



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

Mayor's Message

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 the magic of the season. This is often the time of year when we reminisce about childhood family traditions. At my house we always left the obligatory carrots for the reindeer but on my father's insistence Santa always had cookies and a beer waiting!

It was a pleasure to greet residents of our community at the public meeting to discuss the HCM Strategic Plan for 2019 to 2022 on September 7th at the Municipal Hall. Ideas for future consideration included: Hwy 17 concerns of auto-extrication, recycling solutions and possible areas for future efficiencies in municipal services. Suggestions from this public meeting have led to the creation of the Public Works Advisory Committee (PWAC) with Deputy Mayor Villeneuve as Council representative and Chairperson. Many thanks to appointees: Jim Gibson, Neville Chamberlain, David Balla-Boudreau, Andy Boissoneault, John Miller, Pat Mc Gurran, Ken Giroux. These volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to share.

The HCM Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) chaired by Councillor Dowser has been meeting on the first Monday of each month and welcomes any and all who want to contribute their talents and ideas. The children's Halloween Party on Sunday October 27th was a "frighteningly" fun time that included a Haunted House enjoyed by all. RAC is looking for interested volunteer committee members to lead in the planning and organization of Canada Day 2020 activities and is also hoping to add to the list of volunteers who wish to assist at community events. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Don't miss the upcoming Christmas Bingo on Saturday December 14th!

Those who were able to attend know that the October 3rd HCM Library Board's Card Party and the November 16th Christmas Market were both great successes. Congratulations to the Library Board members and all the volunteers who took part. I enjoyed working at the Christmas Market's HCM municipality table and greeting friends and visitors.

On a very personal note, I want to thank my fellow council members, the staff and residents of our community for their guidance, support and friendship during my first year as Mayor. As many of you may know it has not been an easy year but it certainly has been worth it! Bob and I look forward to wishing you the "peace of the season" at the Community Christmas Social and Potluck Supper on Sunday December 8th. (Continued on Page 2)

What is Christmas? by Agnes M. Pahro

It is tenderness for the past,
courage for the present,
hope for the future.

It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal,
and that every path may lead to peace.

Mayor Debbi Grills

Remembrance Day 2019

Remembrance Day 2019 ceremonies were well attended by approximately 50 participants. It was gratifying to see so many residents taking the time to remember the sacrifices made for us. Our ceremony is unique in that we honour each person named on the Head, Clara and Maria Veterans Memorial.

The Veterans Memorial has come to be an important landmark in our community 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 and would like to be recognized on Remembrance Day please let me know.

I would like to thank the volunteers who assisted at our service: Former Mayor Jim Gibson; the Ernie Boudreau family – David Balla-Boudreau, Cathy Sutherland, Heather Sutherland; Councillors Fran Kelly-Chamberlain, Ernie Villeneuve, Chris Dowser, Brent Allen; Staff member Stephany Rauche and residents Marlene Gibson, Andy Boissonneault.

Our luncheon that followed the service was also possible through generous volunteers. Soup, sandwiches, desserts and kitchen assistance all happened because of many people: Marlene & Jim Gibson, Gerry Ryan, Fran Chamberlain, Judy Zilney, Christine Dyelle, Sue Giroux, Diane Foreman, June Vaughn, Cathy Sutherland, Finney & Jacquie Lee, Bonnie & Glenn Stewart, Diane Murphy.

It takes a volunteer to make a small community become a great one.

Mayor Debbi Grills

LIBRARY

The Fundraiser - Annual Fall Card Party was a success again this year. It was a great day for the participants who enjoyed a tasty meal followed by exciting card games. The work of a dedicated team of volunteers support this important cause. This event receives high praise not only for the delicious meal but also for the notable community spirit that goes into putting the event together. Thank You so much.



Public Library Week was celebrated with a Tea and Social afternoon. A draw was held from patrons who visited the library this particular week. Congratulations to Diane Foreman who was the prize winner.



November is a time when we remember and pay tribute to those who gave of themselves for our country. The library highlighted Remembrance Day with a display including some of our local heroes.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, the library hosted a Christmas Vendor Market. This venue was well attended with shoppers finding that unique gift or delicious home baking.

Our Library Holiday Hours – The library will be closed from noon on December 24 to January 6, 2020. Have a Happy Holiday.

We have plans for some exciting activities for the New Year. Workshops involving Indigenous Cultural Teachings will be scheduled throughout the year with the first one held on January 11th. Bring your children or come out as a family to participate. Another workshop will be hosted by a children's book Illustrator who will be performing a book reading followed by crafts for the kids.



We try to stay current with new books and DVDs but your suggestions are always welcome; if there is a book or a movie that you would like to see in your HCM Library, just leave us a note, or a message on the phone or on Facebook, or send an email to hcmlibra13@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting your local library by dropping off your Valumart receipts!

May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Councillor Fran Kelly-Chamberlain
and Family

HCM REC COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS

BINGO

Saturday December 14th, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Stonecliffe Community Centre

\$500 Jackpot

plus 10 rounds of \$50 cash prizes

Cash bar will be open

\$20 entry per person (four cards)

additional cards \$5 each.



For more information, please contact the
municipal office at 613-586-2526.

Community Dates to Remember

Stonecliffe Diner's Club/ Paramedic Services

December 11th — 11:00 a.m.

January 8th — 11:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting of Council

December 19th — 1:00 p.m.

NHSP Exercise Class

December 2nd, 16th & 30th — 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Baking Exchange

December 7th — 10:00 a.m.

CWL Christmas Potluck

December 8th — 2:00 p.m.

HCM Rec Committee Christmas Bingo

December 14th — 2:00 p.m.

Office Closed

December 24th at 12:00 p.m. — January 3rd

First Nations Cultural Workshop

January 11th — 10:30 a.m.

CWL Bingo

January 12th — 2:00 p.m.

MLSC Open Sesame Poker Run

January 18th

Movie Screening

January 25th — 2:00 p.m.

Trail Side Cafe

Saturdays in February

Watch your email and bulletin boards for more information.



Even without the flashy billboard, your home may still have signs that encourage break & enters.

KNOW THE SIGNS

- Ask someone to keep an eye on your house
- Install timers on your electronics
- Have lawn mowed or driveway shovelled
- Stop deliveries
- Lock everything
- Don't leave spare keys out
- Keep your property well lit
- Use dead bolt locks
- Consider an alarm system
- Refrain from posting vacation photos on social media

EUCHRE

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

Notices

Please use the link below to submit your input for the County of Renfrew's **Housing and Homelessness Plan Survey**. The purpose of this survey is to gather information that will help evaluate the direction of the plan and improve outcomes for people experiencing challenges related affordable housing.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKKN7Z>

Please note that properties in arrears of two or more years as of December 31, will become eligible for **tax sale** as of January 1, 2020.

A big **Thank You** to all the volunteers and donors who contributed to the Children's Halloween Party. Your contributions helped make the event a success!

Residents of Head, Clara & Maria are invited!

Community Christmas Social and Potluck Supper

Sunday December 8th 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 1st to:
Marlene Gibson 586-2761 or Linda Chartrand 586-2366



MINOR CRIME? REPORT ONLINE

For use in non-emergency events with
NO injuries, NO suspects and NO evidence

- THEFT UNDER \$5,000
- STOLEN LICENSE PLATES
- MISCHIEF/DAMAGE TO VEHICLE UNDER \$5,000
- THEFT FROM A VEHICLE
- MISCHIEF/DAMAGE TO PROPERTY UNDER \$5,000
- DRIVING COMPLAINTS
- LOST OR MISSING PROPERTY UNDER \$5,000

ONLINE REPORTING WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Only occurrences that do not involve an injury, a suspect or evidence are applicable.

If required, an officer will contact you in 72 hours.

All information submitted through Online Reporting is confidential.

Every report will be carefully reviewed by an officer for accuracy, completeness and any other information relevant to the occurrence.

An automatic report number will be provided once an online report is completed.

- 1 Go to opp.ca/reporting
- 2 Choose your location
- 3 Start your report

Emergency? Call 911
or 1 (888) 310-1122

OPP ONLINE REPORTING
Ontario Provincial Police

The municipal office will be closed December 24th at noon and will re-open January 6th at 8:30 am.

Council and Staff of the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria wish everyone a happy, and safe holiday season!

May everyone's Christmas be filled with joy and happiness and that it continues throughout the new year.

- Councillor Chris Dowser

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



Be prepared.

Prepare your Family Emergency Survival Kit today!
Find out how.

www.ontario.ca/emo



 Ontario



Prepare Now, Emergency Survival Checklist* Learn How...

- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio and batteries or crank radio
- Spare batteries (for radio or flashlight)
- First-aid Kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Extra car keys and cash
- Important papers (identification)
- Food and bottled water
- Clothing and footwear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Toilet paper and other personal items
- Medication
- Backpack/duffel bag (to hold all of the emergency survival kit items)
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Playing cards

*Three-day supply per person

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.

Tips:

- Pack the contents of your kit in an easy-to-carry bag(s) or a case on wheels.
- Store your kit in a place that is easy to reach, and ensure that everyone in your family knows where it is.
- Your water supply is meant to cover what you would drink as well as what you might need for food preparation, hygiene and dishwashing.
- Check and refresh your kit twice a year—when the clocks shift to/from daylight savings time is a good time. Check all expiry dates and replace food and water with a fresh supply. Check batteries and replace as needed.
- Keep your cell phone or mobile device fully charged.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Thank you to all our residents who have been working hard to ensure their recycling is sorted properly.

As a reminder, the sorting guide has been included below. At the November meeting of Council, it was decided that the hours at the Bissett Creek waste disposal site will be reduced by one hour on Saturdays for December only; closing at 2:45 p.m. instead of 3:45 p.m. Reduced hours for both disposal sites will begin January 2020 (see Page 8).



RECYCLING Sorting Guide

900 Woito Station Rd., Pembroke | 613-735-7537 | info@ovwrc.com | www.ovwrc.com

CONTAINER RECYCLING

✓ RECYCLABLES MUST BE EMPTY AND RINSED



Return all eligible liquor, wine, beer containers to the Beer Store for a refund.

DO NOT PUT IN RECYCLING

- ✗ Containers filled with liquid
- ✗ Home Health Care Waste
- ✗ Sharps & Needles (dispose of at your local pharmacy)
- ✗ Sharp items such as knives
 - ✗ Batteries
 - ✗ Propane Tanks
 - ✗ Plastic Bags
 - ✗ Styrofoam
 - ✗ Black Plastic

PAPER RECYCLING



Please refer to your local Municipality for additional information on recycling and waste services.

Container Recycling & Paper Recycling must be kept separate. Please ensure recycling contains no hazardous waste or food waste.

INFORMATION

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- 3:45 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 - 2:45 pm—December only

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.

Recycling Dates

2019

December 2, 16, 30

2020

January 12, 27

February 10, 24

March 9, 23

April 6, 20

Mayor Debbi Grills

613-586-1904

d.grills@headclaramaria.ca

Brent Allen

613-586-2621

b.allen@headclaramaria.ca

Chris Dowser

613-586-9218

c.dowser@headclaramaria.ca

Fran Kelly-Chamberlain

613-586-1942

f.kelly-chamberlain@headclaramaria.ca

Ernie Villeneuve

613-559-2814

e.villeneuve@headclaramaria.ca

**THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF
HEAD, CLARA & MARIA**

Phone: 613-586-2526 Fax: 613-586-2596
www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe ON K0J 2K0

crystal@headclaramaria.ca (Crystal)
stephany@headclaramaria.ca (Stephany)

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.