



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF
HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

HCMVotes 2018

Introducing your Candidates

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GRANTS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

There has been lots of action in the community thanks to grant funding opportunities. The New Horizon's for Seniors Program has provided funding for covered shelters on the back and along side the community centre, as well as for air conditioning units inside. HCM Rec Committee's financial contributions also helped make this project possible.



The Ontario Senior's Community Grant has provided funding for a seniors/intergenerational program which has so far offered classes such as fitness, yoga, painting, bath bombs and a tombstone saddle workshop.

Exercise classes with certified personal trainer, Lauralee Mills will begin again in September and Bonita, from Travelling Mat Yoga, will be here August 25th and Septem-

ber 1st at 1:00 p.m. to instruct gentle yoga. More programs and events will be scheduled under OSCG for the fall and winter. If you have any suggestions please email hcminfocfischer@gmail.com.

We have also been successful in obtaining grant funding from Healthy Kids Community Challenge for children's programming. Over the summer we have had dance lessons, a bath bomb workshop, painting lessons and a two week summer day camp program. Mommy and Me Yoga is scheduled for August 25th and September 1st at 2:00 p.m. We are working towards adding a karate and fitness class in the fall.

We have submitted applications under the New Horizon's For Seniors Program for continued senior/intergenerational programming and revitalization of LaCroix Park. Announcements will be made in 2019.



If there is something you would like to see in our recreational programming, or have suggestions for workshops, please email hcminfocfischer@gmail.com.



RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

HCM Rec Committee has been busy since the last newsletter. We celebrated Mother's Day and Father's Day with free community breakfasts. Approximately 40 people came out on Mother's Day to enjoy pancakes and sausages, while doubling to 80 people on Father's Day.

The fishing derby on June 16th had 8 registrants. Congratulations to Charlie Paquette who was the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize winner. Thank you to Yates General Store for the generous donations towards this event.

The free pancake and sausage breakfast on Canada Day was a huge hit with more than 100 people in attendance! After receiving feedback at Homecoming, Canada Day festivities took place at Old Mackey Park in the evening, with a free BBQ dinner, inflatables, face painting, live band and an amazing fireworks display. There are many volunteers who put countless hours into making these events possible, and we can't thank them enough.

Unfortunately, the spring baseball tournament was cancelled due to weather and then low registration on the rain date. Rec Committee has cancelled the fall tournament due to lack of volunteers. We are hoping to schedule a tournament in the spring, if you are able to help out, please let us know.

A group of summer residents has taken to the community centre on hot and rainy Tuesdays and Thursdays to play pickle ball. The Rec. Committee has purchased the nets and equipment years ago and are looking for individuals to come out and play. New lines have been taped onto the floor, thanks to volunteers led by Art Smith. If you are interested, contact Crystal or Steff at the office or Jon De Jourdan at Morning Mist to find out what its all about and come play.

Rec Committee wants to say thank you to all of our supporters with a free community BBQ at LaCroix Park on Sunday August 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. See page 11 for poster.

There is a children's Halloween party scheduled for Saturday October 27th and the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday November 24th. Rec Committee will need volunteers to step up in order for these events to happen. We are grateful for our current volunteers who commit to events throughout the year, but need some new volunteers to help lighten the load. Every little bit helps! Rec Committee meetings take place the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Stonecliffe Community Centre; come see what it's all about.





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ALL CANDIDATES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
7:00 P.M.

STONECLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE

COME OUT TO MEET THE CANDIDATES
HEAR THE REASONS THEY ARE RUNNING FOR COUNCIL
AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS OF EACH

Anonymous questions may be forwarded to the organizer
at allcandidatesnight@gmail.com to be posed
confidentially at the end of the meeting or contact for
more information.

15 TOWNSHIP HALL ROAD, STONECLIFFE, ONTARIO, K0J 2K0
P-613-586-2526 THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

**MUNICIPAL STAFF ARE INVOLVED ONLY AS SUPPORT TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**

Please note; The first installment of the final tax bill was due July 31st. Interest of 1.25% is added to past due accounts on the first day of each month. The second installment of the final tax bill is due October 31st.

Any property tax accounts that are in their third year of arrears, will be eligible for tax sale as of January 1st, 2019. Please contact the office to discuss payment options.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SENIORS AND EMERGENCIES

An emergency situation can be a frightening and confusing time for anyone. It is important that seniors know the steps they can take to be prepared for an emergency situation, such as an evacuation. This includes finding out about programs and services available in their community that will help them during an emergency and assist them to return to their regular routine.

Emergency Survival Kits for seniors

The Emergency Survival Kit Fact Sheet outlines the basic items every individual should keep in an easy-to-reach place. In addition to their basic Emergency Survival Kits, it is essential that senior citizens being evacuated during emergencies take with them any other equipment or devices they may need immediately.

Those items may include:

- Assistive devices such as canes, walkers, hearing aids, breathing apparatus, etc.
- Prescription eyewear and footwear
- Extra medications and vitamin supplements (including list allergies and all prescribed medications with required dosages)
- Extra dentures (if required) and cleaner
- Personal documentation; identification; and
- List of names and telephone numbers (such as family members, doctors, case worker, seniors' group contact person, etc.).



Emergency Plan

Part of being prepared for an emergency involves developing an emergency plan. You should consider the following when developing your plan.

- Familiarize yourself with all escape routes and the location of emergency doors/exits in your home.
- Always wear your MedicAlert® identification (if applicable).

Support Network

If you anticipate needing assistance during an emergency, talk to family members, friends and others to see if they can provide support.

you will also want to make sure that:

- You include your support network in the development of your plan so they will know where you will go in case of an emergency. Arrange for someone to check up on you.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital or if you receive regular services such as home health care, treatment or transportation, talk to your service provider about their emergency plans. Work with them to identify back-up service providers and incorporate them into your personal support network.
- Someone in your local network has an extra key to your home and knows where your emergency survival kit is stored.
- You teach those who will help you how to use any necessary equipment and administer medicine in case of an emergency. Be sure they will be able to reach you.
- Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your network.



Be prepared.

Prepare your Family Emergency Survival Kit today!
Find out how.

www.ontario.ca/emo



Municipal Fire Ban

HCM Council and staff would like to thank you all for your patience during our recent—prolonged Municipal Fire Ban.

As of 2:42 p.m. today, Friday, August 17th, staff in consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry rescinded the municipal fire ban. Any future notices will be posted, as have been on the municipal website, at community bulletin boards and on our municipal Facebook page.

MNRF warnings and indices have been lowered for our area - dropping to moderate as opposed to high to extreme so we are quite confident in removing fire restrictions.

Please continue to use caution while having campfires. As usual, burn permits are required for any fire larger than one square cubic meter. We will re-assess the situation next week, if this is all the rain we get. Have a great weekend and thank you for your co-operation.

As this decision was made late in the day on Friday, some signs may not be removed from bulletin boards until Monday. We apologize for any confusion.

FIRE BAN LIFTED

Effective 14:42h, Friday, August 17, 2018

Authorized By the Community Fire Safety Officer and Admin Staff of

**The Corporation of the
United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria**



WANTED: ELECTION STAFF

With municipal elections coming up, with an advance poll set for September 22 and voting day on October 22, staff will be looking for people interested in working for the municipality for the election. Training in early/mid September will be required.

Interested individuals are invited to forward their notice of interest listing relevant experience and qualifications to Melinda Reith, Clerk and Returning Officer at hmcclerk-mreith@gmail.com to be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 31, 2018, via mail to 15 Township Hall Road, Stonecliffe, On, K0J 1P0 or fax at 613-586-2596.

Candidates must be able to read and write English, have good clerical skills, numeracy, respect confidentiality and have excellent interpersonal skills as you will have to work with a large number of different people, sometimes in a stressful environment.

The responsibilities of a poll worker include issuing ballots, registering voters, monitoring the voting equipment and supplies, enforcing municipal and provincial regulations and policies and counting votes. Poll workers must keep the marked ballots secure until they can be counted, should know voter rights, and what materials can be posted and where. Poll workers also make sure voters can cast a secret ballot without intimidation and may also assist voters with disabilities. They must treat all voters with respect, and try their best to ensure that each voter has a pleasant voting experience. Poll workers know how to recognize and report any fraud or illegal voter activity and are prepared to instruct voters how to report this activity.

Those with previous election experience, whether at the municipal, provincial or federal level will be given preference.

Persons who are a candidate or the spouse of a candidate running in the 2018 Municipal Election in Head, Clara & Maria are disqualified from filling any of these positions.

Required:

1. 1—Deputy Returning Officer
2. 4-6—Other Election Officials to fill roles such as:
 - Poll Clerks
 - Greeters
 - Back up Staff



Monday, October 22, 2018

Advanced Poll—Saturday, September 22, 2018

WASTE MANAGEMENT

BACKGROUNDER: The Blue Box Program

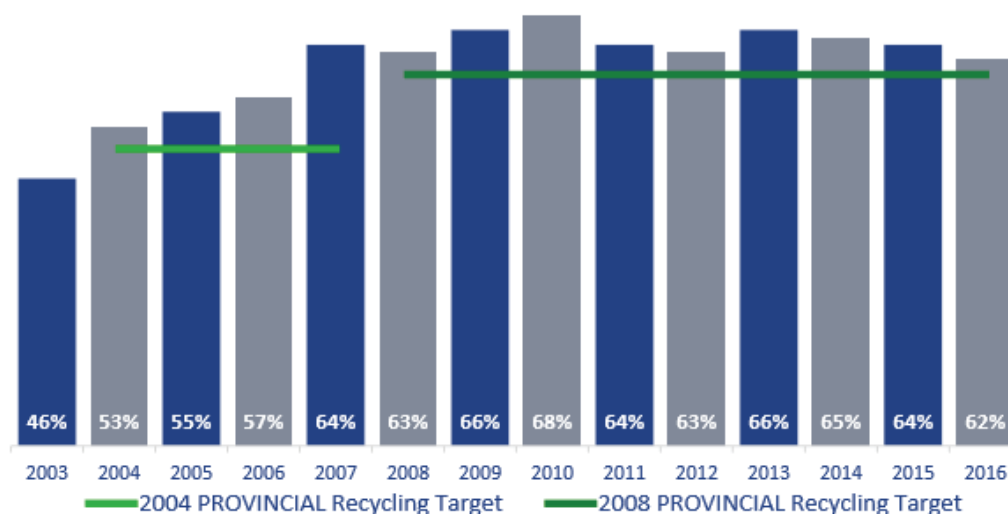
Launching the Blue Box in Ontario:

The Blue Box was the world's first curbside recycling program and made its official debut in Kitchener in 1981. Since then, Ontario's Blue Box has become a blueprint for recycling programs in more than 150 countries around the world.

The Blue Box Program launched in 2003 and is managed by [Stewardship Ontario](#), a not-for-profit, industry-funded organization. Stewardship Ontario (SO) operates the Blue Box and Orange Drop (otherwise known as the Municipal Household Hazardous or Special Waste Program) Programs under the authority of the [Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 \(RRCEA\)](#) and the [Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016 \(WDTA\)](#), enacted by the [Waste-Free Ontario Act, 2016 \(WFOA\)](#). Stewardship Ontario receives no funding from government or taxpayers for the Blue Box Program. Instead, the program is uniquely designed where stewards and municipalities share financial responsibility for recycling collection.

Quick Facts:

- The Blue Box Program continues to exceed the Ontario mandated recycling rate of 60%, diverting over 836,000 tonnes of waste diverted from landfills in 2016.



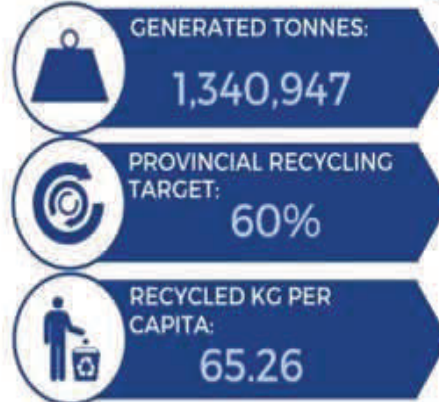
Annual material diversion rates reflect previous calendar year results

- Expanding from the original five materials that were available for collection back in the 80's, the Blue Box now collects hundreds of products in more than a dozen material categories.
- 97% of Ontarians are aware of the Blue Box Program.
- The Blue Box Program provides service to over 12.8 million Ontarians and over 94% of households.
- Municipalities and stewards share the costs of the program.

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Recycling Performance:

2016 data

**Accessibility Performance:****Municipal Disposal Site Hours****Bissett Creek Site**

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Saturday 12:45 pm - 3:45 pm

Located on Bissett Creek Road

Stonecliffe Site

Thursday 12:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Located on Kenny Road

Collection Days and Times**Deux Rivieres**

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bissett Creek

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Stonecliffe

Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mackey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

2018 Recycling Dates

August 13, 27

November 5, 19

September 10, 24

December 3, 17, 31

October 9, 22



Community Dates to Remember

- **Gentle Yoga**
August 25, September 1 at 1:00 pm
- **Mommy and Me Yoga**
August 25, September 1 at 2:00 pm
- **LaCroix Park Community BBQ**
August 26 11:00 am—2:00 pm
- **Children's Dance Lessons**
August 29 at 6:00 pm
- **All Candidates Meeting**
September 5 at 6:00 pm
- **Children's Art Lessons**
September 9, 16, 23 at 1:00 pm
- **Regular Meeting of Council**
September 11 at 7:00 pm
- **Paramedics and NRLTC Lunch**
September 12
- **Exercise with Lauralee Mills**
September 17, 19, 26
- **Advanced Election Polls**
September 22 at 11:-00 am



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Municipal Elections Act—Council Policy and By-Laws

There has been some discussion amongst candidates about whether or not the community bulletin boards located at the mail boxes and disposal sites may be used to post candidate flyers/posters. Questions have been posed of the Clerk who has determined that:

Signs are to be governed under the Election Signs By-law 2018-06 and

Posters/flyers are to be governed under the General Policy and Guidelines - Municipal Elections 2018.

The Legislation

According to the Municipal Elections Act, section 12 - **Powers of clerk**

12 (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election may provide for any matter or procedure that,

(a) is not otherwise provided for in an Act or regulation; and

(b) in the clerk's opinion, is necessary or desirable for conducting the election. 1996, c. 32, Sched., s. 12 (1).



The municipality has passed a by-law that controls the use of election signs. The Clerk has created the General Elections Policy and Procedure document which outlines various topics including the use of municipal road allowances for signs and community bulletin boards for posters/flyers.

The *Municipal Elections Act* further states at section 88.18 - **Use of municipal, board resources**

88.18 Before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local boards shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal or board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign period. 2016, c. 15, s. 56."

The Clerk and municipal Council has created, adapted and used various policies over the past decade which address this requirement. The Elections Sign By-law was finally passed on April 17, 2018, the General Elections policy last updated April 30, 2018.

The Resulting Policy

The Council Code of Conduct states

"12. Conduct of Election Campaign

12.1 Every Member shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and with the Municipality's municipal or board resources rules and procedures established pursuant to section 88.18 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

12.2 No Member shall use Confidential Information, facilities, equipment, supplies, services, or other resources of the Municipality, including any Member newsletter or website linked through the Municipality's website, for any election campaign or campaign related activity. No Member shall undertake cam-



paign-related activities on municipal property during regular working hours unless authorized by the Municipality.

12.3 No Member shall use the services of any person for election-related purposes during hours in which that person receives any compensation from the Municipality."

The Elections Signage By-law 2018- 06 makes an exemption for use of municipal road allowances for elections signs at section 9 which states.

"9. Election signs may be placed on municipal road allowances provided that:

9.1. The signs are no larger than 2.5 square metres;

9.2. If the Road Superintendent, or his/her designate, determines that the location of the sign is impeding the necessary sightlines of motorists, municipality's maintenance operations, or access to a private drive, the candidate shall, upon the request of the Road Superintendent or his/her designate, relocate the sign;

9.3. Should the sign be causing an immediate safety issue, the Road Superintendent, or his/her designate, shall remove the sign upon it being brought to his/her attention."



The General Policy And Guidelines - Municipal Elections 2018, makes an exemption and provides for the use of the community bulletin boards and road allowances at section I – Campaigning which states:

"Election campaigning or the distribution/posting of election campaign material at municipally-owned or leased facilities is not permitted, with the exception of road allowances and municipally provided bulletin boards."

Although still being debated and questioned by some candidates and residents, the policies created by the Clerk and By-laws passed by Council meet the requirements of the Municipal Elections Act and are valid.

Prior to the 2014 Municipal Election the debate was whether or not a municipality could post connections to candidates' Facebook or webpages on the municipal site or through the newsletter. The province has amended legislation to provide clearer direction and this activity is now specifically approved. In fact, some municipalities have candidate photos and campaign promises directly on the municipal elections page. You might wish to check out the City of Thunder Bay's municipal Elections website as an example.

<https://www.tbayvotes.ca/en/candidates/candidates.aspx>.

Municipal Website – Elections Page – Candidate Q & A

Further, as candidates ask questions of the Clerk or other admin staff, in order to ensure that everyone has the benefit of receiving the same information, the question and answers are being posted onto the municipal website under the Elections Page – Sub-Category - Candidate Q & A. Check back to see what questions are being asked of staff and of staff through candidates.



All Candidates Meetings

The All-Candidates meeting is giving residents the opportunity to address the candidates running for representation on the municipal Council. In order to ensure that you are voting for the candidate who best represents your views and position on various topics, you can ask questions at the meeting, or anonymously submit a question either by dropping same in a sealed envelope in the mail box beside the office door in Stonecliffe, mailing to 15 Township Hall Road, Stonecliffe, K0J 1P0 or emailing to allcandidatesnight@gmail.com. Mail received at the Township office should indicate – **All Candidates Meeting Questions** on the cover. Such correspondence will be delivered, unopened to the facilitators as received to maintain confidentiality.

Municipal staff are not involved in the All Candidates meeting in any manner except for providing support to the volunteer facilitators in providing communications and logistics. Staff will be on hand the night of to trouble shoot equipment etc. and as electors; they will not participate in the event in any other form.

Openness and Transparency

At least one candidate is questioning the “openness and transparency” of the all candidates night process. Openness, transparency and accountability make up the foundation of municipal operations and governance. The ability of residents to pose questions anonymously is being questioned.

Past councils and staff of Head, Clara & Maria take its obligations to fully transparent and accountable government quite clearly and follow rules to ensure that as much governance and administrative transactions are conducted in the public eye as possible. Very little is conducted in closed session or kept confidential unless there is a legal obligation to do so.

It seems the need for an accountable and transparent government and administration has been mixed up with the electorate’s right to privacy. Its not the elector who needs to be open and transparent but instead the municipality, its council members, candidates and employees.

Some people are simply too shy to stand up in front of others to ask a question. Some people are not shy but do not wish to be the target of heckling or bullying from other meeting attendees as has happened all too often in the past in public meetings.

For these reasons, the facilitators of the all candidates meeting have decided to allow anonymous questions. Should a candidate choose not to attend, that is his/her prerogative.



The Algonquin Trail—An Update

Although the Counties who have purchased the trail continue to complete upgrades in certain sections and post positive notices through local media there is much that is happening behind the scenes that is not so positive.

As often happens with a change in leadership, the provincial government under Premier Doug Ford has rescinded the promised funding under the Ontario Municipal Community Cycling program created by the Liberal government after only one year. With no commitment to additional funding, the County group will continue to look to form partnerships with local user groups such as the OFSC and OFATVC and their local clubs to continue making improvements.

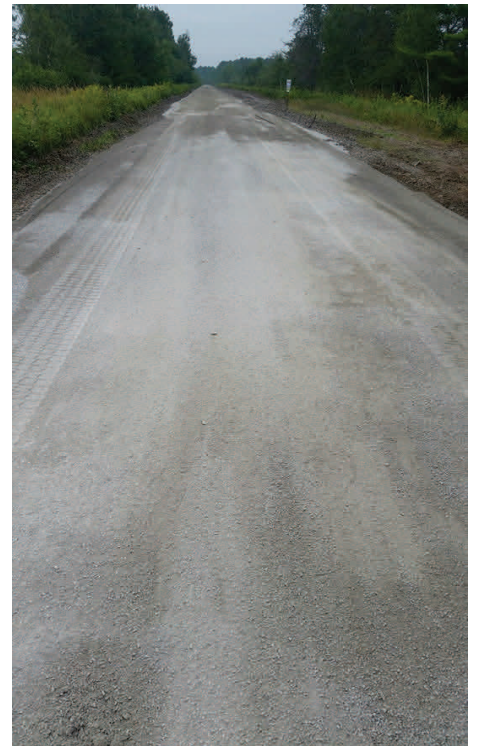
Challenges within our community continue to be the trespass on the trail, and use without any type of indemnification or insurance. Should someone who is trespassing on the trail become involved in an accident, there is the possibility that their personal insurance will not assist them as they are technically trespassing, breaking an Ontario law. Please be warned and be careful. No trespassing is not the same thing as “Use at your Own Risk”!

Finally, there are a number of residents in Laurentian Valley and Renfrew who are blocking access to the trail as it crosses what they believe to be their private property. These individuals are willing to take the County group to court to retain the rights to their property that they say were never deeded to CP Rail. Residents adjacent to the rail line are not giving up their lobbying for detours. Legal costs will add up.

Although the trail seems to be an election issue in Head, Clara & Maria, it is a distinct possibility that the push for the trail through this last section will be some time in coming, simply due to the challenges that the group is facing east of here, along with the lack of provincial funding.

The local ATV clubs have been working hard on improvements and use the trail on a trial basis. As they indicate, and different from OFSC, trail permits are not required at this time.

HCM admin has not yet contacted those who have volunteered to form a Task Force to inform Council on “everything trail” moving forward as decided by Council at their June meeting. If you are interested in working with these volunteers on a committee/task force please contact municipal staff and we will ensure that you are connected to each other and able to participate. Many hands make light work.



This is a view of the Algonquin Trail leading from Pembroke to Petawawa. Over the next few days, we will be officially able to say "go ahead and bike this trail! (or ATV)". Until then, please respect the signs and construction workers. When it is open, please respect the surface, other users and speed limits imposed. From <https://www.facebook.com/OttawaValleyTrail/>



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COUNCIL 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meets at 7:00 pm. (19:00 h)

SEPTEMBER 11 | OCTOBER 16

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE AT 6:00 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/>



Monday, October 22, 2018