

TOWNSHIP FALL NEWSLETTER



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Townships On-line

Visit us online at www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca to find information about:

- our community;
- the services we offer;
- updated fee schedules;
- updated disposal site hours; recycling and
- much more.

*Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
Mackey, Stonecliffe, Bissett Creek & Deux Rivieres*

Household Hazardous Waste

Recently we have had a number of questions about the options available for the disposal of paint cans of paint, varnish, oils, propane tanks etc. These materials, and others, are considered household hazardous waste (HHW) and must be disposed of in environmentally acceptable methods. They are not to be dumped into our land fill sites and are not accepted there. As there are costs involved, most municipalities do not accept HHW materials from other municipalities. Where does that leave us?

To address these concerns, we have arranged for a HHW collection day to take place on Saturday, September 22, 2007 here in Stonecliffe on the old rink platform. We have yet to confirm

the hours of operation and finalize our list of accepted materials, however; we will advertise additional details. It is likely that the collection will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As there are costs involved with this collection, based on the volume of materials collected, HHW disposal is only available to residents and for materials that originated within the municipality. A staff member will be on site with the contractor to ensure that only residents make use of this service.

The materials to be collected will include: paints, stains and varnishes, aerosols, pesticides, acids, cleaners, fertilizers, propane tanks, batteries and fluorescent

lights. A more detailed list will be advertised in the usual locations—Township Office, Yates Store, Deux Rivieres Post office, Mail box bulletin boards and our website.

The following materials will not be collected: explosives and munitions, radioactive waste, pathological wastes, containers over 22 L and commercial wastes. There will also be no transferring of waste out of containers—so expect that the container that you transport the materials in will be disposed of as well.

Please watch for posters with additional information closer to HHW Collection day—Saturday, September 22.

Provincial Grants Received

Once again, proof that the provincial government is giving a little back to local municipalities... As some of you may or may not know, in 2006 we received funding to have an electric fence installed at the Stonecliffe Disposal Site to reduce the number of human/bear encounters.

We have recently received notice that we will receive additional funding (\$8,100) to have a fence erected at the Bissett Creek Site as well. Also in 2007 we have received COMRIF funding to pay for legislated changes to accounting procedures (\$6,842) and \$65,205 to-

wards costs associated with closing the Deux Rivieres Landfill Site and post-closure maintenance. In 2007 we will also receive \$2,964 under the Federal Gas Tax Transfer program, funds that need to be used for long term projects and infrastructure improvements.



Watch for the owl—he'll show you where to find financial \$\$\$\$ information. \$\$\$\$



Taxes Taxes Taxes

Reminder—your final installment of taxes are due Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

Recycling Stats

Recycling seems to be well received within the Townships.

With the influx of cottagers and campers we have had special collections for the depot bins at the Township Office and the Stonecliffe Disposal Site. Some stats for July...

July 3—Total of 1,554 lbs. of recyclables.

July 12—Total of 776 lbs.

July 16—Total of 948 lbs.

July 26—Total of 715 lbs.

Total for the month of July -3,993 pounds of material diverted from our landfill. Keep up the great work!

Emergency Management and Call for Volunteers

As indicated in our Safety newsletter mailed a couple of weeks ago, we at the Township Office are attempting to devise an effective system to deal with emergencies. Acknowledging our lack of manpower, remoteness and distance from emergency service personnel, we are attempting to set up a system where neighbours can check on neighbours, reporting back to us so that we can effectively allocate scant resources.

After our last emergency management meeting, it has been determined that we will break the Townships into 14 distinct areas or zones for emergency management purposes. What we require now are willing individuals to perform assessments in these areas following severe weather or other types of emergencies and report back to the Township Office.

Council members will be contacting members of the public to determine interest. If this is something that you would be willing to do for your community, please contact any Council member or the Township Office. The 14 Zones for Emergency Management Assessment purposes are defined as:

1. Deux Rivieres—Brent Road to Purespring Lane and along Highway 17
2. Deux Rivieres—Dunlop Crescent and Highway 17 east to Rock Cut Trail
3. Bissett Creek—Mclsaac Drive and Trapper's Road
4. Stonecliffe—Highway 17—Grant's Creek hill to Vickery's
5. Highway 17—Vickery's to Stonecliffe Graveyard, Logger's Road, Boat Launch Road
6. Highway 17—Graveyard to Driftwood Park
7. Pine Valley Road
8. Mackey—Jennings Road and Highway 17 to Lakeview Trailer Park
9. Mackey Creek Road to Snowplow Turnaround
10. Highway 17—Boat Launch to Cell phone tower
11. Donnelly and Boudreau Roads
12. Francoeur and Ashport Roads
13. Jobidon Road and Mossbank Trail
14. Highway 17—from Cell tower east and Harvey Creek Road

Any private roads that are accessed from any of the above will be included in that area. For example—all lanes off of Pine Valley Road would be included in Zone 7.

By having 14 different individuals responsible for assessing each area and reporting back to the Township Office we will save precious travel time and may save lives.

We are currently working out details as they relate to registering volunteers to ensure that they are adequately protected by WSIB and are accounted for. We are developing a public training/information session for interested individuals and we are working on a system of providing identification to protect ratepayers and the volunteers.

We currently have volunteers for zones 3, 5 and 7. If you live in any of the other zones, or would like to assist in any zone, please let us know. Keep in mind that depending on the time of year and the type of storm or emergency event, your zone may need to be assessed on foot. This system will only work with your help.

We would ideally like to have backup volunteers for each area as well, so please call if you are interested.

Township Office—613-586-2526

Hydro One and Local Service

On Friday August 24, 2007 Hydro One attended at our Township Hall at Council's request, for a public forum to address the concerns of ratepayers. Three Hydro One personnel gave a short presentation explaining the plan for work in our area and then opened the floor up to questions. On top of everyone's mind was "when are you going to do some work in our area so that our power doesn't go out each time it rains, snows, blows etc.?" Well that

question was answered, and we must admit, to most everyone's satisfaction.

It seems that back in 2000, the provincial government had planned to divest itself of business units that were not profitable. The forestry sector was one of them and the crew was removed from Cobden. Since then things have turned around and there is now a forestry division in each area again. On top of that, Barry's Bay is no longer included in our area. So we benefit from a reduced area, with a

recent return and increase in forestry staff.

Emergency line clearing will commence in the Townships this fall. Four men will work in our area for 2-3 weeks to clear the most obvious problems. Future work will include complete brushing slated for 2008 and complete line clearing for 2009. These schedules may improve depending on work load and emergency situations.

The future looks brighter for Hydro service in our area.

May Madness Suggestion Box Responses

During May Madness we posted a suggestion box and received many positive comments concerning our recycling program. There were some questions as well. I apologize, it has taken some time to answer your questions however...

Newsletters—We have made arrangements to have newsletters mailed to interested individuals through a notice in the tax bills. Newsletters may also be found at the Township Office, Library, Yates' store and soon - on-line. We are in the process of updating our software so that more documents (including newsletters) can be posted on-line.

Recycling—we have been asked what is not acceptable in the recycling bins. Our

contractors have explained that instead of coming up with a list—just continue as we are. Most household goods, that are not hazardous, are acceptable. To date there has been limited amounts of material that have been returned to our landfill—keep up the good work.

We have recently had a number of questions concerning paint cans with some paint still left in them. Normally, you can let small amounts of paint dry in the bottoms of the cans and put them out with your regular recyclables, however; we are in the process of organizing a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. (Please see page 1 for more information.)

We have had questions con-

cerning the use of blue boxes instead of bags. The reason that boxes are not acceptable for road-side collection is the type of vehicle that our recyclers have. They have a cargo type vehicle with only one compartment. There is no provision for the collection or dumping of loose materials—hence the bags. You are welcome to use boxes/bins in your own residence for collection, but please transfer materials to appropriate bags before placing them out.

Recycling efforts have been great. We are experiencing a large participation rate—Thank you for helping to extend the life of our landfill sites.

Winter disposal site hours.

Beginning September 16th site hours will change.

Bissett Creek—will be open daily from 1:30–2:30 p.m. and Stonecliffe from 3:00–4:00 p.m. for the winter.

Please observe the site hours and don't expect the gate to be open just because the attendant is on site. Although she may be on site earlier than the posted times, she has other duties and responsibilities to attend to. Please respect her time and the hours.

Deux Rivieres Disposal Site Closure

Effective September 30, 2007, the Deux Rivieres Disposal Site will be closed to all further material. Due to volume limits and Ministry of Environment regulations we have had to close this site. We have concerns from ratepayers that people will simply use the bush or back lanes to dispose of waste. Council's response to that concern is that we are fortunate enough to have two other sites that are available daily and free of charge. Please use them. It's your community. Use our other sites and do your part to keep your municipality clean.





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*Should you require information?
Have a question? Concern?
Complaint? Contact us ...*

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Library News

A reminder that your library, adjacent to the Township Office/Hall, is open for use daily from 8:30–3:30, Tuesday evenings from 6:00–8:30, and Saturday from 12:30–3:00. Come borrow a book, magazine, tape or a DVD; access the internet via high-speed connection or simply enjoy some quiet time reading one of the “local” papers. Did you know there are no borrowing fees? You just need to register.

Business Operators

It has come to our attention that we have been remiss in informing our commercial operators of alternate opportunities for disposal of recyclable materials. For large volumes of recyclables generated from business operations, you may use the recycling bins located beside the Township garage and at the Stonecliffe disposal site. A reminder that all materials must be clean and placed in transparent bags—(aside from large volumes of cardboard boxes which can be compacted and placed inside one another, or bundled with string and placed inside the collection bins). Thank you for your cooperation.

We are considering options for Deux Rivieres businesses such as placing a bin at the Bissett Creek disposal site—we will keep you updated.

Bits and Pieces!

Due to lack of response, we will not be supporting a recreation committee. As much as we have heard that “we should...” we did not have any interested individuals contact Council or staff to assist in organizing some type of recreation program/service for the municipality. Bring your ideas forward. Things may change in the future.

Speaking of lack of response, I would like to take this opportunity to request that people take advantage of opportunities that they are given to do something about their situation. We had a request from a ratepayer to provide a forum with Hydro One concerning area service and only 3 ratepayers bothered to show up. I’m sure more than 3 people complain about our Hydro service each time it goes out. How about we each try to do our part and take advantage of public meetings, public forums and instead of simply complaining, get out and do something. Change will not happen simply because we complain. We must act.

(this message is from the Clerk and does not necessarily represent the opinion of Council)

Do you have something that you need to return to the library but it’s closed? Taxes are due but the office is not

open? There is a small slot in the office door that is available for use for small packages, envelopes, books and DVDs. A cheque or money order for your taxes may be dropped off in this slot. DVDs and small books or magazines can be returned. The office is protected with a security and alarm system, so all deposits are safe until one of us accesses the office.

Just another option!

Our CBO has been active over the past couple of months. There has been some activity within the municipality. To date, for 2007, there have been 19 permits issued with just over \$400,000 worth of construction.

Our municipality is growing, if slowly. Thank you for your positive response to the Building Newsletter delivered this spring and for your continued support.

Seniors—monthly luncheons (minimal fee of \$5.50) continue thanks to the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre—for more information call the

centre at
613-584-1900