

# TOWNSHIP FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Townships of Head, Clara & Maria



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## Townships On-line

Visit us online at [www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca) to find information about:

- our community;
- the services we offer;
- updated fee schedules;
- updated disposal site hours; recycling and
- much more.

## RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE!

As most of you are aware our recycling program has begun. Our first pick up date was February 12, 2007 for Mackey and Stonecliffe and February 13 for Bissett Creek and Deux Rivieres.

For a first attempt the results were satisfactory.

We recycled 778 lbs of material, some 58 bags. Of the material collected 42 lbs, or 2 bags of garbage were sent back to our landfill. (We will keep track of this material and provide a reference list for future.)

We have had some questions

and we will work with the contractors to streamline this process to make it easier on everyone. It is a work in progress. We will make you aware of changes and updates as we go along.

### Recycling pickup will begin at 10:00 a.m. on your scheduled day.

Please make sure that materials are clean and placed in clear plastic bags. If you are not sure if it can be recycled, as long as it is clean, put it out, the recycler will sort it until we can come up with a more comprehensive list.

Garbage will continue to be picked up as in the past. See page 3 for a reminder of disposal site hours and pickup times.

### Correction

It has been noted that the Township email address in the Recycling Newsletter was incorrect. FYI- it should read: [twpshcm@webhart.net](mailto:twpshcm@webhart.net). We apologize for any inconvenience.

Keep Recycling—It will save our environment and extend the life of our landfill.

## Recycling Dates for 2007!!!

Recycling collection will take place every second Monday starting February 12.

If the Monday is a holiday—collection will be the next regular business day.

February—12 & 26

March—12 & 26

April—9 & 23

May—7 & 22

June—4 & 18

July—3, 16 & 30

August—13 & 27

September—10 & 24

October—9 & 22

November—5 & 19

December 3, 17 & 31

Thank you for your participation!



Watch for the owl—he'll show you where to find financial \$\$\$\$ information. \$\$\$\$



## It's Tax Time!

Tax Notices are ready to be mailed. Due date for this interim bill is March 31, 2007.

Options for payment are in person at the Township Office by cash or cheque or via regular mail. Due to the size of our municipality, the prohibitive costs and technological challenges we are not in a position to offer other methods of payment.

### Ever Wonder How your Interim Bill is calculated?

The interim bill (usually due in March) is based on an estimate. It is 50% of your previous year's tax bill.

The tax rates and installment due dates for 2007 have not been set yet.

# Building News!!!

2006 has brought a number of changes to the *Building Code Act* and subsequent reporting requirements for the municipality. One such requirement is the necessity to hold a public meeting before passing a by-law or resolution to introduce or change a fee imposed for applications for a permit or for the issuance of a permit.

Upon review of our permit fees, set some years ago, it has been decided that the municipality would be better served by a system of area calculation as opposed to the valuation estimate that has been used to date.

Subsection 7(6) of the *Building Code Act* and Clause 2.23.1.2 of the Ontario Building Code require a public meeting.

Therefore, on Friday, March 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Offices in Stonecliffe a public meeting will be held to further discuss this issue.

At this meeting, any person who attends has the opportunity to make representations in respect to this matter.

Further, our Building By-

Law will be amended to reflect these changes and updated as per the new Building Code and Act.

Changes to our existing by-law include details relating to: requirements for demolition permits; change of use permits; permits to make material changes; sewage systems; plans and specifications; fee calculations; refunds; permit revocation, deferral, & expiration of permit; notice requirements for inspection; and updated forms.

As we have not received specific request for notification of this process please consider this article in this newsletter official public notice of this meeting.

The change of permit fees will not impose new fees but will simply change the method of fee calculation.

Further to our requirement for notice the following information must be made available to the public at least 21 days prior to the public meeting.

1. An estimate of the

costs of administering and enforcing the Act—based on 2006 statistics our direct and indirect costs of administering the *Building Code Act* amounted to \$13,323.34.

2. The change to the existing fee structure—Please see page 3.
3. We are changing from a system of valuation, which is based on estimates of material costs and labour, to a system based on the area of the construction.

The area method is based on fact, is easy to calculate and will not result in inaccurate estimates or estimates subject to opinion.

You are welcome to attend this public meeting to express your opinions and/or pose questions.

Once finalized the amended permit fee schedule will be available on our web site on the building page.

# Proposed Building Fee Changes!!!

## Addition, new build or deck etc.—

Current— \$15 for the 1st \$3,000 value plus \$2 for each \$1,000 value after.

Proposed

New build—.22/sq. ft.

Decks additions etc.—.10/sq.ft.

**Commercial**—new or additions/renovations—.20/sq.ft.

**For Garages or sheds**—  
Current \$10 for 1st \$3,000 value plus \$1 for every \$1,000 thereafter.

Proposed—

Shed, Garage—.12/sq.ft.

Wood Shed—\$15.00 flat fee

Commercial Shed—.18/sq.ft.

**Solid Fuel Burning appliance or chimney**—  
Current—\$10

Proposed—cost of obtaining WETT certification is the responsibility of the homeowner.

**Renew a revoked permit or to revise work**—

Current—\$10

Proposed

Renewal of lapsed —\$25

Deferral or revocation \$10—\$30

**Demolition permit**—

Current—\$15

Proposed—\$40.00

**Change of Use permit**—

Current—\$15

Proposed—\$100

**How does this affect me, the homeowner?**

Residential category—new build, home size 24 x 30 feet = 720 ft<sup>2</sup>.

New method cost \$158.40

Old method cost \$159.00, not a big difference.

Garage category—new build, 18 x 20 feet = 360 ft<sup>2</sup>

New method cost \$51.84

Old method cost \$39.00, moderate difference.

## Fire Volunteers Needed!!!

The wildfire service is always in need of new members so we would encourage people to volunteer - especially if you are from Bissett Creek or Deux Rivieres as we have no one from those locations now.

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If you are interested in volunteering please call the office at 613-586-2526 or Jim Gibson at 613-586-2761

# Disposal Site Hours-Reminder

Hours will change twice a year—the 15th of May and the 15th of September.

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

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

Deux Rivieres will continue to be open Tuesday mornings from 9:00–10:00 am for construction waste only.

Please make a note that the disposal sites **will not** be open

on the following days:

- Thanksgiving Monday
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday.

Further, 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—for Bissett and Deux Rivieres—Please have your materials out with your garbage every second week. This month the next date is Feb 27!

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Also, spring is coming and Fire Season starts in April. Beginning April 1, 2007 you will be required to obtain a burn permit from the municipal office or from our Chief Fire Warden—Wilfred Lamure before you burn.





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MARIA

*Should you require information?  
Have a question? Concern?  
Complaint? Contact us ...*

Melinda Reith—Clerk  
Ruth Morin—Treasurer  
Wilfred Lamure—Road Superintendent  
Carol Larocque—Disposal Site Attendant  
Robert Labre—CBO—613-586-1950

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## *Library News*

*Saturday, May 12, 2007  
has been set aside for May  
Madness. Plan to come  
out and support your li-  
brary – rent a table, donate  
items to the library table,  
purchase used books, come  
out and SHOP. Details  
will follow—but mark your  
calendars and plan to at-  
tend.*

## Area Seniors—Come out and Try Something New!

Need something to fill one afternoon a month? Looking for an opportunity to socialize? Appreciate a hot lunch **prepared by someone else**. Here's a reminder that the North Renfrew Long Term Care holds a satellite program in our Township Hall once a month. It takes place on the second Wednesday of each month and consists of a craft, games (usually bingo or cards), companionship and a hot lunch for \$5.50. All are welcome however, they do prefer advance notice to ensure adequate quantities of food. If you are interested please give Joan Charbonneau a call. She has thoughtfully volunteered to collect and submit information to the centre for our residents. Thanks, Joan

PS—I believe that they will arrange to pick you up if you require transportation.

## Aggregate Changes

There has recently been a new designation under the Aggregate Resources Act. This new designation means that existing aggregate producers in our municipality must submit an application for their operation by June 30, 2007 to ensure that they can continue to operate and be grandfathered in under the new regulations. The MNR has asked for our assistance to ensure that all existing producers are informed of this requirement.

There is a brochure available that explains the changes in more detail as well as a website at [www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/aggregates/](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/aggregates/).

We, at the office are able to answer some basic questions but you may best be served by calling the MNR in Pembroke.

Questions may be directed to and applications provided by Mike Dumouchel at 613-732-5562.

Further, an information session given by representatives from the province will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 in our area. The first session will be held at the Eganville Legion from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The second on the same date from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Best Western.

Please pass this information on to anyone you might know who owns or operates a pit within our municipality. The new rules apply to them.