



HCM News

2020 Remembrance Day Edition



Mayor's Message

The Veterans Memorial has come to be an important landmark in Head, Clara and Maria because of one veteran's dream to honour those who served their country. I quote from the pamphlet that was distributed the day of the official opening of the monument.

"In 2005, The Year of the Veteran in Canada, Mr. J. Ernie Boudreau returned to Europe 61 years after his initial landing during WWII. As a Canadian Veteran, he was touched by the war memorials throughout Europe and the honour that they bestowed onto Veterans, even half a century after the war. When he returned to Canada, Ernie put into motion a project that would bestow the same honour onto his comrades from Head, Clara and Maria and enable you, their families, friends, and future generations of Canadians to remember them. The memorial before you is the result of that vision as well as the caring effort of many members of our community.

Although the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria is a small municipality of approximately 225 residents, 179 of our citizens have served in the military between 1914 and 2005, the Year of the Veteran. Their sacrifices and achievements helped to build both the country and the communities in which we live today, and we are extremely proud of their contributions and their courage. We were fortunate that of 179 Veterans, only ten did not return home. Those ten are especially remembered here."

Each name is read and remembered, those who returned and those who died in service. With this memorial, the memory of our Township's residents who served and made the ultimate sacrifice will never fade.

If you are a veteran who has come to reside in Head, Clara and Maria since the Veteran's Memorial project was completed please know that you are also remembered on November 11th – even

though in a very different way this year.

This November 11th it is important to follow public health guidance during the pandemic. We will not be holding our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial or our soup and sandwich luncheon in the hall. Our local Royal Canadian Legion Branch 436 in Deep River recommends that at 11:00 am on November 11th, to sing O Canada on your front porch followed by 2 minutes of silence.

Councillor Allen has volunteered to lower the

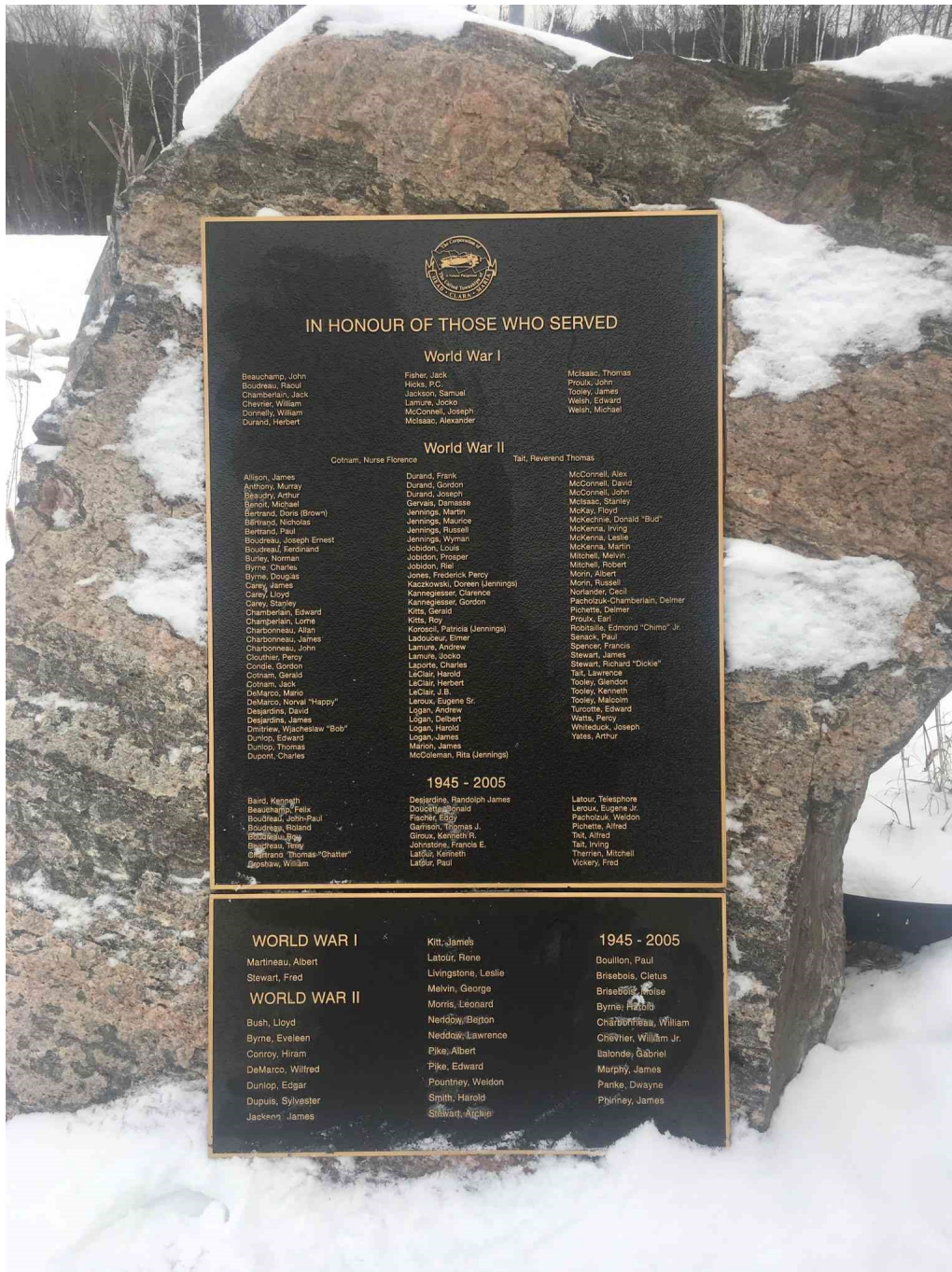
flags at our Veterans Memorial to half staff on November 11th. Anytime during the month of November (and beyond), please make a visit to the Memorial to pay your respects and read the names. Although 2020 has been a year for sacrifice for all of us, it pales in comparison to the sacrifices made by our veterans. Let us always remember this and strive for peace in our world, in our country and especially in our beautiful community!

Mayor Debbi Grills



Pictured: Mr. J. Ernie Boudreau with the rock destined to become our Veteran's Memorial

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Veteran's Monument



Pictured: Head, Clara & Maria Veteran's Monument

In lieu of the reading of names on the monument, a picture of the monument has been provided. For a full list of Veteran's names on the monument, please contact the office at 613-586-2526 or email admin@headclaramaria.ca. Also, throughout Veteran's Week November 5th–11th, a series of videos from the National Veteran's Week Speakers Program will be shared on our Facebook page and distributed via email. If you are not on our email distribution list and would like to receive these videos, please contact the office.



Many thanks to HCM residents who honour the history of Head, Clara & Maria

Our sincere recognition goes out to Andy Boissoneault and John & Trudy Miller who have restored and reclaimed an abandoned gravesite on Highway 17 west of Deux Rivieres.

There is much speculation on the history surrounding the “Kidder Family” gravesite. As the story goes the Kidder family died of diphtheria and were buried, as often happened in pioneer times near their home. When the Trans Canada highway was improved it is said that the MTO road workers relocated the graves to their present site near Gibson Lake. For some time, the site was cared for by an unknown individual and eventually fell into disrepair.

I have no solid evidence to support the speculation I have described but I have found the Kidder family names in the 1888 Renfrew County Directory (National Library of Canada) based on the 1886 assessment. It was the first issue of a directory embracing a complete list of the names of residents in each town, village and township in the County.

I found the following names and assessment information:

Lenaw Kidder, Deux Rivieres, farmer, freeholder, lot 60, cons. B, Maria

Joseph Kidder, Deux Rivieres, farmer, freeholder, lot 5, cons. A B, Clara

Andy, John and Trudy dug into their pockets and shared their time and talent to help make a small community become a great one. Thank you!

Mayor Grills



News from the Library!

HCM Public Library continues to provide curbside pick up.

- Check out the library website to make a list of titles and DVD's you would like to borrow.
- Call Marlene at 613-586-2761 or email jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com to place your order or ask for suggestions.
- Non-contact pick up will be arranged once your order has been place.
- Upon return, all items are quarantined, according to Public Health guidelines.

HEAD, CLARA, AND MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

November 15 - 21, 2020

Enter to win a fall gift basket

email - hcmlibra13@gmail.com

or

call Marlene Gibson @ 613-586-2761

bonus entry for every time you borrow from the
library in November 2020

Life is a book and there are a
thousand pages I have not yet read.

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HCM Mission: At your service; working effectively to bring together people, partnerships and potential for a strong, connected community.

HCM Vision: Providing a healthy, connected and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

We're on the web!
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A Natural Playground

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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

Collection Days and Times

Deux Rivieres (garbage and recycling)

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bissett Creek (garbage and recycling)

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

(Stonecliffe and Mackey)

November 16 & 30

December 14 & 29

"In Flanders Fields"

by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead, short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.