



# HCM News



The municipal office will be closed for the holidays beginning December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will resume regular hours on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

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



**A Politically Correct Christmas ~**  
Anon

Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck... How to live in a world that's politically correct? His workers no longer would answer to "Elves", "Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves. And labor conditions at the North Pole, were alleged by the union, to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety, released to the wilds, by the Humane Society. And equal employment had made it quite clear, that Santa had better not use just reindeer. So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid, were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his beautiful sleigh, because the ruts were deemed dangerous by the EPA, And millions of people were calling the Cops, when they heard sled noises upon their roof tops. Second-hand smoke from his pipe, had his workers quite frightened, and his fur trimmed red suit was called "unenlightened".

To show you the strangeness of today's ebbs and flows, Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose. He went to Geraldo, in front of the Nation, demanding millions in over-due workers compensation.

So...half of the reindeer were gone, and his wife who suddenly said she'd had enough of this life, joined a self help group, packed and left in a whiz, demanding from now on that her title was Ms.

And as for gifts...why, he'd never had the notion that making a choice could cause such commotion. Nothing of leather, nothing of fur...

Which meant nothing for him or nothing for her. Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot, Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise. Nothing for just girls and nothing for just boys. Nothing that claimed to be gender specific, Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth. Nothing that seemed to embellish upon the truth. And fairy tales...while not yet forbidden, were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden, for they raised the

hackles of those psychological, who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone might get hurt, besides - playing sports exposed kids to dirt. Dolls were said to be sexist and should be passe. and Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

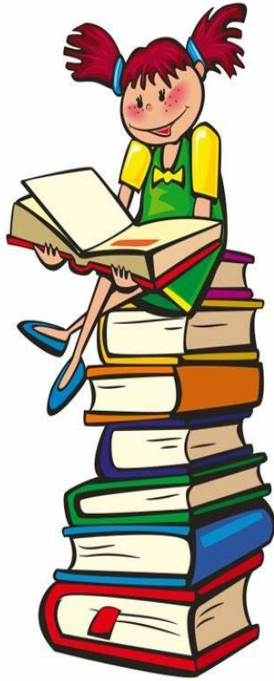
So Santa just stood there, disheveled and perplexed, he just couldn't figure out what to do next? He tried to be merry he tried to be gay, but you must have to admit he was having a very bad day. His sack was quite empty, it was flat on the ground, nothing fully acceptable was anywhere to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might, give to us all, without angering the left or the right. A gift that would satisfy - with no indecision, each group of people in every religion. Every race, every hue, everyone, everywhere...even you! So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth... "May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on Earth."

-Deputy Mayor Ernie Villeneuve

## HCM Public Library

### A Thousand Thank You's from the Library Board!



When the Library Board of Head Clara & Maria decided to hold a bottle/can drive last March to raise funds for the library, we had no idea what to expect. We could not have imagined that we would raise **\$10,773.50** for our Library.

That was made from approximately 36 wine bags, 791 pounds of aluminum copper and brass, 5,341 large liquor bottles, 340 small liquor bottles, 8630 beer bottles, 66,642 beer cans and 52,133 pop cans (1409) pounds.

What made this so successful? **People spreading the word was # 1.** Being present at the disposal sites to meet people and explain what we were doing and collect their donations was vital. Not only did we meet many people, we raised awareness of the library. Most times, I drove home with a van packed to the roof. In addition, Jim had to come often to take items in his truck.

Pine Valley, Morning Mist Resort donated their saved up recycling and Antler's Kingfisher Lodge donated their saved returnable liquor and beer bottles. As well, Pine Valley, Morning Mist gave us access to their recycling throughout the summer.

Thanks to the many people who also came forward to help sort items, and regularly took items to be cashed in at the Beer Store. That was a tremendous help!. Many times we arrived home to find that people had delivered their returnables to the "sorting shelter"

At the same time, other fund raising efforts were taking place: Betty Condie was selling her tomato plants and flowers and later her fruit jellies and collecting Valu-Mart receipts. Mel Theil was selling secondhand books and DVDs from her camp site. The library also received several monetary donations from people in and outside the community.

We would be remiss if we did not extend a special thank you to my husband Jim, without whose support, this would not have been possible. He was there – every step of the way!

Due to Covid restrictions, the Library continues to offer Curbside service to all our patrons. Call Marlene at 613-586-2761 with your choices or to ask for suggestions. We can also help you search our website. Overdrive is included on our website for those who like to download "books" to their devices. Library cards are free!

If you know someone who does not receive the Township newsletter, please share this with them.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and the best in 2022!.

Lexi, Betty, Cathy, Fran, Gay, and Marlene

**Did you know the library**

**has it's own website...**

**check it out at**

**[www.hcmpubliclibrary.ca](http://www.hcmpubliclibrary.ca)**

## HCM Public Library Curbside Pickup Available

- Call Marlene at 613-586-2761 or email [jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com)
- Non-contact pick up one day per week (Wednesday or Thursday)
- Home delivery available in special circumstances

## Municipal Disposal Site Hours

Please Note Reduced Hours Effective 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 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.

### Holiday Notice:

The Bissett Creek and Stonecliffe Waste Disposal Sites will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>; but will be open on December 31<sup>st</sup> during regular hours.

Bissett Creek and Deux Rivieres garbage and recycling collection will occur December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Mackey and Stonecliffe garbage collection will take place December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> with recycling collection taking place on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Disposal sites will resume normal operations January 3<sup>rd</sup> at reduced hours.

## 2022 Recycling Dates (Stonecliffe and Mackey)

January 10 & 24

February 7 & 23

March 7 & 21

April 4 & 20

May 2, 16 & 30

June 13 & 27

July 11 & 25

August 8 & 22

September 5 & 19

October 3, 17 & 31

November 14 & 28

December 12 & 26

**Reminder: Please do not plow snow onto Municipal roads!**

The Municipality is requesting the cooperation of all persons in keeping vehicles from obstructing snow removal operations in the Municipality and in refraining from placing snow from private property onto Municipal roadways.

Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**  
**build a kit**

- ✓ Customize your kit
- ✓ Pack enough for 3 days
- ✓ Refresh twice a year

First aid kit	Non-perishable food
Crank radio	Water (4L/person/day)
Flashlight	Medication
Documents & cash	Batteries & chargers
Clothing & blankets	Personal items

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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!  
[townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca)



**A Natural Playground**

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Cheers, to better days over the horizon.

Merry Christmas to all!

Councillor Chris Dowser



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas  
and a healthy and Happy New Year!!

Councillor Fran Kelly-Chamberlain

Best wishes for the holiday season!

This is the time of year where we can find  
joy in our "Natural Playground"!

Have the merriest of Christmases...



- Mayor Debbi Grills

## 2022 Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 1:00pm

Tuesday January 11

Tuesday February 15

Tuesday March 15

Tuesday April 19

Tuesday May 17

Tuesday June 21

Saturday August 20

Tuesday September 20

Inaugural Meeting of Council—  
November 22, 2022