



# HCM News



## Mayor's Message

The last few months since the Fall newsletter have flown by with numerous activities.

I made an October visit to Bissett Creek to award a certificate of appreciation to sisters for accepting the first ever "Mayor's Pumpkin Challenge." You may ask, "what is the mayor up to now?" At the June Jazaar in late spring, I hosted the Municipal table and offered free pumpkin seeds to any child who would take the challenge and try to grow a beautiful Halloween Pumpkin.



*Award winning pumpkin growers in Bissett Creek received certificates for accepting the Mayor's Pumpkin Challenge!*



*2022 Remembrance Day Memorial*

The Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Head, Clara and Maria memorial in Stonecliffe was very well attended. It was gratifying to see the turnout on one of the warmest November 11<sup>th</sup> that I can remember. I especially want to thank Athena, Mason and Alexis from Deux Rivieres who laid the provincial wreath representing the children of Ontario. A number residents made very positive comments on their inclusion in the day.

Also, thanks to the CWL caterers who prepared our delicious lunch.

Congratulations to the Library Board for hosting another highly successful Christmas Market on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The basket raffle was a big success as usual and a few new vendors were introduced to HCM's library fundraiser event.

Since the Inauguration of the new Council on November 15<sup>th</sup>, your representatives have hit the ground running. We have met for several education and training events, as follows:

Council Orientation hosted on Zoom by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH);

Emergency Management training to meet provincial compliance regulations;

County of Renfrew "Planning 101" presentation;

A Regular Council meeting;

Training session with HCM's municipal Integrity Commissioner; and

County of Renfrew Council Orientation session with Tony Fleming, Senior Legal Counsel, from Cunningham, Swan.



*Library Board bakers at the Christmas Craft Show*

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of representing our municipality at the North Renfrew Long Term Care home in Deep River to celebrate the 2022 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The tree was grown, donated, and delivered by the Balla-Boudreau family in Mackey. Thanks to them, from all of us!

On Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Community Christmas Party hosted by the CWL was enjoyed by many. It was great to see so many old friends and welcome newcomers. Bingo and a Christmas carol sing-along were part of the afternoon activities before Santa Claus made his appearance. Thirteen children were delighted to receive gifts from the jolly “old man”! Santa did not forget the adults in the crowd who received a gift of candy – it did not seem to matter if we were naughty or nice!

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year! My best wishes for the holiday season. This is the time of year where we can find joy in our “Natural Playground.”

Mayor Debbi Grills



*Christmas tree from HCM generously donated and delivered by the Balla-Boudreau family to the North Renfrew Long Term Care home in Deep River.*



## Community Updates and Reminders

Interim property tax bills will be issued in early February with a due date of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Payments can be made via e-transfer to [payments@headclaramaria.ca](mailto:payments@headclaramaria.ca), over the phone with a credit card, or in the office by cheque, debit/credit or cash. Cheques can be mailed to 15 Township Hall Road, Stonecliffe ON K0J 2K0. Please do not send cash via regular mail. Customers of Scotiabank can also add the municipality as a payee and make their property tax payments through their financial institution.

*\*Please note, ensure property information (roll number and address) is submitted with your payment regardless of the method so that your payment can be applied to the proper account.*

The Recreation Advisory Committee is seeking volunteer members to serve on the committee. If you are looking for an active way to contribute to your community by helping to plan and execute events and fundraising efforts for the municipality, the Recreation Advisory Committee is a great opportunity. Meetings are typically scheduled once per month. The Terms of Reference can be viewed on the municipal website at [Terms of Reference \(townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca\)](https://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/terms-of-reference).

In re-opening the community centre and resuming community events, it was brought to Staff’s attention that many of the “meat tub” or “dish bins” have been removed from the kitchen. If you have borrowed one and forgot to return it, please do so at your earliest convenience.

### **Reminder: Please do not plow snow onto Municipal roads!**

It is that time of year again where the Municipality is requesting cooperation of all persons in keeping vehicles from obstructing snow removal operations in the Municipality and in refraining from placing snow from private property onto Municipal roadways. Please help us, help our snow removal contractor, to keep our roads safe and clean this winter!

Did you know? As directed by Council, Staff often publish links to information and correspondence received at regular meetings on the municipal website that may be of public interest. Please check out the “Community Events and Notices” on the main page of the website to see the links.



**The Municipal Office will be closed December 23, 2022 to and including January 6th, 2023 for the holidays.**

*Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a safe holiday season, with good health and best wishes.*

## News from the Library



MAY TO DECEMBER AT THE HCM LIBRARY 2022

May was an exciting time for the HCM Library as we were able to move back into a newly painted room with new flooring and books put back in place instead of in boxes. This was just in time for our first and very successful fundraiser of the year – JUNE JAZAAR – on Sat. June 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a busy time with vendors inside and out. Since this was the first event since COVID, people spent time renewing acquaintances. It felt just like Old Home Week.

An unexpected fundraiser was offered to the Board. On Canada Day at Old Mackey Park, we served hot dogs, hamburgers and chips with the cost being a donation to the library.

Our third successful fundraiser CHRISTMAS MARKET was held on Sat. November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Township Hall. There were 24 vendors in attendance. The biggest drawing card for the library was selling tickets on the gift baskets.

Another change in the Library Board took place when Betty Condie resigned after more than 21 years. We honored her with a get-together at the hall. Nancy Voros is the new member of the Board. Fran Kelly-Chamberlain continues to be our Council representative

Our librarian Judy Zilney had taken a leave of absence and has now sent in her letter of resignation. We thank her for her great work and wish her well. Please visit us.

Judy's position is posted in this newsletter with applications being accepted via email to [jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com) until January 15, 2023

Judy Valyear won a \$25 gift card to Coles in the Library week draw.

We are working on updating our laptops and tablets so that they can be borrowed by patrons.

The library will be closed the same time as the Office – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> to open on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to borrow books or DVDs for the holidays, contact Marlene 613-401-5495. If you have suggestions for new DVDs let Marlene know.

On behalf of the Library Board Cathy Sutherland, Fran Kelly-Chamberlain, Gay Baribeau, Nancy Voros, Marlene Gibson and acting CEO Lexi Rivet



*We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2023.*

### Head Clara and Maria Public Library Job Posting

## PART TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT

7 hours per week

\$20.08 - 24.82 per hour

Head, Clara & Maria Public Library

15 Township Hall Rd

Stonecliffe Ontario

**Application to be submitted via email by January 15, 2023**

**for further details contact [jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com)**

**Email applications to [jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarlene.gibson@gmail.com)**

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Information is collected in confidence under the Freedom of Information Act

Head Clara and Maria Public Library is an equal opportunity employer

*"A Lovely Day in the Neighbourhood"*

On August 16, 2022 I, Marlene Gibson was driving to Deep River and had just passed some road construction. I was almost at Colton Lake when I heard a strange noise and a signal appeared on my dash that something had happened to my left front tire. You guessed it - a flat tire. I phoned Jim who was in North Bay helping Bill with some plumbing. He suggested I call my neighbour Chris Dowser. It turns out Chris and Sarah were in Deep River and had just sat down to eat. I then called my neighbour John Beesley who arrived with Ken Giroux another neighbour. While waiting I had decided to clear out the back of the van to get at the spare tire - but the tire wasn't there. I forget to mention that I was driving a 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan. So where was the tire? While John is looking for the spare, Ken is taking the blown tire off the car, and I am looking in the manual. Chris arrived and takes over for Ken and I call Jim who tells me to google where is the spare tire. Bill decides he will send a video to my phone because it will be faster. I'm surprised you didn't hear John's shouts of joy when he and Ken watched the video. Now we had to find all the parts of the jack and put it together. Chris was still working away doing things like he had been a mechanic in his former work. Sarah was taking pictures of him when I mentioned that Chris had certainly increased his mechanical skills, she replied that the pictures were going to brother Todd in Halifax who was enjoying them immensely. Soon I was on my way to Canadian tire for a new tire with instructions not to drive fast. I drove so slowly I kept having to find places to pull over to let the traffic get past me.

So why am I sharing this story - because it's Christmas time and I wanted to publicly thank my neighbours and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best in 2023. Jim and I are so happy to be living here.

Where was the spare? - in a big plastic basket underneath the centre of the vehicle! The jack - well that's another story!

# EUCHRE

STARTS January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022



WHERE: **TOWNSHIP HALL  
STONECLIFFE**  
WHEN: **SUNDAYS AT 1:00 PM**  
COST: **\$2.00**

### 2022 DATES

**January: 8, 15, 22**  
**February: 5, 12, 19**  
**March: 5, 12, 19**  
**April: 2, 16, 23**  
**May: 07**

### 2023 CWL Bingo Dates

**January 29**  
**February 26**  
**March 26**  
**April 30**



*Happy children enjoying our playground!*



# RECYCLING Sorting Guide

900 Woi-to Station Rd., Pembroke | 613-735-7537 | info@ovwrc.com | www.ovwrc.com

## CONTAINER RECYCLING

✓ RECYCLABLES MUST BE EMPTY AND RINSED



Return all eligible liquor, wine, beer containers to the Beer Store for a refund.

### DO NOT PUT IN RECYCLING

- ✗ Containers filled with liquid
- ✗ Home Health Care Waste
- ✗ Sharps & Needles (dispose of at your local pharmacy)
- ✗ Sharp items such as knives
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Propane Tanks
- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Black Plastic

## PAPER RECYCLING



Please refer to your local Municipality for additional information on recycling and waste services.

Container Recycling & Paper Recycling must be kept separate.  
Please ensure recycling contains no hazardous waste or food waste.

## INFORMATION

## Recycling Dates

(Stonecliffe and Mackey)

2022

December 28

2023

January 9, 23

February 6, 22

March 6, 20

April 3, 17

May 1, 15, 29

June 12, 26

July 10, 24

August 9, 21

September 6, 18

October 2, 16, 30

November 13, 27

December 11, 27

### 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

### Reduced Hours - January, February and March ONLY

Bissett Creek - Tuesday - 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Saturday - 12:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Stonecliffe - Thursday - 12:45 - 2:30 pm

Saturday - 8:30 am to 12:00 noon



### Collection Days and Times

Deux Rivieres (garbage and recycling)

Tuesday 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Bissett Creek (garbage and recycling)

Tuesday 11:30 am - 12:00 noon

Stonecliffe

Thursday 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Mackey

Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

\* Estimated times; please ensure your waste is out for pick up by 8:00 am to ensure collection.



# Three Steps to *Emergency* Preparedness



**IS YOUR FAMILY  
PREPARED?**

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.

**GetPrepared.ca | 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)**  
TTY: 1-800-926-9105

## # 1

### KNOW THE RISKS

Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your region can help you better prepare. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards, such as earthquakes in British Columbia, blizzards in Nunavut and tornadoes in Ontario. In addition to natural disasters, there are other types of risks, such as power outages and industrial or transportation accidents.

Find out the risks most likely in your community by visiting the 'Know the risks' section from the [GetPrepared.ca](http://GetPrepared.ca) website or by calling **1 800 O-Canada** to obtain our Natural Hazards map.

## # 2

### MAKE A PLAN

Every Canadian household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency.

Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

It only takes 20 minutes to complete a personalized plan online. You can then print it out. Most of this information can be filled out on your own. You may need to get some information from your municipality. To complete your emergency plan online, visit the 'Make an emergency plan' page from the [GetPrepared.ca](http://GetPrepared.ca) website.

To fill out your home emergency plan, you will need to think about the following:

- △ Safe exits from home and neighbourhood
- △ Meeting places to reunite with family or roommates
- △ Designated person to pick up children should you be unavailable
- △ Contact persons close-by and out-of-town
- △ Special health needs
- △ Place for your pet to stay
- △ Risks in your region
- △ Location of your fire extinguisher, water valve, electrical box, gas valve and floor drain

Keep this document in an easy-to-find, easy-to-remember place  
(for example, with your emergency kit). Photocopy your plan  
and keep it in your car and/or at work.

### GET AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place, such as your front-hall closet.

#### Basic emergency kit

- △ Water – at least two litres of water per person per day. Include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- △ Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (Replace food and water once a year).
- △ Manual can opener
- △ Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- △ Wind-up or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- △ First aid kit
- △ Extra keys to your car and house
- △ Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change for payphones
- △ A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- △ Special items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize your kit according to your needs)



#### Recommended additional items

- △ Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- △ Candles and matches or lighter (place candles in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- △ Change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- △ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- △ Toiletries
- △ Hand sanitizer
- △ Utensils
- △ Garbage bags
- △ Toilet paper
- △ Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets
- △ Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife)
- △ Small fuel operated stove and fuel (follow manufacturer's directions and store properly)
- △ A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- △ Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors, air vents, etc.)

#### TIP

Keep a corded phone in your home, as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.

### Check your kit once a year

to ensure contents are up to date. **Re-stock** as needed.

To order this publication in alternate formats (audio, Braille, large print, diskette, CD) call, Monday to Friday, 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) | TTY: 1-800-926-9105. Public Safety Canada also publishes a more detailed guide on emergency preparedness that you can obtain by visiting [www.GetPrepared.ca](http://www.GetPrepared.ca) or by calling the number previously mentioned.



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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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Thank you!

A special thank you to staff for their hard work and dedication. Because of each of you, we were able to accomplish many major projects this year all while maintaining regular operations.

Thank you to Jesse, Public Works Leader, for keeping our roads safe, parks and facilities maintained, legislative and reporting requirements up to date and overseeing many special projects such as the break wall extension, boat launch replacement, landscaping of LaCroix Park, streetlight installations and much more!

Thank you to Bill, Disposal Site Attendant, for keeping our landfills clean, complaint with legislation, and making sure garbage and recycling was collected—rain, shine or snow!

Thank you to Stephany, Administrative Assistant, for keeping the office organized and running efficiently, and all your assistance with research, planning, data and payment entry, assisting with Emergency Management compliance, the Recreation Advisory Committee and helping each resident who comes into the office in a friendly and helpful manner!

Thank you to Lexi, Office Assistant, for also keeping the office organized, assisting our residents with a positive attitude, and keeping up with data entry, research, archiving, e-filing and more! In the library, Lexi helps our residents with issuing library membership cards, managing circulation materials, assisting the Library Board with meetings and making sure the Library is running smoothly!

Thank you to Glenn, Hall Caretaker, for keeping our municipal office, library and community centre clean and sanitized—not an easy feat throughout the pandemic! Glenn also helps with set up and tear down of many events.

Thank you to Robert, Chief Building Official, for ensuring that buildings are constructed according to the Building Code and that our requirements under the Fire Marshal's office are being met.

Thank you to our road maintenance and snow removal contractors, Pat Stewart Trucking, for making safety a top priority and providing great service to the municipality. Thank you as well to Darryl Francoeur for his carpentry and construction expertise in continuously turning Council's vision into a reality.

Thank you to Council for support, direction and team effort in ensuring efficient man-

agement of the municipality. It was a pleasure working with outgoing Council and I look forward to working with incoming Council over the next four years.

This message of thanks is small in comparison to how privileged I truly feel to work with so many hardworking and dedicated individuals. I look forward to another year of successful teamwork.

-Crystal Fischer, Municipal Administrator

### 2023 Council Meeting Schedule

Thursday January 19 - 2:00 pm

Thursday February 23 - 2:00 pm

Thursday March 16 - 2:00 pm

Thursday April 20 - 2:00 pm

Thursday May 18 - 2:00 pm

Thursday June 15 - 2:00 pm

Saturday August 19 - 1:00 pm

Thursday September 21 - 2:00 pm

Thursday October 19 - 2:00 pm

Thursday November 16 - 2:00 pm

Thursday December 21 - 2:00 pm