



Spring Newsletter



The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria

May 2008

SPECIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION

It's time for our annual recycling pickup for large and bulky items. The collection will take place on Tuesday, May 20th and Monday, June 2nd starting at 9:00 a.m.. This collection is for recyclables only—any garbage will be left for you to remove. Please place large cumbersome items that you wish to recycle at the road-side by 9:00 am on recycling day. If you are not sure if the item is recyclable or need assistance—call our contractor Sylvie Chevarie at 613-586-1994. Eligible materials include those items that may be reused or recycled.

In general the following items are acceptable: large furniture—couches/chairs, tables/chairs, bed frames, rugs (no mattresses or carpeting); white goods—stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, dishwashers

(can be recycled even if not working); bags of clothing, coats, bedding, sleeping bags etc.; electronics or small appliances—TVs, DVDs, VCRs, stereos, computers, monitors, toasters, fans, air conditioners, and all other regular materials as this is also a normal collection day.

Please consider the weather when placing materials out. A sofa or chair soaked with water will be difficult to collect and may eventually be land-filled due to damage. Should it be raining on the first collection day, either cover the material or keep it for the next date. You can call the recycler to arrange for special pick up.

Reminder...The disposal sites are open for one hour each day for your use to dispose of large items. (see related article page 6)

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COUNCIL DECISION ON FIRE SERVICE

As many of you already know, a public meeting was held on February 16, 2008 to allow Council to obtain public input on the available options for continued fire protection. Attendance at the meeting was approximately 35 people. Others responded via email and letter. Thank you to those of you who responded. The consensus at the meeting (and in emails) from the public was to discontinue the fire service and contract with the MNR.

Council researched all feasible options, considered the response of the public and decided to dissolve the

Volunteer Fire Warden service. At its meeting of Friday, March 7, 2008 Council voted to contract with the Ministry of Natural Resources for a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement which provides for comprehensive coverage. What this means is that we no longer have a local volunteer service and must call the MNR in the event of a fire. The MNR numbers for reporting grass, brush and forest fires are **613-732-5541, 1-888-863-3473 or 1-800-853-4937.**

When calling, please be able to report

the exact location, the size of the fire, the type of fuel and the fire condition. If the fire is a result of limbs or trees on hydro wires, please call HydroOne at 1-800-434-1235 as well. During office hours, you may call the municipal office for assistance.

Please see the MNR web page at <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca> or HydroOne's page at www.hydroonenetworks.com/en/ for more information.

For all other emergencies, please call 911.

2008 OPERATING BUDGET

On Friday, April 18, 2008 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria formally adopted its budget for the 2008 calendar year. This budget chart shows all sources of revenue (your taxes are in the "Current Taxes Receivable" section) and expenses for this year.

REVENUE

Account Description

Current Taxes Receivable	\$218,346.00
Previous Year Surplus	\$16,171.00
Transfer from Reserves	\$37,130.00
Grants in Lieu - Hydro	\$97,698.00
MMAH	\$18,315.00
Railroad ROW	\$10,107.00
On. Mun. Partnership Fund	\$219,000.00
Special Grants	\$5,000.00
Roads Grant	\$159,288.00
MR Event Earnings	\$250.00
MR Hall Rental	\$1,500.00
Lottery Licenses	\$15.00
Trailer Permits	\$40.00
Building Permits	\$2,000.00
Fire Donations/Proceeds	\$15,000.00
Fire Permits	\$20.00
Tax Certificates	\$350.00
Admin Fees	\$75.00
Investment Income	\$31,384.00
General Account Interest	\$5,000.00
Penalty & Interest on Taxes	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,200.00
Gas Tax	\$3,704.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$250.00
Disposal Site Fees	\$100.00
Funds Collected for Library	\$4,000.00
Tax Sale Recovered Costs	\$953.00
Total Revenues	\$849,896.00

EXPENSES

Council	\$25,650.00
Administration	\$183,801.00
Emergency Management	\$2,000.00
Fire	\$6,195.00
Health & Safety	\$3,000.00
Fire Safety Expenses	\$1,000.00
By-Law Enforcement Officer	\$600.00
Building	\$13,000.00
Recreation	\$39,050.00
Roads	\$379,486.00
Environment	\$106,800.00
Library Reimbursed Costs	\$4,000.00
Library Wage Expense	\$5,200.00
Cemetery	\$3,000.00
Promotions	\$400.00
Transfer to Reserves	\$23,014.00
Economic Development	\$4,000.00
Tourist Info Centre	\$1,200.00
Policing Costs	\$48,000.00
Physician Recruitment	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$849,896.00

	2006	2007	2008
Revenue	\$672,215	\$769,150	\$849,896
Expenses	\$672,215	\$769,150	\$849,896
Taxation	\$152,000	\$173,627	\$218,346

Although the total budget has increased \$80,746 over 2007 please note that the province has given us \$159,288 to be used for Roads & Bridges projects. This amount is added to the Roads expenses and revenues. Without those funds, the year to year budget difference is actually a **reduction** of \$78,542 – from a total budget in 2007 of \$769,150 to a total in 2008 of \$690,608! (\$849,896 – \$159,288).

Considering the increase in the costs of living and doing business (primarily as a result of fuel costs) this budget comes in at just over the 2006 budget totals. The municipal portion of taxes for 2008 will result in an increase of \$12.18 per \$100,000 value of residential property value. The County has yet to set its rates and will affect the total amount you will pay.

As the accounts have changed for the 2008 fiscal year due to requirements of the Public Sector Accounting Board and to more accurately reflect account purposes, a straight line by line comparison with 2007 and previous years is not possible. The 2006 and 2007 totals are included for your reference and specifics are available on our webpage under Newsletters in the 2007 spring newsletter as distributed last year.

2008 ONTARIO FISHING WEEKEND

Each year, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many non-governmental organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters team up to declare one summer weekend a licence-free fishing weekend.

This year Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008 has been declared. Enjoy the natural beauty of our many lakes & rivers. Go Fish!

For more information contact:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705) 748-6324 or

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (705) 755-1902

Take your Family fishing!

Take a neighbour! Teach a kid!

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

It's spring again, (at least it was last week) and many turn their thoughts to renovations, decks,



additions and other building activities. In order to comply with the Ontario Building Code, enacted to ensure your safety and that of any future occupant, a large number of activities require inspections and permits. If you are planning any building activity, please call Robert (Bob) Labre at 613-586-1950 and leave a message. Bob only works for us one day a week but will get back to you to arrange a mutually convenient time for consultation and inspection. For a complete list of zoning, planning and building requirements as well as Homeowners guides for specific projects, please see the "Building, Zoning & Planning" page on our web

site, the 2007 Building Newsletter on our web site or drop by the Municipal Office for a copy. As a quick guide, the following activities may require a permit—please call before you begin.

- New building;
- Garage, porch, deck, addition;
- Rooms in basement or attic;
- Enclosing a porch or deck;
- Raising or excavating to add a basement;
- Shed larger than 100 ft²;
- Fireplace or central air;
- Siding, roofing, re-shingling;
- Drywall, vapour barrier, insulation;
- Replacement of doors or windows;
- Demolition;
- Septic systems.

To make sure—Call Bob @613-586-1950! Otherwise you may have to redo or undo work already completed at your expense.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We are in the process of obtaining a defibrillator for use in the Township Hall. **Training for use will take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.**

If you are a regular patron of the Township Hall or Library and would like to train on the use of this equipment, please contact the office. As we have a limited number of spots, a selection process will be utilized and successful applicants will be notified. Please call or email your interest (name & phone #) by May 7/08.

911 Signs and Service

Make sure that your property has a 911 sign. 911 signs are the main link between you and emergency services. OPP and ambulance are equipped and trained to locate residences using the County wide 911 system. Originally, when the 911 system was introduced, special program funding was provided throughout the County.

Since this funding has ended, individuals are responsible for ordering and paying for their own signs. If you have a newly created lot or for some other reason did not get a 911 sign during the initial rollout—call the office and arrange to get one. Signs are provided by the County, installed by our Road Superintendent but paid for by the property owner. Currently the fee is only \$35 and is payable to the Township. The County invoices us.

Is the fee worth it? If the paramedic service or OPP need to find you, seconds count. You decide if your life or the life of someone you love is worth it.

Property Owners' Responsibility

It is the owners' responsibility to maintain the property identification sign by keeping vegetation, snow or other obstructions away. Repair any minor damage if numbers are still readable and reflective; but do not relocate a sign without permission of the municipality. NO property owner shall remove, replace or relocate a 911 sign. If it is determined that a sign has been tampered with, it will be replaced by the municipality with the costs borne by the property owner. Costs may be charged to the property owner in a manner similar to the way taxes are collected.

Only replace severely damaged or a stolen signs with proper blades, posts, and correct number, ordered through the municipal office. Any property containing a residence, permanent, seasonal or otherwise; as well as trailer parks, commercial, industrial, recreational, religious or educational facilities, on public or private roads, require a 911 sign. For your safety make sure your sign is in good condition, positioned correctly and clear of obstructions. ♦

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

May—is Emergency Preparedness week. In order to encourage emergency preparedness and fire safety Council will set up a display table at the upcoming May Madness on May 10th. We have com-

FREE FREE FREE FREE
YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!!

pleted an emergency kit to be raffled off on Friday, May 16. The tickets are FREE and can be located on line (link on What's New page), at the Municipal Office or at the Library Board's May Madness. Please fill out a ballot for your chance to win the emergency kit or one of a number of other prizes—first aid kits, t-shirts etc. Come out and pick up some tips on how to protect your home and your family from fire and other emergencies.

Message from Emergency Management Ontario **"Every Family Should Have A Survival Kit Ready"**

BRACEBRIDGE, ON, May 6 /CNW/ - Emergency Preparedness Week is a good opportunity for everyone to ensure they are ready to respond to an emergency, Ontario Commissioner of Emergency Management Julian Fantino said today.

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7-13. Ontario participates in the national Emergency Preparedness Week campaign along with municipalities across the province. The theme for this, the 11th anniversary campaign, is Prepare Now! Learn How! "All levels of government have an important role to play in emergency preparedness and response," Fantino said. "But ultimately, emergency prepar-

edness starts with the individual. Emergency Preparedness Week is designed to educate individuals on how to plan ahead, and respond accordingly during and after a disaster.

"Ontario's municipalities are prepared for emergencies and Emergency Preparedness Week gives us an opportunity to reassure citizens that Ontario remains safe and secure," Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Monte Kwinter said."

INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEMSELVES FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS.
ARE YOU PREPARED.

Emergencies and Hydro One

HydroOne has been working on its response capabilities and is taking steps to improve its service. Whenever you experience a service interruption or observe damage to hydro lines, please call HydroOne's Customer Communications Centre at 1-800-434-1235. This line should be used to report all outages. When customers call in, their information is recorded in an automated system which will predict where the likely failed device is located. There is then direct communication between the operations dispatch staff and field crews. Customers may call back and follow the prompts to find out the estimated time of restorations and other available details about their power outage. The system is also linked to an automated component that calls customers back to advise them that the power is restored or to confirm that power has been restored. If the power is still out, then the customer is prompted

to indicate they have no power and a new outage ticket is automatically created and a crew will be dispatched. Often the original crew will wait for confirmation of all power restored before leaving an area.

In addition, Hydro recognizes that there are certain individuals who rely on electricity for lifesaving equipment. As such, they have devised a "critical customer" designation that is assigned when someone in a household has a life threatening medical need and would be medically affected by a power outage. These customers can contact the number above to research criteria for obtaining this designation. Although, HydroOne will attempt to contact these individuals for planned and un-

planned outages, it is strongly recommended that a backup power generation source be obtained.

Of particular concern and importance to ensuring for the safety of both HydroOne crews and the public is the safe use of generators. There are a number of hazards that must be avoided. Key among these is generators which are improperly connected to the main electrical service panel. Improper connections can feed back power from the generator into utility lines and create an electrical hazard which can injure a neighbour, or crews working to restore service.



Visit
www.hydroonenetworks.com and www.easafe.com
for more information.

Fire Season and Burn Permits



Fire season is upon us and so is the requirement for burn permits. (May 1–October 31) Daily Fire Permits are required for any burning within fire season. Permits are available at the main office or through our By-law Enforcement Officer, Wilfred Lamure, during normal business hours @ \$2 per permit per day. (613-401-0372)

Conditions of a Daily Permit

All persons setting an open fire in the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria shall first obtain a fire permit from the municipality. The material to be burned shall be limited to wood, wood by-product or grass. A person who has obtained a fire permit shall:

- Not permit more than 3 cubic metres of material to be burned at any one time;
- Ensure that the means of extinguish-

ing the fire are available at the site at all times during the fire;

- Ensure that no person shall set any fire out of doors except in the presence of a competent adult person, and this person shall be in constant attendance at any burning operation;

- No person shall burn grass unless the area to be burned is less than .1 hectare (1/4 acre) in size and the flaming edge is less than 10 metres in length;

- No open air fire shall be maintained when the wind is in such direction or intensity so as to cause: a decrease in visibility on any highway or roadway or a rapid spread of fire through grass or a brush area;

- No fire shall be set or allowed to burn between the hours of two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset during the fire season.

All persons setting an open air fire shall:

- be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons occasioned by said fire;



- be liable for the costs incurred by the MNR fire fighters (including personnel and equipment) who may be called in to extinguish a fire. Our By-law Enforcement Officer will enforce this by-law.

The MNR will also be in our area more often this year and are able to lay charges.

Open burning during day time hours is not permitted. You will be fined.

Municipal Fire Bans and Restricted Fire Zones

Council By-law 2006-09 is a by-law to regulate fire bans within the municipality. The by-law allows for the municipality to declare a ban outside of the MNR Declaration of Restricted Fire Zone. The MNR areas are quite large and conditions may be quite different over the expanse of the zone. To protect our residents and their property, Council deemed it prudent to be able to impose a ban when conditions here warranted, while those in the remainder of the MNR fire zone did not. As a result, there may be times when our Municipality may have a fire ban when the MNR has not declared one. Driftwood, a provincial park, is Crown land and is not subject to our by-laws. As a result, there may be times when campers at

Driftwood Park are allowed fires, and the rest of the residents of Head, Clara & Maria are not.

Council recognizes that this apparent unfairness affects commercial campground operators within the municipality. In order to accommodate them, Council has, in that same by-law, devised a campground inspection program as per the *Forest Fire Protection Act* (FFPA). This program provides for an annual inspection (at a cost of \$25) to ensure that the campground meets the FFPA criteria for designation. Should the campground meet the requirements, it is declared a “designated campground” and fires will be allowed within its boundaries during a Municipal Fire Ban. **Any exemp-**

tion has no effect during the implementation of an MNR Restricted Fire Zone.

There are still restrictions for users of designated campgrounds as fires are not allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and fires must be contained in approved fireplaces and locations.

For more information or to call for an inspection please call the Township office or Wilfred Lamure, By-law Enforcement Officer at 613-586-2526.

A copy of this by-law and its appendices, including campsite designation checklists, may be found on our website under the Fire Service tab.

Disposal Site, Garbage & Recycling Collection Hours

Disposal site times will change the 15th of May and the 15th of September annually. During December, January and February the sites will be closed on Sunday and Monday due to reduced demand.

Summer Hours (May 15–Sept 15): Bissett Creek—Daily 6:00–7:00 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily 7:30–8:30 pm

Winter hours (Sept 16–May 14): Bissett Creek—Daily from 1:30–2:30 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Please take note that the disposal sites **will not** be open on statutory holidays. Should garbage pickup be scheduled for any of these days, it will take place on the next regular business day.

Pickup times remain the same:

Deux Rivieres—Tuesday 10:00–11:00 am;
Bissett Creek—Tuesday 11:30–12:00;
Stonecliffe—Thursday—11:00–12:00;
Mackey—Thursday 9:00–11:00



Recycling Collection:

Deux Rivieres & Bissett—every Tuesday with your garbage.

Mackey & Stonecliffe—every second Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) Dates for May—5th and 20th every two weeks after. Please have material out by 7:30 a.m. for collection.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day:

To be scheduled for fall—likely September. Please don't landfill these items—save them to drop at the depot. Likely to be held at the old rink site at Stonecliffe.

2007 Recycling and Garbage Statistics

2007 was the first year of our municipal recycling program (commenced in February) and as such, we are entitled to enter our statistics into something called a Municipal Datacall through Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO). This Datacall is a program whereby industry “stewards” fund recycling efforts. The producers and first generation importers of certain designated materials contribute to a fund used to compensate municipal recycling programs. Based on various factors and pre-determined “best practises” a formula is utilized to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of each recycling program. Although the numbers below look encouraging, it is too early to determine what, if any, amount of funding we will receive from WDO for our efforts. Regardless of this, municipal residents have actively participated in our recycling program and have diverted a total of 15.48 tonnes¹ (by weight) of material from our disposal sites through our recycling contract. 16.35 tonnes of scrap metal was diverted; .46 tonnes of Household Hazardous Waste through a special collection event (that we will be continuing) with 183.16 tonnes of garbage being landfilled (1.21 tonnes by volume).

Based on annual costs of the recycling program of \$19,817 and using MPAC data of 339 single family households (includes 205 seasonal) the cost per household for our recycling program is \$58.45. Depending on the findings of WDO we may receive some limited funding in the spring of 2009 to offset those costs. Until then, you are each strongly encouraged to do your part to increase the volume of material being diverted. Our last estimate on the life of our landfill sites, as determined by our engineers, (based on extrapolation of data from 2003 and to be confirmed by field testing in 2008) is 18 years for the Stonecliffe site and only 8 years for the Bissett site. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is not licensing

new sites. We need to take steps to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill sites and extend their life. Further, increased recycling will reduce the cost per household for our program and may result in increased reimbursement from WDO.

Failure to extend the life of our landfill will likely result in our having to increase taxes to bear the costs of transporting our waste to larger centres where processing plants that utilize waste to produce energy are being created.

“Let’s all do our part to reduce, reuse and recycle!”

Each of you can take steps to reduce the amount of material going to landfill. The page opposite lists the materials that can be recycled and those that you can save for our Household Hazardous Waste collection day to be held in the fall.

FYI—some other interesting stats—Number of units to our landfill.

- 11 freezers; 15 ranges; 19 refrigerators
- 51 rugs or rolls of carpet; 66 mattresses or box springs
- 39 couches or love seats
- 29 electronics, small appliances; 4 computers
- 28 loads of pine needles; 10 loads of leaves and 56 loads of brush.

Visit

http://www.greenontario.org/strategy/solid_waste.html to see what more you can do to divert material from our landfill.

¹ We need to recognize that some people recycle aluminum and other materials on their own; some return material to the Beer Store for refund. We will not be able to account for those items but assume that a decent volume of material is being recycled in that manner. We appreciate and encourage those efforts as well.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

PLASTIC BAGS - All plastic bags except chip and cereal bags; **ALUMINUM FOIL/PLATES; METAL and ALUMINUM CANS** - SOUP, POP, BEER, JUICE, etc.... cleaned; **CARDBOARD** - All types of boxes and boxboard broken down and flattened; **MILK AND JUICE BOXES/CARTONS** - please rinse thoroughly; **ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS** - Very important to rinse the food containers. - Ketchup-mustard margarine/yogurt tubs etc. must be clean; **PLASTIC BOTTLES** - All plastic water, pop, liquor and juice bottles;

STYROFOAM - Very important to clean food from Styrofoam; **PAPER PRODUCTS** - Newspapers, Egg Cartons, Magazines, Catalogues, Telephone Books, Office Paper, Household Junk Mail, Envelopes; **BROWN PAPER** - potato bags, flour bags, sugar bags; **GLASS CONTAINERS, BOTTLES, JARS** - All colours of glass and glass containers. PLEASE rinse all food and beverage containers; **Please Put Any Broken Glass in a Separate, Sealed Container to Prevent Injuries.** **SMALL APPLIANCES** -We will collect small appliances, computers and other electronics (toasters, VCRs, DVDs, fans, etc.)

Our contractors request that all materials be cleaned and placed in clear (transparent) plastic bags for collection to prevent material from absorbing water, making them more difficult to collect and process. There are a few simple rules to ensure that the materials collected end up recycled and not in our landfill. All containers must be rinsed so that no food particles remain in or on the container or bag. It's not necessary to remove paper from cans however; it is advisable to push the lids inside cans to prevent injuries during handling. Separate paper from material that has been washed. Unclean and damaged (wet) material will end up in our landfill.

Cottagers - please make your best efforts to join in our program. You may be able to place your recyclables out along with full time residents at designated locations or, you may place them in bins located beside the Township garage in Stonecliffe or at the Stonecliffe & Disposal Site. Please do your part to keep our Township green. For more information please visit our Recycling page on our web site.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following materials are considered Hazardous Waste and are not allowed to be disposed of in landfill. In order to provide an opportunity for disposal for our residents, Council has sponsored a HHW collection in 2007 and will hold a second in 2008. The date is to be confirmed but will be in the fall and well advertised. Please watch for notices at post offices, our webpage and the Township office. 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 and stains and their containers; Solvent such as thinners for paint, lacquer and contact cement, paint strippers and degreasers, and their containers; Used oil filters; Oil containers of 30 litres or less for a wide range of oil products such as engine and marine oils, and hydraulic, power steering and transmission fluids; Single use, dry cell batteries such as alkaline-manganese, zinc-carbon, lithium and button cell batteries (non-rechargeable) Automotive antifreeze (engine coolant and related containers; Pressurized containers such as propane tanks and cylinders; Fertilizers, for example, plant food or plant nutrients containing nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium (N-P-K); Fungicides, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides and their containers; Aerosols; Acids; Cleaners; Fluorescents; and gasoline.

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.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

As you know, last year a group of individuals initiated a drive to organize a memorial to show our respect and to honour those who served their country in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, or during peacetime. A memorial was set up on Township property to commemorate all Township residents who have served. The event was a huge success and resulted in the names of many more individuals whose names warrant a place on the plaque. In order to honour these individuals, the committee is continuing its efforts to obtain funding for a second plaque to be unveiled on August 16, 2008. Donations for this plaque and memorial are being accepted at the Township Office. To receive a tax receipt please make donations payable to the Municipality noting the purpose of the funds.

LIBRARY NEWS

MAY MADNESS

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008

FROM 9:00-2:00

PLANTS, YARD SALE, BAKE SALE, BOOKS, LUNCH,
HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP, TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT TABLE & DRAW FOR EMERGENCY KIT

SILENT AUCTION (*Bidding ends at 1:00*)

Horseshoe Tournament starts at 11:00

(table rental \$5 small, \$10 large Call Ruth 613-586-2526)

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY!

THE LIBRARY BOARD IS ALSO SPONSORING A DROP IN "COFFEE MORNING" HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL IN STONECLIFFE THE 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10-12. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. COME OUT AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR IN AN INFORMAL RELAXED SETTING.

BEVERAGES AND SNACKS PROVIDED—NO CHARGE

RAILWAY CROSSING CHARGES

It has come to our attention that the management of our section of the railway, Ottawa Valley Rail part of the North American Rail Group of Rail America, has recently significantly increased railway crossing lease fees. Council would like to determine the total number of individuals within the municipality who have been affected by this increase. If you have not already done so, could you please contact the Township Office. Thank you.

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We're on the web!

www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

Helpful Hints to Prevent Nuisance Bear Problems

As you know...Black bears are found throughout the forested regions of Ontario, including ours. Their diet consists mainly of berries, nuts, roots and insects.

After only one visit, bears can learn to associate human residences and campsites with readily available food. The majority of problems occur as a result of improperly stored household garbage but bears are also attracted to other sources. Bears will lose their natural fear of humans through repeated exposure in their search for food that people eat and may become nuisance bears.

Black bears are naturally timid and will

avoid encounters with humans. **Just because you see a bear does not mean it is a nuisance bear. Black bears travel great distances daily and may just be traveling through. Do your part to ensure that it keeps going.**

-If possible, store garbage in steel bear-proof containers. If not, place trash in airtight containers someplace inaccessible to bears.

-Put garbage out for pick-up on the morning of collection day.

-Keep meat scraps in your freezer until collection day.

-Do not leave pet food outdoors at night.

-Do not put meat, fish

or sweet food in composters.

-Rinse containers before disposal and recycling.

-Wash garbage containers frequently.

-Clean barbeques after use by burning grease off the grills and wiping any spills.

-Fill bird feeders in late Fall and empty them after mid-April.

-Pick all ripe fruit off trees and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground.



Black bears are highly intelligent. They quickly learn where food sources can be found and seek these out.

**IF YOU ENCOUNTER A
NUISANCE BEAR CALL
THE**

MNR 24/7 @

1-866-514-2327