



# HCM News

2020 Winter Edition



## Mayor's Message

How very different this year's Christmas season will be! We still have the lights, the tree at home to decorate but the shopping and visiting with family and friends will most likely be distanced or online. I know that children will still believe in the magic of Santa Claus even if he might be wearing a mask this year. Although we never would have imagined a year like 2020, we still have much to celebrate.

Our municipality has remained COVID free in the last nine months, not by luck but by the hard work of the people who live, work and play in Head, Clara & Maria. Our frontline staff, in Administration, Public Works and the Library have been able to maintain a high level of service to our community throughout this unpredictable year. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty to create a safe and secure workplace. I know I speak on behalf of many when I congratulate and thank the staff: Charlotte Toope, Stephany Rauche, April Peplinski, Terry Lamure, Jesse Gagnon, Bill Donnelly, Glenn Stewart, Bob Labre and Judy Zilney. Not to be forgotten, our best wishes as well to Crystal Fischer who although on MAT leave has been supporting Council in our compliance with Emergency Management for 2020.

I am happy to report that the municipal office hours have been extended to include open to the public on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. It has also been decided to eliminate garbage bag tags starting in the New Year 2021. The bag tags have served their purpose in creating awareness of reducing waste and improving recycling rates. The majority of our users have proven their understanding of the need to prolong the life of our landfill sites. Please keep in mind that the regulation of 1 bag per week for each household and 4 bags per week for business is still in force.

We certainly have been missing our usual annual Recreation and Library Board events. At this time last year, I was congratulating our volunteers on their successful Christmas Market, Card Party fundraisers and the children's Halloween Party. Despite the pandemic, I know the strong spirit of volunteerism lives on in HCM and that these activities will be back better than ever when we are able to do so safely.

My thanks to the Public Works Advisory Committee who have been able to continue their meetings while following public health guidelines. I have been lucky enough to accompany this "rowdy" group on road tours of our municipality from parks to landfill sites, cemeteries to boat launches and more. I am very grateful for their volunteer efforts to make our community a better place.

From Bob and I - whatever makes you happiest, whatever you love most...that's what you're wished this Christmas season!

### Christmas Gift Suggestions

*by Oren Arnold*

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

Please stay healthy and safe! You can check the Renfrew County District Health Unit website at [www.rcdhu.com](http://www.rcdhu.com) for up to date COVID-19 information in our region. If you are feeling unwell and do not have a family doctor or cannot reach one call RC VTAC at 1-844-727-6404 for assistance.

Mayor Debbi Grills

# Special Meeting of Council

Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

This month marks the midpoint of the Council's term in office. It is my hope that we have been able to make decisions that are in the best interest of the municipality as a whole. It is our mandate to operate in an accountable and transparent manner. As such, your Council is holding a Special Meeting to decide on the 17 (+) recommendations that were presented in the Final Service Delivery Report by Maclaren Municipal Consulting Inc.

The entire 36-page Service Delivery Report can be found on our website at <http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca> under the News & Events tab.

I am very pleased (from p. 4 of the report) that there were 66 individual responses to the online survey which is an excellent response from 110 households - 47 respondents were year-round residents, 17 seasonal and 1 was not a resident. The respondents' households included 157 individuals.

The upcoming meeting is, as all of our Council meetings open to the public. In addition to the online survey conducted we welcome your feedback on the final report. Please see the notice below for information. All deputations will be no longer than 5 minutes.

If you are unable to attend and wish to comment, please do so in writing and send it to our Clerk-Treasurer, Charlotte Toope at [clerk@headclaramaria.ca](mailto:clerk@headclaramaria.ca) ahead of the Special Meeting. Your comments will then be forwarded to all of Council before the meeting.

All appropriate public health protocols will be in effect for this meeting.

Mayor Debbi Grills

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria



Special Meeting of Council  
to discuss

## Service Delivery Review Recommendations

**Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m.**

Municipal Hall  
15 Township Hall Rd,  
Stonecliffe, ON

**As this is a Special Meeting of Council, anyone wishing to speak at the meeting regarding any of the recommendations must submit a request for deputation to the office by noon on Monday, December 7th.**

For more information, contact Charlotte Toope, Clerk-Treasurer  
@ 613-586-2526.

**Wishing all the residents of HCM and their families a very Merry Christmas & hoping that the New Year will bring an end to the Covid crisis.  
Stay safe,**

*Councillor Fran Kelly-Chamberlain*

**Christine and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, stay the course.**

*Deputy Mayor Ernie Villeneuve*

**Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays to all. Enjoy a safe and warm holiday season.**

*Councillor Brent Allen*

# FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

Council and staff would like to remind HCM residents to check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes.

## DID YOU KNOW:

The municipal office will exchange residents old smoke detectors! All you have to do is bring your old ones into the office and we will provide you with a brand new one at no cost!!!

The municipal office also sells carbon monoxide detectors at a cost of \$35.00 per unit.

Please contact the municipal office for more information @ 613-586-2526.



# RECYCLING REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to all HCM residents, our recycling program does not allow us to accept mushroom containers, serving trays or any plastic bags of any kind; including animal feed bags.



T'was days before Christmas, And all through the town, People wore masks, That covered their frown. The frown had begun Way back in the Spring, When a global pandemic Changed everything. They called it corona, But unlike the beer, It didn't bring good times, It didn't bring cheer. Contagious and deadly, This virus spread fast, Like a wildfire that starts When fueled by gas. Airplanes were grounded, Travel was banned. Borders were closed Across air, sea and land. As the world entered lockdown To flatten the curve, The economy halted, And folks lost their nerve. From March to July We rode the first wave, People stayed home, They tried to behave. When summer emerged The lockdown was lifted. But away from caution, Many folks drifted. Now it's December And cases are spiking, Wave two has arrived,	Much to our disliking. Frontline workers, Doctors and nurses, Try to save people, From riding in hearses. This COVID-19 is one to fear, but we will get through this As a vaccine is very near It's true that this year Has had sadness a plenty, We'll never forget The year 2020. And just 'round the corner - The holiday season, But why be merry? Is there even one reason? To decorate the house And put up the tree, When no one will see it, No-one but me. But outside my window The snow gently falls, And I think to myself, Let's deck the halls! So, I gather the ribbon, The garland and bows, As I play those old carols, My happiness grows. Christmas isn't cancelled And neither is hope. If we lean on each other, I know we can cope.  Merry Christmas to All Councillor Chris Dowser
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*The staff of The United Townships of Head,  
Clara and Maria wish all our citizens a safe  
and Happy Holiday Season!*

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a recycling community.

## News from the Library!



### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

*From the Library Staff and Board*

**Judy, Marlene, Betty, Cathy, Fran & Gay**

Thank you to all who participated in our virtual Library week by contacting us and taking out books and DVDs. The winner of the gift basket created by Cathy Sutherland is Madelaine Mageau

The Library continues to offer Curbside service to all our patrons. Call Marlene @ 613-586-2761 with your choices or to ask for suggestions. We can also help you search our website.

If you are looking for something to watch over the holidays, in addition to our regular movies, the Library has many series and sets of DVDs. Some you may have watched and would like to watch again or some you may have missed. We will arrange for you to have them longer than the regular 7 day period:

#### **Check out the following:**

Game of Thrones – Season 1-10,  
Hunger Games Parts 1-4  
Homeland Season 1-7  
This is Us Season 1, 2  
Downton Abbey 1-6 & the movie  
Grace & Frankie Season 1-4

House of Cards- Season 1-5  
Mr. Selfridge Season 1-4  
Vikings Season 1-5  
Bletchley Circle – Season 1, 2  
Charmed Season 1-8

Don't forget we have Christmas movies for young and old.

Thank you for supporting your local library by dropping off your Valumart receipts!

**HCM Public Library continues to provide curbside pick up.**

- Call Marlene at 613-586-2761 or email [jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com) to place your order or ask for suggestions.

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**HCM Mission:** At your service; working effectively to bring together people, partnerships and potential for a strong, connected community.

**HCM Vision:** Providing a healthy, connected and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

We're on the web!  
[townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca](http://townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca)



**A Natural Playground**

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## Municipal Disposal Site Hours

### REGULAR HOURS (APRIL - DECEMBER)

#### **Bissett Creek Site**

Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Saturday 12:45 - 3:45 pm

Located on Bissett Creek Road

#### **Stonecliffe Site**

Thursday 12:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Located on Kenny Road

\*Landfills closed on December 26th, 2020

## Collection Days and Times

**Deux Rivieres (garbage and recycling) on Tuesdays**

**Bissett Creek (garbage and recycling) on Tuesdays**

**Stonecliffe on Thursdays**

**Mackey on Thursdays**

\*All garbage and recycling should be at the curbside by 8:30 am on your scheduled pick up date.

## Upcoming Recycling Dates (Stonecliffe and Mackey)

December 14 & 28

January 11 & 25

February 8 & 22

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PLEASE NOTE OUR REDUCED HOURS FOR  
JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH ONLY

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Groomer Operators

When:	2020/2021 Snowmobile season
Where:	Stonecliffe and Deux Rivieres
Hourly rate:	\$14.50
Days worked:	10 hr shifts - Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights with every 3rd weekend off.
Start Time:	45 minutes before dusk
Requirements:	Class G drivers license and 3 year abstract
Training:	will be provided
Contact:	Missing Link Snowmobile Club Chris Dowser at 613-633-1541