



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

Mayor's Message

Summer is finally here, not only on the calendar but in the weather! I am pleased to report on some of the events that have occurred since my spring message.

On Easter weekend our community was affected by the closure of the Trans-Canada highway at Bissett Creek. The problems that ensued had many weary travellers going hundreds of kilometers out of their way to find a detour around the washout. We missed our connection to Deux Rivieres and upon the highway opening the deputy mayor and I both made separate trips to check on the water levels and culverts especially on Dunlop Crescent. My thanks to Deputy Mayor Villeneuve, former Mayor Gibson and many others for the daily updates on conditions around HCM.

The Recreation Advisory Committee is in the process of reinventing itself with new Terms of Reference and new members to the group. We have welcomed Council representative and, by appointment Chairperson Chris Dowser, Deputy Mayor Ernie Villeneuve, Glenn Stewart, Judy Zilney and Bonnie Stewart. I would like to thank the ever faithful returning members Rosanne Boudreau, Betty Condie and support staff Stephany Rauche and Crystal Fischer. If you have talents to share we are always looking for volunteers to help with various community events – please contact me or any other member of the committee. RAC meetings are open to the public and take place at the Community Centre in Stonecliffe on the first Monday of the month (on holiday Mondays the meetings move to Tuesday) at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 6th. Please check the HCM website calendar for any changes.

On a sad note, I must acknowledge and extend our sympathy on the passing of two long time HCM residents. Mr. Hank van der Horn, former councillor, supporter and friend of HCM died on April 27th. Mrs. Lucie (Heinrichs) Reid, the wife of former Mayor Bob Reid died on May 8th. Our condolences to family and friends, they will be missed in our community.

On May 23rd, I attended an Internal Task Force Meeting concerning the Flooding Emergency hosted by our MPP Minister John Yakabuski in Pembroke. At that meeting, I was able to speak with the Ontario Regional Director of Transport Canada, John Higham concerning the navigation restrictions on our section of the Ottawa River. The following day I joined Councillor Allen at his waterfront to meet our federal Minister Cheryl Gallant to discuss how low water and navigation restrictions are as disastrous to the economy of HCM as flooding has been for our neighbours downriver. Thankfully those restrictions were lifted within the next week. However, as we all know the river still remains very low.

At a Special Council Meeting on June 6th your Council adopted the 2019 Budget as presented. Based on this year's budget the residential tax rate is 0.00246947 and the taxes on \$100,000 of assessment would be \$246.95. (\$0.92 less than 2018). The County of Renfrew provides our municipality with health, social and family services, as well as land use planning services. It is important to remind our residents that we are the tax collector for the various school boards, the County of Renfrew and OPP police services. Only a small amount of the tax money collected in HCM stays here. I would like to express my thanks to our newly appointed Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Crystal Fischer with support from our municipal consultant for their work in the preparation of the budget document. You can find the entire document on our website under Council & Staff/Agenda & Reports.

Your Council is taking a break for the month of July. Our next regular meetings are usually scheduled for the third Thursday of each month.

Upcoming meetings are - Thursday August 15th, Thursday September 19th, Thursday October 17th, Thursday November 21st, Thursday December 19th, all our meetings are public and take place at the Community Centre in Stonecliffe at 7:00pm. Please check the HCM website calendar for any schedule additions/changes to special meetings or events.

Next weekend we will be celebrating our country's 152nd birthday. This Canada Day weekend is a perfect time for family and friends. What a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Ottawa River at our parks and boat launches with a good old-fashioned family picnic! It is our hope that you will join your neighbours to celebrate with fireworks at Old Mackey Park at dusk on Monday July 1st. If the weather does not cooperate, we promise a rain date on Saturday July 6th.

Last but definitely not least, it is not only Canada celebrating a birthday this weekend. On behalf of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, I would like to extend our love and best wishes to a former long-time resident, Joan Charbonneau on the celebration of her 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Joan – may you enjoy many more healthy and happy years!

Mayor Debbi Grills



Did you know....

- The geographic area of HCM is comprised of approximately 720 square kilometers.
- The Algonquin Trail (rail trail) running through HCM is wholly owned by the County of Renfrew and HCM has no authority (control) over it.
- HCM only gets to keep approximately 32 cents of every tax dollar collected and the rest is given to Renfrew County and the school boards as our required tax contribution.
- The Ottawa River is 1271 kilometers / 790 miles long and there has been readings of depth in excess of 164m / 540ft in the area of Stonecliffe.

Staff Reminders and Notices

Final property tax bills will be mailed the first week of July, with the first installment due July 31st and the second installment due October 31st. Residents who have not picked up their garbage bag tags will receive them with their tax bills.

Beauman Waste Management Systems Ltd. announced on June 23rd that they will be permanently closed effective immediately and will no longer be collecting, processing or accepting waste including recycling. Staff are working on a solution for our processing needs; however garbage and recycling collection at the curbside and landfill site have not changed for our residents.

Sneh Patel was the successful applicant under the Canada Summer Jobs Program and will be joining office staff over the summer months to help with the Lending Hub and other administrative duties. The Lending Hub has a variety of equipment to be loaned at no cost, including kayaks, paddleboards, bicycles and sports equipment for all ages. Please call the office for more information or to reserve equipment. An agreement and waiver must be signed with ID provided.

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 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.

We have been successful in obtaining grant funding through the New Horizon's for Senior's Program, for a Seniors/Intergenerational Program. Please watch for notices of upcoming events including exercise, yoga, cooking classes, art and craft workshops, outings and more. If there is something you would like to see through the program, please let us know and we will try to accommodate!.

Spring brings about renovation projects of all sorts. Before you start to build, please contact Bob Labre, our Chief Building Official to discuss your plans and see if you require a building permit. (CF)



Old Mackey Park - 644 Jennings Road, Mackey ON

July 1st at dusk - 9:45 p.m.

Rain date set for July 6th; notice will be provided if required.



Our admiration for Canada - O! Canada - 2019

We admire and are in love with your virtues

Your Humility
Your Humbleness
Your Humanity
it's Just out of this world
We are so proud O! Canada

We admire and adore your Flora and Fauna

Your Land
Your Lakes
Your Rockies
Just so breathtaking
We are so enchanted O! Canada

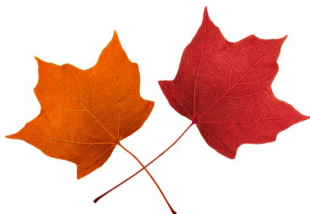
We admire and appreciate your democracy

Your care for freedom
Your care for equality
Your care for human dignity
Just so fulfilling
We are so indebted O! Canada

We are so passionate about you

O! Canada
We celebrate Canada day
With enthusiasm, pride and joy
We stand on guard for thee

Pravin Shah
Deep River, ON



Community Dates to Remember

**Painting with Olga
July 4th—6:00 p.m.**

**Stonecliffe Diner's Club/ Paramedic
Services
July 10th— 11:00 a.m.
August 14th—11:00 a.m.**

**Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting
August 6th—6:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting of Council
August 15th—7:00 p.m.**

Community Dates to Remember

Watch your email and bulletin boards for more information.

Thank you

Camille and Kirk Holmes for donating and planting perennials in our planter boxes at the municipal office and community centre.



Your initiative, time and expertise in beautifying our building is much appreciated.

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

Emergency Management Ontario's website has tools and resources to help members of the community be prepared in case of an emergency.



 @ontariowarnings @ONTsafe

➤ Make a Plan

➤ Build a Kit

➤ Be Informed



ontario.ca/beprepared



Make a Plan

In an emergency, your family may not be together, or you may be asked to evacuate your home. Thinking about what you would do in different situations and preparing a plan with every member of your family is the first step to being prepared.

Build a Kit

Your emergency survival kit should have everything you and your family would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency. Visit the website below for a list of items that should be included in your kit.

Be Informed

There are two main ways that you can be informed about emergencies: sign up for Ontario's Emergency Alerts, and learn more about the hazards you can face and how you can be prepared for them.

During an emergency, you should stay tuned to local news channels. Be sure to have a portable, battery-operated or crank radio in your survival kit in case of power outages.

Alert Ready in Ontario is part of a national service designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving emergency alert messages to Canadians. Emergency alerts are distributed on radio, TV and compatible wireless devices (as of April 6th) to help ensure that Ontarians have the critical information they need in emergencies to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families.

Visit www.emergencymanagementontario.ca for more information.

2019 Recycling Dates

July 2, 15, 29

August 12, 26

September 9, 23

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

December 2, 16, 30



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

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.

COUNCIL 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meets at 7:00 pm

AUGUST 15 | SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17 | NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 19

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