



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD,
CLARA & MARIA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff and Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

2014 saw the end of term for one Council and the beginning for another. Congratulations and welcome to Reeve Jim Gibson, Councillors Calvin Chartrand, Dave Foote, Debbi Grills and Bob Reid. Thank you for putting your name forward to lead our community into the future. Staff look forward to working closely with our new Council to serve the members of our community for the benefit of all.

With the coming holidays, the Municipal Office will be closed the following dates.



Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

Wednesday, December 31

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Thursday, January 1

Disposal Sites will be closed Thursday, December 25 and January 1st. Mackey and Stonecliffe Collection will occur on Wednesday, December

24th and Wednesday December 31st. The sites will not be open those dates but will be open Saturday the 27th.

Recycling Collection will occur as usual on December 22 and January 5, 2015.

The Garbage Collection between December 23rd and January 10th will be Amnesty Days where more than the usual one bag of garbage will be collected roadside. For these dates, two **untagged** bags of normal household garbage will be allowed. Rules as to unacceptable materials and sorting of recyclables will be enforced. We are simply allowing an (Cont'd on page 4)



A MESSAGE FROM REEVE GIBSON

Good day to everyone,

One of the duties of a head of Council is to communicate with the Community. I welcome this first opportunity as your new Reeve to speak to you all via our Community newsletter. I am tremendously proud of the voter participation we had in our recent election. Congratulations to all who came out to vote.

At our inaugural Council meeting on Dec 5th this year, I will be giving the following Reeve's address to Council. It is important for everyone to realize that while the head of Council is, by legislation, the leader of Council and the Municipality, the head of Council has only one vote, the same as every other member of Council. The head of Council can not commit the Municipality to any action without the express consent of Council.

It is also important to remember that Council sets policy and direction for the Municipality and that Municipal staff are the people who are responsible for the day to day operation of the Municipality.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I look forward to serving you for the next four years.

**Reeve's address to
our new Council,
Dec 5th, 2014**



I congratulate each one



of our councillors on being acclaimed to Council. Although you did not have the opportunity to participate in an election, you are rightly justified in occupying the position of Councillor. By filing your name, you are no less deserving of a seat on Council than if you had successfully faced an election.

Thank you for taking such an interest in serving our Community.

I want to outline to Council and staff what I think our Community expects of us as a Council and what I, as the leader of this Council, expect us to deliver. These expectations are based on my 14 years of experience on Council, on the training I have received over those years, on what I learned from residents and non residents during my election campaign, on various codes of conduct, and others are based simply on good manners. Some of you have had training and experience that describes a number of these expectations that you already perform, but I feel it important to repeat them here so that we are all starting off the next four years

on the same page.

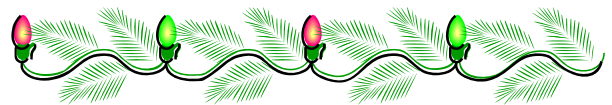
We, as a Council, are expected to:

- ★ Arrange for receipt of our Councilor packages.
- ★ Be prepared for meetings by doing our homework and our own research if necessary.
- ★ Show up at every meeting on time.
- ★ Notify staff immediately if we are unable to attend a meeting or will be unavoidably late and, failing that, notify the Reeve or another member of Council. This should be done promptly by phone and email if possible.
- ★ Notify staff of any long term absences from the Community. (more than a week)
- ★ Ensure we are dealing in facts only.
- ★ Fully participate in debate on all major issues.
- ★ Immediately correct any statements that are not factual.
- ★ In a split vote, indicate why we are taking our position.
- ★ Support Council decisions once they are made.
- ★ Be open, frank, polite, and truthful in all our discussions with ourselves, with staff and with the public.
- ★ Use our staff as a source of factual information.
- ★ Do what is best for the long term interests of our Community and that includes the silent majority.
- ★ When engaging in discussions with the public, ensure they are aware of policies and procedures and are dealing in facts.
- ★ Be respectful of each other, the public, and staff.
- ★ Ensure the lines between Council's duties and staff's duties do not become blurred.

- ★ Be respectful of delegations to Council.
- ★ Promptly return phone calls and emails.
- ★ Support and attend Community events when possible.
- ★ Participate in training relative to our positions.

Our adherence to these expectations will help ensure that we, as a Council, will manage the affairs of this Municipality in a manner that our residents can be satisfied is best for our mutual long term interests.

Reeve Jim Gibson



Community Dates to Remember

- ★ Friday, December 5, 2014—2 p.m. Inaugural Council Meeting
- ★ Saturday, December 6, 2014—1 p.m. **Budget Public Meeting**
- ★ Sunday, December 7, 2014—1 p.m. Kids Craft and Decorating
- ★ Wednesday, December 10, 2014—11: a.m. North Renfrew Long Term Care Centre **Christmas Lunch**
- ★ Saturday, December 14, 2014—2 p.m. CWL Community **Christmas Party**
- ★ Wednesday, December 31, 2014—8:30 p.m. **New Year's Eve Celebration**
- ★ **Euchre**, Cancelled until after Christmas



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Come January, the Disposal Site Hours will be Reduced once again - for January, February and March **ONLY** the disposal site hours will be as follows. Bissett - Tuesdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and Stonecliffe - Thursdays - 12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same.



SNOW ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

Annual snowplow operations begin with the first significant snowfall of the year. This can be as early as November 15 (our contract start date) or as late as Mother Nature decides. Township bylaws and the Highway Traffic Act prohibit parking or stopping on a road in a way that interferes with plowing operations. Plow operators need clear roadways to complete their routes safely and on time. Under the Highway Traffic Act, residents are prohibited from deposit-

ing snow on any roadway. When clearing snow, pile it on your property – do not shovel it onto the road or across the road into the ditch. This practice is dangerous because it may cover the salt/sand applied and may cause drivers to lose control. It may also cause windrows of snow that freeze across the road causing further hazards.



TRAILER PARKING FOR SLEDDERS

As determined in 2013, Municipal staff allow for parking of vehicles and trailers along municipal roads at certain locations along Mackey Creek and Ashport Roads. The snowplow turnarounds are already plowed as widely as possible in these areas for this purpose, vehicles parking there are not ticketed provided they park where indicated.

So long as people park their vehicles along the left side of the road, the left side while traveling in the road (the south side of Mackey Creek Road and the north side of Ashport Road) they are OK. They will not be ticketed, towed or plowed in.

Be respectful of others and municipal operations. Ride Safe.

Your Public Library News

Library News Fall 2014



The library has been busy this fall. The Fall Harvest Lunch and Card Party was a great success. We sold out all of our tables and everyone enjoyed a great lunch and some yummy desserts. The library would like to extend our thanks to all the hard working volunteers who helped plan and run another great fundraiser!

Once again to celebrate Library Reading Week, we held a draw for three different Chapters gift cards. We hope all of our lucky winners enjoyed spending their gift card on a great new book.

The Aging Well Theatre came up for another visit at the end of November, sharing humorous skits about life as seniors. They shared some new skits and some old favourites for an afternoon of laughs.

Do you need a calendar for the New Year? Why not come by the Township office and purchase a Crime Stoppers Calendar for a chance to win money every day of the year! Calendars are \$20 and money raised will help the library. Last year we had twelve winners from our library (10 winners of \$25, one \$100 winner and one lucky person won 220!).

The HCM Library is on social media. Check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hcmpubliclibrary>) to keep up to date on all the latest happenings at the library. We are also on Pinterest (<https://www.pinterest.com/hcmlibrary/>). Follow us on Pinterest and you will have access to 'pins' of our latest books added to the library, links to local area websites, 'pins' on crafting, beautiful libraries, silly and inspirational quotes and educational fun and games.

The library is looking for new volunteers. If you can help out by working in the library or with future fundraising events please contact the library.

Candice Hersak started in September as our new librarian. She is in the library on most Wednesdays and would love to meet all of the patrons and volunteers that make this a great library.



Meet the Playfords, Pat and John

Pat and John have been living in downtown Mackey for 6 years, with a vista of the Ottawa River that takes one's breath away. They moved to Mackey from Brockville and both have embraced the great outdoors. John accepted a job at AECL (now CNL) after meeting Pat's criteria: to live on waterfront and for Pat to be able to find a job. With both conditions met, we are blessed to have them in our community.

Pat has lived all over Ontario as a child of a military family, from the air force base in Trenton to Rockcliffe in Ottawa, to Alliston. Pat attended the University of Waterloo in Applied Chemistry where she met John who was studying Electrical Engineering. After graduation, they moved to Owen Sound where John was born and raised. They worked together at the local PPG glass plant, Pat as Assistant Plant Chemist and John as a Process Engineer.

After living in Owen Sound for a couple of years, it became time to spread their wings and venture from the hometown. Their move to Brockville shaped their lives for the next 25 years. John was hired as a Process Engineer at Phillips Cables, and eventually became their Technical Director, overseeing eight Canadian plants. When Phillips Cables closed their doors, Pat and John chose to stay in Brockville rather than moving to the States where Phillips Cables had sister companies. Instead John accepted a job at Casco Corn Products in a neighboring community where he remained for 9 years as the Plant Engineering Manager. Pat worked as Foreman/Chemist for the Water Pollution Control Centre until parenthood changed their lives. They raised two children: Christopher, who now lives in Ottawa with his wife, and who gifted them with beautiful granddaughter Edie, age 1 ½, and daughter Heather who also lives in Ottawa. Pat stayed at home with the kids as they were growing up and was involved in a lot of volunteerism and recreation, including broomball, rowing, and theatre.



She eventually returned to the paid workforce as a Project Manager with a commercial printing company- a job she loved. Eventually John's restless spirit was looking for a change and a secure pension; AECL provided that opportunity.

John accepted a job with AECL in Project Engineering, eventually moving to his current position managing Construction and Commissioning. As per criteria for the move, Pat landed a job as Process Improvement Specialist within Engineering Programs and Standards. Work has enabled them to play – socializing with neighbours with boat “cruises”, dinners and bonfires. They've purchased a few toys since settling here: two 4-wheelers, a boat, and a pair of kayaks.

Pat expresses her creative side in a variety of media. She enjoys photography, particularly of people, birds, animals and landscape. She also loves set design for theatre, and relishes painting the largesse of murals and windows. Her musical side is expressed through playing autoharp, guitar, clarinet, keyboard and djembe drums. She loves sewing and putting fabrics together in colour and design. She has brought her talents to our Music Fest in printing, design, and décor. Both Pat and John love golf, and have contributed to a local practice of the aptly-named "redneck golf". They have aspirations of developing another local sport suitable for winter: curling-on-the-river. Stay tuned...

Pat and John were touched by the welcome they received from neighbours when they moved to the area. People were helpful and sharing, and they experienced a sense of community very quickly. They look forward to participating in the activities of the Townships as a whole. And there's a line- up of people waiting to call upon their experience and talent!

So, when you see them on the trails or enter the Hall filled with people they have yet to meet, introduce yourself to them – for now you know them a wee bit more and are aware of how much they have to give of themselves. They are great people to have in our Townships. We're so glad you're here, Pat & John! (CBB)

FAST FACTS

Did you know that the library has a subscription to the magazine

Australian Patchwork & Quilting”

Euchre Players

It was decided on Nov. 23rd to cancel Euchre on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. for the rest of the year due to reduced attendance. It has been suggested that an afternoon or another day would be more suitable for getting together to play euchre. If you have a suggestion and/or wish to play every second week from January to April 2015, contact Marlene Gibson by December 20th. 613-586-2761.

Halloween in HCM

A small but enthusiastic group of “trick or treaters” celebrated Halloween at the Stonecliffe Community Centre on Friday October 31st.

The youngest participant was Michael Sproule who arrived as a “Lobster in a Pot”! We expect that he will be ready to participate in the games next year.



FAST FACTS

Did you know that the Library now has the 3rd book in “Wolf Chronicles” by Dorothy Hearst. Ask for “Spirit of the Wolves” the story of the young wolf Kaala.

Pumpkin Bowling, Bobbing for Worms, Donuts on a String, Pumpkin Brain search and Fear Factor led by the Witch Doctor were some of the “scary” activities during the evening. Adults and kids alike enjoyed an uproarious game of Halloween Pictionary! The team race to create mummies followed by a movie brought a fun night to a conclusion. All the kids left with bags of Halloween candy to enjoy a sugar rush at home.

The HCM Recreation Committee would like to make this Halloween party an annual event and hope that all the children (young and old) in the townships will join in the fun next year.





Indoor Walking



Tone and Fit Group

Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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

Everyone is welcome - No Cost

Please come and join us.



Mild Aerobic exercise to suit your needs

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





New Year's Eve 2015

Stonecliffe Community Centre

Doors open at 8:30

Band to begin at 9:00 featuring

Lonesome Dreamer

Advance Tickets \$15/person \$25/couple

All tickets at the door \$15; advance sale ends Dec. 15th

Tickets available from Albert Chartier, Jen Dowser, Wanda Baril, Linda Chartrand, Gayle Watters, Marlene Gibson, and the Municipal Office 586-2526

Door Prizes—Light Lunch— Cash Bar

Local Designated Driver Program

Outside HCM—please plan your own safe ride home

Limited Seating—Get Your tickets Now!



Residents of Head, Clara & Maria are invited
to the CWL

Community Christmas Social & Potluck Supper

Sunday December 14th at 2:00 pm

Stonecliffe Township Hall



Activities are planned for the whole family.

Please bring a donation for the Food Bank

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

Supper served at 5:00 pm

Help us plan - RSVP by December 8th to:

Debbi Grills 586-1904 or Linda Chartrand 586-2366



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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.

INPUT: Council and staff are interested in what you have to say. If you have ideas for service changes, comments, concerns, complaints? Please forward to the Municipal Office or any of your members of Council at the contacts provided. Your input is valued. Many positive changes recently implemented have been the result of ratepayer suggestion. Please take every opportunity you can to take part in the future of your government and your community.

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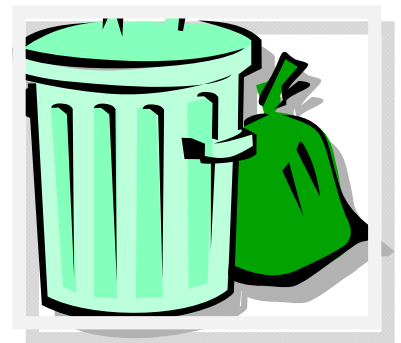
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TIPPING FEES

Notice: All tipping fees outstanding as of December 31, 2014 will be added to your tax bill. If you have fees outstanding please make arrangements to pay them.