



# HCM Winter Newsletter

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria December 2011

## Welcome to Your **Community** Newsletter

The staff and Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

### Holiday Hours

Please note that the Municipal office will be closed due to Holidays:

- at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 23, 2011
- On Monday, December 26, 2011
- On Tuesday, December 27, 2011
- at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2011 (Nomination Day)
- On Monday, January 2, 2011

The **disposal site** in Bissett will not be open on Tuesday, December 27 but will be open instead on Wednesday, December 28th, 2011.

**Garbage collection** for Bissett and Deux Rivieres will occur on Wednesday, December 28th, 2011.

**Recycling collection** for

Mackey and Stonecliffe will occur on Wednesday, December 28th, 2011.

**Regular services and office hours** will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the *Highway Traffic Act*, 1990, Section 181, No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. Please be cautious while clearing snow from your drive or lane.

Wilfred Lamure, Road Superintendent

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### SATELLITE SERVICE

Sue Good, General Manager, Xplornet Communications Inc. visited our area to talk about the new satellites and services available to our residents. The new packages offered to residents within the Eastern Ontario Regional Network include reduced costs and faster service. For additional information please contact your local Xplornet Dealer or visit [www.xplornet.com](http://www.xplornet.com) and go to their "Contact Us" page.

# Council News

## CORRECTION!

An issue that has caused much concern lately is the Auto-Extrication Agreement or “jaws of life” and its use within the municipality. We would first like to clarify an error printed in the last newsletter. The agreement with Laurentian Hills and Deep River does allow for assistance on Head, Clara & Maria municipal roads if required. Our apologies if this incorrect information caused any concern. Please note, that issue was not discussed during Council deliberations on the matter. It has since been clarified that a number of members of Council were aware that coverage existed on our roads during the agreement.

Although Council rescinded its original decision and has now been notified that we will have continued coverage; it should be noted that the roads within our municipality which have the most “logging” traffic are the Brent Road and the Bissett Creek Road. Neither of these roads (or Highway 17) are municipal roads but instead are Provincial Forest Access Roads. Whether HCM continued in the agreement with DR and LH did not matter when it con-

cerns coverage on those roads. They are not HCM responsibility. (MR)

## BY-ELECTION CALLED!

At its meeting of Friday, December 2, 2011 Council passed a by-law declaring a seat on Council vacant due to the resignation of Ed Aiston and authorized a municipal By-Election be held to fill the vacancy.

**Nomination Day** is Friday, December 30, 2011. You have from the date of passage of the by-law until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2011 to file your nomination as a candidate in the **by-election to be held on Monday, February, 13, 2012.**

Should there be only one nomination, that person will be acclaimed and there will be no cause for an election.

If required an advanced poll will be approved via by-law of Council and will be advertised in the NRT, on our website and on the usual bulletin boards. For additional information, please contact the municipal office or view the Elections webpage at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/Elections.html>. (MR)

## WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW ADOPTED!

Also at that meeting Council adopted a comprehensive by-law regulating garbage and recycling. Beginning April 1, 2012 full enforcement of the new requirements will commence. Up to that time, Council will focus on public education and communication ensuring that everyone knows what will be required of them.

The short version is that beginning in April of 2012, tipping fees will be implemented for each and every disposal site user. Bag limits for residential use have been limited to 1 bag per household per week, whether dumped at the site or collected. (There are exemptions for specific circumstances however; they will need to be discussed with staff.) Any “garbage” to be deposited in the municipal landfill or collected will require an additional charge of \$1 per bag or appropriate tipping fee. Full details may be located on the by-law page <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/by-laws.html>

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or drop in the office for a copy of the new by-law. Public information sessions and additional information will be sent out early in 2012 to ensure that the transition to the new system is as smooth as possible. Of course, you may recycle any amount of material at no cost.

## FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION

### HAVE A FIRE SAFE WINTER

“Enjoy the holiday season but be cautious with your Christmas Tree. Buy a freshly cut tree and keep the stand full of water at all times. Keep it away from all heat sources and make sure it doesn’t block a doorway. Check all decorative lights before placing them on the tree and discard any frayed or damaged lights and cords.

**NEVER** place lighted candles on or near the Christmas tree. When large amounts of needles begin to fall off, it’s time to get rid of the tree.”

A message from the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council and HCM.

Remember, all structure or vegeta-

tion fires within HCM must be reported. Please call Robert Labre 613-401-6955 (Fire Prevention Officer) or 613-586-2526.



## SMOKE ALARM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Did you know that HCM has an ongoing smoke alarm exchange program? If your smoke alarm has passed its expiry, bring it in and we will exchange it for a new one. Smoke alarms save lives. Please be safe, during the holidays and everyday.

Robert Labre  
Community Fire Prevention  
Officer & Chief Building Official

## MISSING LINK

### SNOWMOBILE CLUB

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

#### ◆ “OPEN SESAME” POKER RUN

Saturday, January 14th

Snowmobile Poker Run—Cash prizes and more! Dinner and Dance to follow at the Stonecliffe Township Hall.

#### ◆ FAMILY DAY FISH AND FUN

Sunday, February 19th

Come out for fun and games, ice fishing and campfire lunch.

#### ◆ 15th ANNUAL BOW TIE CLASSIC POKER RUN AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, March 3rd

Snowmobile Rally and Silent Auction at the Stonecliffe Township Hall.

For more details, check our website at  
[www.missinglinksc.ca](http://www.missinglinksc.ca)

Contact us at  
[mlscsec@gmail.com](mailto:mlscsec@gmail.com) or

Come to a meeting the first  
Tuesday of the month.

## Municipal Website

Please visit us at [www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca) for up to date accurate information. Back issues of all our newsletters, minutes of meetings, reports to Council, monthly budget and annual financial reports are included. If you don't have or want access to the internet, you can still keep yourself up to date. Drop by the municipal office from Monday to Friday, 8:30—4:00 and we'll not only answer your questions but provide you with any of those same documents. They belong to the public and are available for public viewing. Have a question about municipal policies etc.? Come to the source. We are here to serve you, the public and are available to answer questions and explain policies to the best of our ability. We work for you the resident and ratepayer. (MR)

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Send Newsletter suggestions, to Cathy Balla-Boudreau at [balla-boudreaudc@hotmail.com](mailto:balla-boudreaudc@hotmail.com), #36892 Hwy. 17, Mackey OR the Township office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Check to see that the mailing address on your tax bill is accurate and includes your 911#. If incorrect please provide a signed request to change your address, perhaps with your next tax payment. Although this change affects a large number of people, legislation prevents municipal staff from changing anyone's address without their signed authorization, even if it is for correction purposes. Failure to receive a tax bill is not a valid reason for not paying your taxes on time. Legal responsibility lies with the property owner to pay their taxes and to pay them on time.

## CWL

A huge **Thank You** to all who attended and those who assisted in making our annual Christmas Party a tremendous success. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and our celebration helped get them in the Christmas Spirit.

Our annual fundraiser has changed to a Winter Bingo and will occur sometime around Valentine's Day. Watch for posters for your chance to come out and win some cash prizes and support your community through the CWL. (LC/MR)

## Euchre Schedule

Township Hall,  
Stonecliffe

Sundays at 6:00

### 2011 Dates

Oct. 2

Oct. 16

Oct. 30

Nov. 13

Nov. 27

Dec. 11

**Merry Christmas & Happy  
New Year**



### 2012 Dates

Jan. 8

Jan. 15

Jan. 29

Feb. 12

Feb. 26

Mar. 11

Mar. 25

Apr. 1

Apr. 15