



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

Mayor's Message

I hope that all our readers have had a positive start to 2020 and managed to keep as many of your New Year's Resolutions as possible. Your Council and Staff are eager to tackle another productive year in HCM.

In early January, Deputy Mayor Villeneuve and I attended a Site Visit for Local Elected Officials at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories at Chalk River. It was an opportunity for me to have my first tour of the CNL campus and for Councillor Villeneuve a return to his former workplace. Many changes are taking place at the site. CNL's President and CEO Mark Lesinski, outlined the CNL Business Update with A Year in Review. We had an update on the CNL supply chain by GM Phil Colwill. He explained the contributions made to the local economy and workforce. Steve Innes, director of New Builds presented a slide show to illustrate the revitalization and remediation of the site and then led a walking tour around the campus construction. The afternoon concluded with a presentation of the CNL Science & Technology Mission by VP Kathy McCarthy.

I am pleased to report that I had a meeting with our MPP, Minister of MNRF, Mr. John Yakabuski on January 23rd at his Pembroke Constituency office. As the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, I took the opportunity to thank him for the excellent wildfire service that our municipality has received from his department, especially during the hot summers of 2017 and 2018. Our discussion touched on many topics of concern for our small municipality, most especially the limited emergency services in our 80 km stretch of Trans Canada Highway 17.

The Public Works Advisory Committee (PWAC) chaired by Councillor Villeneuve continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in the hall. This committee has been assisting council with recommendations for upcoming Requests for Tender of boat launch repair in Mackey, Stonecliffe and Deux Rivières. The committee has discussed and researched the cost of Highway 17 intersection street lights at locations throughout the municipality. Consideration is also being given to bring power into Old Mackey Park; mobile generator vs. underground power. All of these initiatives are of course dependent on cost and possible grant opportunities. My thanks to the volunteer members of this committee: David Balla-Boudreau, Andy Boissoneault, Neville Chamberlain, Jim Gibson, Ken Giroux, John Miller and Pat McGurran. These meetings are open to the public, please feel free to join the conversation.

The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) chaired by Councillor Dowser meets on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. This is also a public meeting, any and all are welcome to share their talents. We are canvassing for interest in support for a Christmas cake baking activity and a New Year's Eve 2021 celebration. I am happy to report that the RAC's Trailside Cafés to date have been a great success with snowmobilers and residents alike. This would not be possible without our generous volunteers.



PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

It still might be snowy outside, but spring has sprung at the library. Come in and check out our springtime display and grab a gardening book to help plan out your garden or a movie to get you in the springtime mood. Our DVD Pool has been exchanged so come in and check out some new titles for your enjoyment.

KEEP SATURDAY, MARCH 28 FREE ON YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU CAN ATTEND THE INDIGENOUS CULTURAL TEACHINGS ACTIVITY. THIS GREAT PROGRAM WILL BE OFFERED IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL AT 10:30. THE FOCUS IS FOR CHILDREN BUT ALL AGES CAN TAKE THIS IN. THERE WILL BE DRUMMING, CRAFTS, ALGONQUIN LANGUAGE TEACHING TO NAME A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES.

Remember when planning any visits to the Ottawa area that the Library has many different museum passes. Each pass can be taken out for one week.

“Save the Date” for these 2020 Library Events

APRIL 23 – SPRING CARD PARTY

JUNE 6- JUNE JAZAAR

OCTOBER 1 – FALL CARD PARTY

NOVEMBER 14 – CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Library is always looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested or looking for more information email the library (hcmlibra13@gmail.com) or call (613 586-1950).



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► **Half Load Road Restrictions**

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria will implement Half Load Restrictions on municipal roads beginning March 15, 2020 to end once roads are dry. Signs will be posted when this period begins and removed when the reduced load period ends.

For Wilfred Lamure
HCM Road Superintendent
For additional information please contact the office at 613-586-2526 or your members of Council!



\$1,000.00 Grand Prize

**23rd Annual
“BOW-TIE CLASSIC”
SNOWMOBILE POKER RUN
& SILENT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY MARCH 7TH
STONECLIFFE TOWNSHIP HALL**

<u>POKER RUN REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SILENT AUCTION</u>
10AM – NOON IN TOWNSHIP HALL	VIEWING: STARTS AT NOON BIDDING: OPENS AT 2:00 AUCTION: STARTS AT 6:00
\$20 PER HAND	BIDDER NUMBERS ARE FREE!
TROPHIES 1ST – 2ND – 3RD	CASH, CHEQUE, VISA, MASTERCARD ACCEPTED

**Food Available
10:00 – 7:00
Township Hall**  **Everyone
Welcome**

All fundraising donations & proceeds go back onto the trails!

Community Dates to Remember

Trail Side Café

February 29th—11:00 a.m.

NHSP Cooking Class with Maven catering

March 3rd—5:00 p.m.

RAC Committee Meeting

March 2th—1:00 p.m.

April 6th—1:00 p.m.

Bowtie Classic

March 7th

PWAC Meetings

March 10th—9:30 a.m.

April 14th—9:30 a.m.

Stonecliffe Diner's Club/ Paramedic Services

March 11th—11:00 a.m.

April 8th—11:00 a.m.

NHSP Wooden Sign Workshop

March 12th—6:00 p.m.

CWL- Bingo

March 22nd—2:00 p.m.

April 26th—2:00 p.m.

First Nation Cultural Workshop

March 28th—10:30 a.m.

Family Magic Show

April 25th—5:30 p.m.

Municipal Hazardous Waste Collection

May 23rd—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Watch your email and bulletin boards for more information.



Regular Meetings of Council

February 20th—1:00 p.m.

March 19th—1:00 p.m.

April 16th—1:00 p.m.

May 20th—1:00 p.m.

June 17th—1:00 p.m.

August 22nd—1:00 p.m.

September 17th—1:00 p.m.

October 15th—1:00 p.m.

November 19th—1:00 p.m.

December 17th—1:00 p.m.

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STARTS September 29



WHERE:

TOWNSHIP HALL

STONECLIFFE

WHEN:

SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM

COST:

\$2.00

2019 DATES

SEPT 29
OCT 06
OCT 20
NOV 03
NOV 10
NOV 17
NOV 24
DEC 01
DEC 15
DEC 29

2020 DATES

JAN 05
JAN 19
JAN 26
FEB 02
FEB 16
MAR 01
MAR 15
MAR 29
APRIL 05
APRIL 19

R E C R E A T I O N

Looking for Volunteers!

We are thinking ahead....



The Recreation Advisory Committee is looking for interested people to form an Ad Hoc committee to plan and organize a New Years' Eve 2021 celebration in Head, Clara and Maria. If you are the party type let us know and we can help facilitate. This is the time of year to book a band if you want live music.

Do you like Christmas Cake?

In the past we have held a Christmas Cake Baking activity for those who like to bake, love Christmas cake but don't like the hassle of a messy kitchen or all the shopping for ingredients. Participants would make cakes to take home and additional cakes made would also be available for the general public to purchase. Please let us know if you want to join the bakers or if you would like to purchase Christmas cakes.



Let Stephany know of your interest ASAP at admin@headclaramaria.ca.



Just a reminder during this snowy season; the lending hub has snowshoes for the whole family to borrow. What a wonderful opportunity to get out and enjoy a hike in the trails. Call the office today for more information or to reserve yours!

Please keep the HCM Recreation Advisory Committee in mind for donations of wild game (excluding goose and duck). We are attempting to advertise well in advance so we are able to host the Wild Game Dinner this fall.

Staff Notices:

Interim Billing Due Date—February 28th, 2020. Properties that are in tax arrears of two or more years as of December 31st, 2019, have become eligible for tax sale registration; if payments are not made to clear the arrears by February 28th the tax sale registration process will begin. Please contact the municipal office at 613-586-2526 with any questions or concerns.

A message from our Chief Building Official: We are expecting significant weather this week, which may further add to heavy snow loads on residential and out buildings. We wish to remind residents of safety hazards associated with accumulated snow loads. Also, spring brings about renovation projects of all sorts. Before you start to build, please contact me at the municipal office (613-586-2526) to discuss your plans and see if you require a building permit.

As of April 1st, a burn permit is required for anyone planning to burn brush, grass etc. on your property. This excludes small campfires. The municipality has implemented a seasonal permit system which requires the property owner to come to the municipal office and fill out an application. The cost is \$5 and is valid for the whole season; April 1– October 31. Once you have your permit, all you have to do is call or email the office when you are burning so that we can inform the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry; which is a component of our annual agreement.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ontario Seniors: How to Be Prepared for an Emergency

The people of Ontario have faced all kinds of emergencies, from ice storms and power outages to tornadoes and industrial accidents. We will face more in the future.

Emergencies can strike at any time so being prepared is critical since it can take time for help to arrive.

That's why everyone should have an emergency plan and kit to take care of themselves for at least three days. Your emergency plan should reflect your personal circumstances and unique needs.

Make a Plan

Your Plan Should Include:

- Two safe locations in case you have to leave your home. One should be nearby, such as a local library or community centre. The other should be farther away in case the emergency affects a large area.
- A family communications plan. During an emergency, local telephone lines and networks may not work. Identify one or two out-of-town contacts you and loved-ones can call to connect and share information.
- A list of the people in your personal support network. This includes all the people who will be able to help when you need it. Consider including family members, neighbours, and health-care and personal support workers.

Planning Tips

- Contact service providers. If someone in your home gets routine treatment outside the home or support services at home, work with the service provider on a back-up plan.
- Have a buddy. Consider giving an extra set of keys to someone you trust and let them know where you keep your emergency kit. Arrange for that person to check on you during an emergency.
- Be ready to evacuate. Plan how you would travel to a safe location if evacuation was advised. Have an emergency survival kit ready.
- Plan for your pet(s). Often, only service animals are allowed at reception centres. If possible, identify someone who can take your pet(s) if you have to leave your home.
- Consider your living situation. Do you live in an isolated community? In a high-rise? Do you or someone you live with have limited mobility? Be familiar with evacuation plans, and talk to your building manager or neighbours to make special arrangements, if necessary.

When Your Plan Is Ready

- Discuss your plan with your family and friends.
- Teach others about any special needs, such as how to use medical equipment or administer medicine.
- Practice your plans with those who have agreed to be part of your personal support network.
- Be aware and follow instructions. Stay tuned to the news before and during an emergency. Follow the advice of first responders and officials.

Sign up for alerts. You can sign up online for free emergency alerts sent by email or text message.

Visit www.ontario.ca/beprepared and follow the links.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Bissett Creek waste disposal site will be reduced by one hour on Saturdays until normal operating hours begin in April; closing at 2:45 p.m. instead of 3:45 p.m. Staff would like to thank those who ensure that their recycling is sorted properly; it saves Bill a lot of time and headache.

Currently, our recycling is collected curbside and processed at the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre in two streams; fibre and commingled. When materials are not sorted properly, they become contaminated and have to be landfilled. This happens frequently when paper and cans are mixed together. These factors result in increased operating costs at the expense of ratepayers. If improper sorting of recycling occurs, refusal stickers will be issued and recycling will not be picked up.

Bag tags will be available for pick up from the office as of May 1st. Those not picked up by June 29th will be mailed with final property tax billing.

JUST BECAUSE IT'S EMPTY DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GARBAGE.

Recycle your bathroom packaging.



Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.



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 pm - 2:45 pm

Stonecliffe Site

Thursday 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Municipal Disposal Site Hours

Bissett Creek Site

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Saturday 12:45 - 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

Recycling Dates

February - 24

August - 10, 24

March - 9, 23

September - 9, 21

April - 6, 20

October - 5, 19

May - 4, 20

November - 2, 16, 30

June - 1, 15, 29

December - 14, 30

July - 13, 27

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.

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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.