



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

Trail Side Café 2016

Another February has ended with a successful and busy Trail Side Café. The four Saturdays in February



brought sledders, locals and neighboring township residents out to the Stonecliffe Community Centre for a homemade lunch of soup, hot sandwich and a dessert, accompanied by some homegrown music.

success it was. Volunteers baked, prepped food, cooked, set-up the hall, placed signs on the trail, served, washed dishes and bar tendered to make this work. Thanks also to our volunteer students that were able to come out too. Thanks again.



Anyone looking to volunteer next year this is an event that could use you.

Most Saturdays saw a group of musicians show up for an open mic venue for musicians and singers alike.

There was some very good music played and some songs well sung.

Thanks very much to Gerald Chaput and Kurt Penny for getting the word out and arranging the entertainment. It was well received and much appreciated.



Thanks all, see you next year. (GW)



Thanks to all the volunteers that took on a role to make this event such a success, as there are a lot of components that go into this event to make it the



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR GIBSON

Hello all,

It sure was nice to burn less wood this February than last. Let's hope we have seen the last of the big snowfalls for this year.

At last month's County Council meeting, a recommendation came from the Finance and Administration Committee report to have the Warden appoint a Deputy Warden(s). This was item 16 of the 19 items in the report.

So the way it works at County Council is the Chair of the Committee reads the report and then the Warden goes through the report on an item by item basis and asks if anyone has any comment or question about that item. If not, then the whole report along with all recommendations is voted on by Council. Quite often there are no questions and this could certainly give casual observers the opinion that County Council is simply a rubber stamp organization. That is not true.

When the Warden got to item 16, I asked for that item to be severed from the report. This means that it is discussed and voted on separately from the main report. I introduced amendments to the procedural bylaw and written argument for those amendments. The Warden immediately suggested that these amendments go back to Committee and I expressed the desire to have them debated at full Council. After much debate, I moved that they go back to Committee to give people more time to consider the amendments and the fact that some members were questioning even the need for a Deputy Warden.

I will be bringing in a member's motion to next County Council meeting that all items with respect to County Council governance will be dealt with by full County Council and not by committee. The reason for this is so our governance documents, especially our Procedural Bylaw and our new Code of Conduct would be debated by the 17 members of county Council and not five members of a committee. The most important part of any Municipality's operation is their governance documents and in my humble opinion they are just too important to be handled at the committee level. I'll let you know the results of those endeavors in the next newsletter.

Congratulations and many thanks to our staff and all our volunteers for the social and educational events held this winter. Cold weather negatively impacted some but we can't do anything about that. The weather was much more favourable to the Missing Link Snowmobile Club as they had their highest ever registration for their Bow Tie Classic poker run and another very successful silent auction. The thing that impressed me the most about that event was the number of new residents to our Community who came out to enjoy the day and more importantly to help out by volunteering. They got to meet many of their neighbors and our residents got to meet them. Welcome to our Community and thanks so much for taking an active part in it. We hope to see more of you enjoying yourselves and meeting more of your neighbours at future events.

Staff and Council are still trying to achieve a solution to the Provincial problem of no auto extrication on highway 17 from Colton Creek road to Bissett Creek. We have endured a lot of criticism in the media from various quarters and we are addressing some of the gross errors about us. I have to tell you that I am not as optimistic as I wish I could be that a solution is available but you can be certain we will try our best to get this resolved.

Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Jim Gibson



A friendly reminder from your Treasurer:

Your interim tax bills will be mailed out on or before March 10th. If you have not received it by March 20th, please contact the municipal office to have it reissued. This payment is due on or before March 31st, 2016.

The next tax bill (final) will be mailed out on or before July 10th. This bill is divided into 2 payments; the 1st portion is due on or before July 31st and the 2nd is due on or before October 31st, 2016. If you choose to pay your final bill in full, you may do so.

Available Payment Options:

by visiting the township website at www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca and selecting the

Make an ePayment

link:

this service permits you to make a credit card or PayPal payment to pay your tax bill as well as any Account Receivable invoices such as tipping fees or building permits;

be advised, when utilizing this service, there is a processing fee which is based on the amount of your payment owing to ePay, *NOT* the municipality;

by visiting any Scotiabank branch in Canada:

for non-Scotia customers, you can still make your tax payment by presenting your tax bill to the teller and let him/her know you are a non-customer;

for customers, you can add Head, Clara & Maria as a payee;

by visiting the township office with your cash, cheque or money order; If visiting after-hours, payments may be dropped in our night depository slot located at the municipal office entrance;

or by mailing in your cheque or money order. Please do *NOT* send cash by mail.

Please note: When sending your payment via regular mail, you must allow enough time for Canada Post to process the mail, as we are not responsible for late fees which will be applied if your payment is not received by the due date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office, Monday to Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Noella LeBreton

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

MISSING LINK SNOWMOBILE CLUB**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Tues March 29, 2016****7:00 p.m.****Stonecliffe Township Hall****Everyone Welcome**

C O M M U N I T Y N E W S

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HCM Council and Auto - Extrication

Stonecliffe, Ontario – February 19, 2016 – Unprotected Provincial Highway in Head, Clara & Maria

Currently, there is no auto-extrication service along Highway 17 in Head, Clara & Maria from the Bissett Creek Bridge to the Laurentian Hills border potentially leaving the travelling public in danger. HCM Council is attempting to resolve this issue.

According to Ontario Provincial Police records, from 2010 - 2015, there have been an average of 1.8 motor vehicle collisions involving personal injury annually along highway 17 in Head, Clara & Maria; only a portion of them being on this stretch of the highway.

Data collected by the Ontario Provincial Police for the years 2010 to and including 2015 show the following calls involving motor vehicle collisions resulting in personal injury.

2010 – 4, 2011 – 1, 2012 – 3, 2013 – 2, 2014 – 0 2015 – 1.

In 1985 Head, Clara & Maria (HCM) entered into an agreement with the current Towns of Laurentian Hills and Deep River for the provision of auto-extrication services along this stretch of the highway through a joint purchase of equipment funded in part by the provincial/federal Joint Emergency Preparedness Program grant. Although not legislated, municipal fire departments traditionally provide equipment and personnel; the province pays for service calls.

Under the agreement it was understood that each department would look after its own municipality first. There was always the possibility that a call could result in no response if the equipment or personnel were needed in the base municipality.

In 2015 HCM Council, concerned with the lack of reporting or accounting during the life of the agreement asked to strengthen it. Conditions of the agreement were not being met; reporting was non-existent. HCM was being asked to sign a new agreement with no upper limit for expenses; in essence, a blank cheque.

Instead of repairing the agreement, in April of 2015 the Town of Deep River stated that it was no longer in a position to provide this service as its department was understaffed and facing its own internal challenges; that the Ontario Fire Marshal's office had questioned their continued partnership.

The Town of Laurentian Hills was willing to stay in the agreement but were also willing to handle auto extrication on their own.

Representatives of the three municipalities during a meeting of the North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit (NRERU) board agreed to mutually dissolve the agreement ultimately transferring the equipment to Laurentian Hills.

C O M M U N I T Y N E W S

After public consultation in August of 2015, and having previously consulted with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria agreed to mutually dissolve the NRERU; promising to investigate alternate service arrangements. Promising to follow resident's suggestions, Council contacted the province for support and resolution.

Council believed that being a provincial asset, the province should assume responsibility where service could not be arranged. Further they believed that since Laurentian Hills was in receipt of the equipment, that a pay for service agreement might be brokered once the NRERU was terminated.

In October of 2015 HCM Council requested such an agreement from Laurentian Hills Council; HCM was told unequivocally that no, Laurentian Hills was not in a position to provide this service.

The Town of Mattawa, which provides coverage along Highway 17 from the westernmost border to the Bissett Creek Hill/bridge was contacted via telephone in April 2015 and we were told that they were not able to come further east due to exposure to their residents.

In November of 2015 Head, Clara & Maria notified the province of the situation along Highway 17 and requested that the province take steps to assist in protecting the travelling public. A copy of this letter was sent to our MPP, John Yakabuski.

Under the *Fire Prevention and Protection Act* a municipality is not required to have a fire department. If it chooses not to, or does not have the ability to form a department a municipality shall provide: a simplified risk assessment, a smoke alarm program, fire safety education material and building inspections upon complaint or when requested to assist with code compliance. Head, Clara & Maria meets these obligations.

With a total permanent population of under 250, an aging population and a geographic expanse of approximately 70 km along the highway, even if gifted auto-extrication and/or fire equipment, HCM does not have the population to man it, paid or volunteer.

Although not legally its responsibility, socially some Head, Clara & Maria Council members feel that it must work to find a resolution to this situation and is investigating other options.

Irrespective of agreements in place with municipalities with fire departments, as with policing, auto-extrication and public safety along provincial highways remains a provincial responsibility.

Contact:

Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON. K0J 2K0
613-586-2526

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM IN DEEP RIVER, LAURENTIAN HILLS, AND HEAD, CLARA & MARIA 2016

Volunteers through the Carefor Program prepare income taxes **Free of charge** for individuals who meet the "limited income" threshold.

For purposes of this Program, limited income is defined as \$30,000 for an individual, \$40,000 for a couple, \$35,000 for an adult with 1 child, and \$2,500 allowed for each additional child.

We require a minimum of the individuals name, phone number and date of birth in order to proceed with preparing the return.

Your return from last year is very helpful to the volunteers to ensure that nothing gets overlooked.

Volunteers will pick up the returns at the drop off points twice a week. Individuals will be called when their completed return is ready for them to pick up at the drop off point.

[Drop Off at...](#)

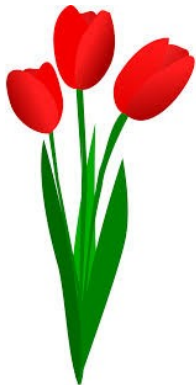
Municipal Office in Stonecliffe:

March 2 – April 3 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday -Wednesday and Friday – Closed Thursdays

Or Call Linda Chartrand – 613-586-2366



Library News



Spring Card Party & Luncheon

Hosted by HCM Public Library

Thursday April 21, 2016

12:00 noon

HCM Township Hall, Stonecliffe

\$13.00 per person

Call Marlene 613-586-2761 for tickets



Watch for more information to come on June Jazaar—Saturday June 4th, 2016

Tone and Fit Group

Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Township Hall - 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome - No Cost—Please come and join us.



Mild Aerobic exercise to suit your needs via DVD instruction.

Contact Cathy Sutherland – mcsutherland1954@gmail.com or 613-586-2591 for information!

Or just drop by.

Yoga in Stonecliffe

Yoga with instructor Kim Knight is continuing this winter at the HCM Community Centre. We are hoping to interest at least 5 participants and will gladly welcome more! Yoga is a great activity for all age groups. It can help you improve your strength and flexibility.

Things you need to know:

Classes and Times:

Thursday March 10	11:00 to noon
Thursday March 17	11:00 to noon
Thursday March 24	11:00 to noon
Thursday March 31	11:00 to noon
Thursday April 14	11:00 to noon

\$10 per class. Participants will need a yoga mat. There are a few mats at the hall if you wish to try a class.



A Message from Kim

After the first class, I'll tailor your classes to suit the needs of each of the participants; observing how they move and making recommendations for healthier movement using poses and movement to do this. Participants need to be able to get up and down off of the floor, assisted by a chair if necessary.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Debbi Grills to get your name on the list at 613-586-1904 or leave a message at the office 613-586-2526.

HOMECOMING 2017?

We want to know if you'd come to an HCM Homecoming?

WHEN: June 30 - July 3 – 2017!

Where: Head, Clara & Maria

Various Venues, Various Locations.

It's Canada's sesquicentennial (150th) and we'd like to celebrate with a "homecoming"!

(We've had some wonderful individuals come forward to agree to help plan already.)

Our first big goal would be to reach out to determine if there is interest from families to come back for such an event?

Would you come?

If you would be interested in attending, please contact office staff at 613-586-2526 or email hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com by March 31, 2016.

It can't happen without your input and help. If we have no or little interest by the end of March, we will not be proceeding. If you'd like this to happen,



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Community Dates to Remember

- * Friday March 11, 2016 - 2:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council
- * Thursday March 17, 2016 - 1:00 pm
Snowshoeing
- * Thursday March 24, 2016 - 1:00 pm
Pickle ball
- * Saturday March 26, 2016 - 1:00 pm
Tied Fleece Blanket Craft
- * Friday April 8, 2016 - 2:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council
- * Thursday April 21, 2016 - 10:30 am
Library Card Party
- * Friday May 13, 2016 - 2:00 pm
Regular Meeting of Council
- * Friday May 27, 2016 - 1:00 pm
Committee of the Whole Meeting
- * Saturday June 4, 2016
MHSW Collection 10 am—1 pm
June Jazaar

Watch your email and bulletin boards for more information.

Come join us for **Euchre** at the
Township Hall at 1:30 pm



March 20
April 3
April 17

Our Community Caring

Often we have posted information in our Newsletters about the resources available to those in our community who may need financial assistance either through the North Renfrew Family Services office or the Food Bank. With our increased hall usage, and planning large events with the sale of food, we often find ourselves with leftovers at the end of an event. All food is still good quality and sometimes of large quantity as we do not know how many attendees we might have at any event.



Conversation has led volunteers to wonder if there are people in our community who might appreciate receiving some of this prepared food; enough for a meal or two. If you, or perhaps a neighbour might benefit from volunteers sharing this food, and you would like to be considered after our next event; please contact Crystal at the office to have your name placed on a confidential list. We will either call you to come pick it up, or have a volunteer drop it off on their way home. (MR)

HCM Senior's Program

We still have a couple of events scheduled for the Senior/Intergenerational Program. With the weather warming up, **Snowshoeing** is scheduled for **Thursday March 17th**. We will meet at the community centre at 1:00 pm and there is a variety of new snowshoes sizes available to borrow, all of which were purchased through this program.

Pickle ball, although not strictly a component of the seniors program, is scheduled for **Thursday March 24th** at 1:00 pm at the community centre.

The pickle ball equipment was purchased through Recreation Committee previous to this program. If there is enough interest, pickle ball will continue on a monthly basis. Once the snow is gone, we hope to move the court outdoors.

There will be a Tied Fleece Blanket Workshop on **Saturday March 26th** at 1:00 pm, also at the community centre to wrap up our Senior/ Inter-

generational Program. Please **RSVP by March 18th** to ensure we purchase enough materials for all of our participants.



The Seniors/ Intergenerational Programming is soon coming to an end. We have had a number of informative workshops including Genealogy on January 28th. Diane Burnett along with other members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group came to the community centre to provide advice and tips on researching family history. They are a very knowledgeable and passionate group who are eager to help. Their library is

located in the lower level of the Masonic Lodge (222 Dickson St., Pembroke) and consists of maps; cemetery recordings; census records; family trees; birth, marriage and death certificates and much more. For more information please visit their website at www.uovgg.ca.

Erica Van Drunen, Registered Dietician with the Deep River and District Hospital presented a power point on healthy eating guidelines and its history. She brought visuals with her to help demonstrate what appropriate serving sizes should look like. Erica offers nutritional counseling and advice and you can contact her at 613-584-3333 x 313 or at EricaV@drdh.org

Michael Mykolyshyn from Valley Computer Repair hosted a Technology Workshop on February 21st. Recently graduating from Algonquin College's Computer Systems Technician program, Michael shared a wealth of information on computers, internet, antivirus and cell phones. He demonstrated different operating systems and

provided solutions and advice regarding questions and concerns that our participants

had. It was great to see some local youth out as well, to share their technology tips with the rest of the group. Thank you Sneh, Nathaniel and Nick!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this program a success and to those who made it out to the different events. (CF)





THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

MUNICIPAL HAZARDOUS AND SPECIAL WASTE

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016.

10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

KENNY ROAD LANDFILL SITE

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| ⇒ Latex or oil based paints and coating | Automobile and household batteries |
| ⇒ Solvents or turpentine | Oven & Window cleaners |
| ⇒ Used oil filters | Lubricating oil & containers |
| ⇒ Antifreeze and containers | BBQ lighter fluids |
| ⇒ Propane cylinders | Aerosol containers |
| ⇒ Florescent bulbs/tubes | Gasoline and Waste Oil |
| ⇒ Mercury switches/thermometers | Needles & Syringes |
| ⇒ Pharmaceuticals | Fire Extinguishers |
| ⇒ Fertilizers & Pesticides | Insecticides & Herbicides |
| ⇒ Disinfectants | Rat & Mouse Poisons |
| ⇒ Pool Chemicals | |

For more information, please call the Township Office
at 613-586-2526, see Bill or your members of Council!

Building Permits

With spring quickly approaching, please keep the following in mind if you are thinking of home improvements or renovations.

In general, a building permit is required to erect, install, extend, alter or repair a building. The following are examples of projects that require building permits but is not all inclusive:

- Construction of a new building;
- Addition of a carport, garage, porch or room (s) to an existing building;
- Construction or finishing of rooms in a basement or attic;
- Any structural work, including alterations to interior partitions or the installation of new skylights, windows or doors;
- Addition of dormer(s); • Enclosing a porch or deck; • Addition of a deck to an existing home;
- Raising or excavating under a house to provide a basement or foundation;
- Constructing or installing detached accessory buildings such as a garage, shed or playhouse larger than 100 square feet (10 square metres);
- Installation of a fireplace and other heating appliances including the replacement of furnaces, ductwork and chimneys;
- Installation of central air conditioning;
- Installation of siding, brick or other exterior wall coverings;
- Installation or re-installation of insulation, air/vapour barrier and/or drywall;
- Replacing or installing plumbing, including repair or installation of an on-site sewage system.
- Damp proofing or waterproofing foundation walls including installation of weeping tile;
- Installing a ramp or elevating device;
- Change of use to provide for occupancy of an existing building;
- Repairs or renovations;
- Replacement of exterior doors or windows;
- Re-shingling a roof.



If this list does not include specifics of your project or you are unsure if a permit will be required, please review the details of the work with our CBO, prior to construction, during your planning stage.

Although a building permit may not be required, you must still comply with the requirements of the Municipal Zoning by-law and the County Official Plan which include such things as water, side, front and rear lot set backs to name a few.

A **demolition permit** is required if you are tearing down a building or a part of a building.

TO BE SAFE, CALL BOB AT 613-586-1950, LEAVE A MESSAGE AND HE WILL GET

BACK TO YOU TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT.

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
Located on Bissett Creek Road

Stonecliffe Site

Thursday 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm
Located on Kenny Road

2016 Recycling Dates

March 14 and 18

April 11 and 25

May 9 and 23

June 6 and 20

July 4 and 18

August 2 (Tuesday), 15 and 29

September 12 and 26

October 11 (Tuesday) and 24

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19



Collection Days and Times

Deux Rivières

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.

HCM Staff Diversion Efforts

We collect pop can tabs, stamps, Campbell's labels and milk bags at the municipal hall. We pass them on to different organizations or school groups who then collect larger amounts with the end goal of providing funds or a product to make someone's life easier.

If you are aware of any other group or organization which collects recyclable materials for the greater good; let us know and we will investigate to see if it is something that we can support.



VISIT OUR UPDATED SITE

www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

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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.

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COUNCIL 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meets at 2:00 pm. (14:00 h)

MARCH 11 | APRIL 8 | MAY 13
JUNE 10 | SEPTEMBER 9
SEPTEMBER 9 | OCTOBER 14 | NOVEMBER 18

RECREATION COMMITTEE

**MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE PLEASE

CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 613-586-2526

**Sub committee meetings are posted on the municipal calendar located on our
webpage at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/calendar/>**

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

— Lao Tzu