had more builds in HCM than Deep River again this year. Wow; thanks Bob for all you do for us.

Mel is new to our team, and works with grant funding and the Recreation Committee to provide recreational programming and hall tasks. Mel is still learning the ropes but is fitting in quite well planning trips for our seniors and supporting the rec committee. Mel is also the municipal librarian. Thanks Mel for all that you do.

Our contractors, Ken Giroux, Pat Stewart and his crew also work for us doing quite a bit of the heavy lifting both summer and winter. We appreciate their efforts as well; and ask that you take a minute to say hi and thank them for their services when you get the opportunity. This summer we also had a student, Jesse Peters, who helped us get through Homecoming. Thank you Jesse.

Although not a regular contractor, I would be remiss to not mention the dedicated work of Darryl Francoeur for the many projects he has completed for us over this past year. The most obvious is the addition to the municipal office but Darryl was also responsible for the ball diamond dugouts and a new accessible washroom at Old Mackey Park; thank you Darryl and crew.

I'm proud to call these individuals colleagues and commend them for their dedication to our community. Thank you for your commitment to the success of our municipality, our home. Thank you Terry Lamure, Bill Donnelly, Bob Labre, Noella LeBreton, Crystal Fischer, Steff Rauche, Mel Theil, Vince Morin (seasonal), Gayle Watters (retired), Trang Ton (retired). You and your family members should be proud of your work ethic and all that you accomplish for the municipality in your everyday duties.

I wish for each one of you and your families: peace and happiness for this Christmas season and health and prosperity for the New Year ahead.

2017 also brought about great sadness with the passing of a former employee and friend of the municipality, Hector Morin. Hector was a kind and compassionate man who was always ready with a smile and a laugh to brighten your day and spent years managing our disposal sites. Hector will be missed by all who knew him. Thank you Hector for your years of service to your community.

Sincerely, Melinda



'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?

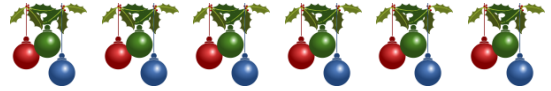
- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before 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.



LIBRARY NEWS



Hello from the Library!

Before I get into the updates and info; I would just like to say a very, very sincere “Thank You” to all of the library volunteers. Without you giving of your time, so freely, this library would not be what it is today.

Thank you All!

Thank you to all who continue to drop off their valu-mart grocery receipts as a way of supporting our ongoing library fundraising efforts.

Did you know?

You can request a book that we don’t have in the HCM Library, through Inter-Library Loan.

The HCM Library has 2 laptops that can be signed out for short-term use. If you know in advance that you would like to borrow one of the laptops, let us know, and we will make sure that it is available for you to pick up.

The HCM Library has free library passes to some of the museums in Ottawa. Drop in and ask us about them, or drop us a line at hcmlibra13@gmail.com, or phone 613-586-1950. We would be happy to fill you in.

The HCM Library has the perfect Christmas gift for that ‘hard-to-buy-for’ person on your Christmas gift list – a 2018 Crime Stoppers Cash Calendar. The draws are daily as well as on 'special days throughout the year', with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.00. These calendars are only \$20.00, with \$5.00 from each calendar going to support the HCM Library. It’s like 2 gifts – one for your person and one for the HCM Library! Now that’s what I call a ‘win-win’. For more information or if you would like to purchase a calendar, please drop by the library, send an email to hcmlibra13@gmail.com, phone 613-586-1950, or private message us.

RENFREW COUNTY
CRIME 
STOPPERS

The Library will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 21 through January 2.

Well, that’s pretty much a wrap for this year.

Just a final note from me..... I would personally like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year from my family to you and yours. Sincerely, Melanie Theil (Librarian)

Enjoy your Library!

Open M, T, W & F 8:30 – 4:00

Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 8:30

Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 3:00.

A Message from Mayor Reid

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.*

I am looking forward to working with everyone in the New Year.



EUCHRE

STARTS OCTOBER 1st



WHERE:

**TOWNSHIP HALL
STONECLIFFE**

WHEN:

SUNDAYS AT 1:30 PM

COST:

\$2.00

2017 DATES

OCT 1
OCT 15
OCT 29
NOV 12
NOV 26
DEC 3
DEC 17

2018 DATES

JAN 7
JAN 21
FEB 4
FEB 18
MAR 4
MAR 18
APR 1
APR 15
APR 29

Community Dates to Remember

- **Cake Decorating Classes**
December 5, 12 and 19th at 1:00 pm
- **CWL Community Christmas Party**
December 10th at 2:00 pm
- **Regular Meeting of Council**
December 12th at 7:00 pm
- **Office Closed at 12:00 pm**
December 15th
- **NAC Trip**
December 16th
- **Floral Design Workshop**
December 17th at 10:00 am
- **Office Closed**
December 21—January 2nd
- **MLSC Open Sesame**
January 20th
- **Regular Meeting of Council**
January 23rd at 7:00 pm
- **Regular Meeting of Council**
February 13th at 7:00 pm
- **MLSC Bowtie Classic**
March 3rd





In Memorial

With the passing of another year, comes the unrelenting passing of loved ones, friends and neighbours. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our neighbours Don Sutherland, Hector Morin, Jackie Leblanc and Sam (Sandy) Clouthier. May their families and friends take comfort knowing that each will live on forever in the memories and hearts of those they leave behind.

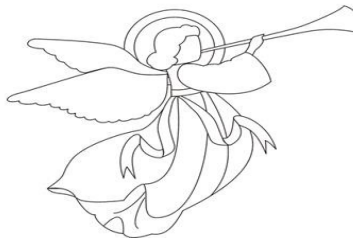
Our deepest sympathies to their loved ones over this holiday season!

Residents of Head, Clara & Maria are invited!

Community Christmas Social and Potluck Supper

Sunday December 10th 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 4th to Linda Chartrand 586-2366

Municipal Disposal Site Hours

**PLEASE NOTE OUR REDUCED HOURS FOR
JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH ONLY**

Bissett Creek Site

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Saturday 12:45 - 3:45 pm

Located on Bissett Creek Road

Stonecliffe Site

Thursday 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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.

Recycling Dates

December 4, 18

January 3, 15, 29

February 12, 26

March 12, 26

April 9, 23

May 7, 22

June 4, 18

July 3, 16, 30

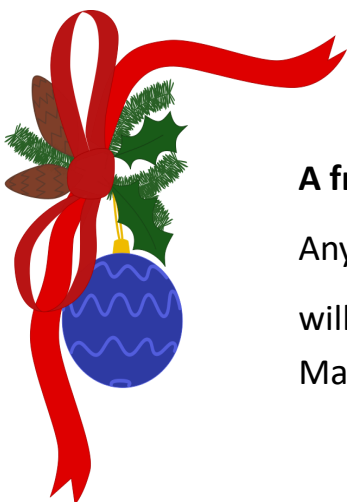
August 13, 27

September 10, 24

October 9, 22

November 5, 19

December 3, 17, 31



A friendly reminder from your Treasurer....

Any outstanding invoices not paid by Friday, December 29, 2017 will be added to the property tax account and will appear on March's Interim Tax Bill.



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.



VISIT OUR UPDATED SITE
www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

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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 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meets at 7:00 pm. (19:00 h)
JANUARY 23 | FEBRUARY 13 | MARCH 20
APRIL 17 | MAY 15 | JUNE 12
SEPTEMBER 11 | OCTOBER 16

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