



HCM News



Mayor's Message

Christmas Message 2024

I am pleased to be addressing our community on a blustery day that looks like we will be celebrating Christmas 2024 with lots of snow this year! Our snowmobilers and all winter lovers are smiling.

For much of the year, our community centre has been very busy with activities for all ages and stages. The November 25th "Lunch and Learn" was a great success with a packed hall! Thanks to Jodi Primeau for the information on "Powers of Attorney". The next Lunch and Learn is planned for January 20th with speaker Jenna Walsh on the topic of nutrition. Seniors' lunches on the first Wednesday of the month have resumed and will continue in the new year. Lunch is only \$10.00! The fun is free!

Our HCM trail lovers will be happy to learn that the County of Renfrew section of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail, the Algonquin Trail, has become part of the Trans Canada Trail Network. The acceptance of the Algonquin Trail into the TCT network provides a large number of funding opportunities as well as a greater overall promotion of the trail from Smith Falls to Mattawa.

Physician Recruitment meetings with CEO Janna Hotson and Mayors of Petawawa, Laurentian Hills and myself are continuing. When medical students are doing their rotations at the DRDH it is an opportune time to highlight the wonderful lifestyle we have in the upper Ottawa Valley. The mayors' group is in the process of compiling a list of activities to introduce to these student practitioners that might encourage them to settle in our "Natural Playground" catchment area. How do you think you can help?

As many of you will know, this year has been a huge challenge for the Fischer family. Thanks, is not enough to all who have so generously supported the Fischer family, our staff and your Council. It will not be forgotten.

At this time of year, we are surrounded by the excitement of Christmas...lights, plans to visit family and friends but none better than the expectant faces of children and their unwavering belief in Santa or Baby Jesus. We need to be reminded that the important things are not things.

Merry Christmas and Best wishes for a Happy New Year 2025!

Mayor Debbi Grills



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2024—A Year in Review

- We welcomed new staff to HCM.
- A new roof was installed on the HCM community building.
- Street lights – many years in the making, and an ongoing project in 2025.
- HCM Strategic plan can be found on our website under Departments / Administration and Finance / 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.
- Communication Infrastructure updates in the works – Cogeco, Rogers
- Bernadette McCann House – Information available in the library



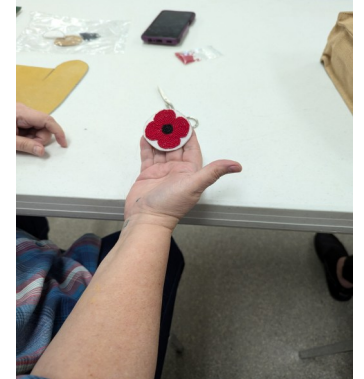
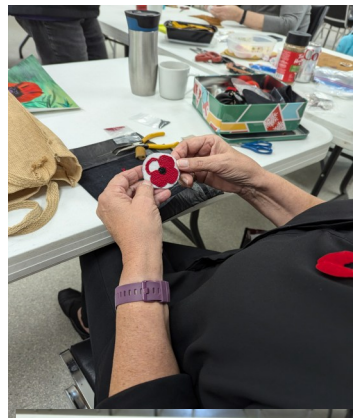
- 15 building permits were issued in 2024
- Updates at LaCroix Park—new playground equipment installed this year as a result of the Deep River and District Community Foundation Grant.



We continue to apply for many grants; this year we were successful with the New Horizons for Seniors being able to offer programs for our residents. The Canada Summer Jobs grant allowed us to hire a summer student (Seven Ezerins) who assisted with the lending hub along with supporting the Public Works Lead.

The Deep River and District Community Foundation grant will allow us to update our kitchen stove to a commercial/industrial stove in 2025. OPG grant funding will allow us to have accessible picnic tables at Mackey Park in 2025.

Here is a sample of activities made possible by the New Horizons for Seniors grants. If you haven't joined us yet, we hope that you will in 2025.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

We are looking for volunteers and assessors for our Emergency Management program.



The Municipal Office will be closed December 23, 2024 to and including January 3rd 2025 for the holidays.



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

Christmas is known for getting together with family and loved ones in the celebration of life. It is also a time to give thanks for the life of the loved ones we have lost. Although sometimes very difficult, please remember their shining lights, not with sorrow and heartache, but with joy and happiness, for the time that you had together.



Sarah and I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and the best of luck in 2025.

Councillor Chris Dowser





News from the Library



2024 Updates from the Library

Marlene Gibson has resigned from the library board. Marlene has been the cornerstone of our library for so many years we are definitely going to miss her guidance and knowledge. Thank you, Marlene, for your many years of volunteering for our library. You have left some really big shoes for us to fill.

Karen Sloan from Mackey has been hired as our Librarian/CEO. I look forward to working with her as we transition the library to a different environment in this busy world. Welcome Karen.

Lexi Rivett has resigned to pursue other opportunities.

I would like to welcome Trudy Miller and Charlene Airhardt to the library board. It is exciting to have new people who bring different perspective, ideas and skills to our board.

We have had a number of Internet and computer issues over the last few months. We have replaced our turbo hub and now have reliable but slow internet. We are looking into some different Internet options to improve our service to users. Alexander Stephens of Deep River to help us with our ongoing computer problems.

We had two very successful fundraising events. We raised over \$2,000 at both June Jazaar and the Christmas Market. It was so great to see so many members of the community come out, visit with their neighbours and friends and at the same time support the library. Thank you to everyone who joined in to make these events very successful. We would not be able to hold these events without the many hard working dedicated volunteers who assist in so many ways. Thank you.

Join us for Christmas at the Library, win a gift certificate for Voyager Family Restaurant in Mattawa. Simply pop in and check out a book or just pop in to see what our library has to offer.

Heading to Ottawa with the kids or grandchildren? Stop in at the library and check out our free family museum passes for the Museum of Aviation, War Museum and Museum of Nature.

Check out Head, Clara and Maria Facebook page for new and upcoming events. As well as what's going on in our area.





2024 Updates from the Library (cont'd)

Our Board meetings are open to the public and are held the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in the hall. Come join us to see what is new and exciting at the library.

Our library is open Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm and Saturday 12:30-3:00, librarian is at library on Tuesday and Saturday for assistance.

Are your empties piling up? Donate them to Head, Clara and Maria public library, simply put your beer cans, and or wine/liquor bottles in a separate clear plastic bag and Jeff will pick it up when he picks up your garbage and or recycling. Or drop it off at either of our 2 landfill sites.

We are always open to new ideas and new authors or to revise old ideas - (anyone interested in a Coffee Morning at the Library?) to enhance the library and help it to become a better place in our community.

Please reach out to either Karen Sloan at hcmlibra13@gmail.com or myself at hcmlibrarychair@gmail.com with any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope to see you soon at the library.

Catherine Sutherland, Chair
Head, Clara and Maria Library Board

Karen Sloan
Head, Clara and Maria CEO/Librarian

Please note the HCM Library will be opened the following hours over the holidays.

Monday, December 23rd 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 24th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, December 30th 8:30 am to 4:00 pm



Donate your Empties



Head , Clara and Maria Public Library



Put your empties in a clear plastic bag and put it out with your garbage or recycling for Jeff to pick up. Or drop it off at any of our 2 landfill locations.



JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS AT THE LIBRARY

Head, Clara and Maria Library
15 Township Hall Road, Stonecliffe

NOVEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 20

Win a gift certificate
for
Voyageur Family Restaurant in Mattawa

HOW TO WIN

get an entry for every library visit
and a bonus every item you take out

COMMUNITY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Interim property tax bills will be issued in early February with a due date of February 28th, 2025. Payments can be made via e-transfer to 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.*

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!

NRLTC LUNCHEONS AND WELLNESS CHECKS

The North Renfrew Long Term Care is resuming monthly luncheons. They will take place on the first Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested in attending please call the North Renfrew Long Term Care Center at 613-584-1900. The County of Renfrew Paramedics are also in attendance to complete wellness checks including blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

COMMUNITY EMAIL LIST

The Municipality has a community email list that is used to send community notices and updates. If you would like to be added to the 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.

Would you be interested in a wellness check or a friendly phone call from time to time? If so, please contact the municipal office at 613-586-2526 with your name and contact information.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

All waste within the municipality must be properly disposed of. The Collection and Landfill Schedules are listed below. By-law 2022-12, being a by-law to regulate the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste in Head, Clara and Maria provides a list of fines associated with improper disposal of waste under "Schedule N". Please ensure waste is either set out for curbside collection, or delivered to the landfill sites, during the times listed below to keep the community clean! Recycling materials in Head, Clara and Maria are sorted according to the requirements of Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (OVWRC), as the municipality's recycling processing centre. Recycling needs to be sorted as per the guide in order to properly process the materials and reduce the amount of contamination within the materials that would, as a result, have to be landfilled. If OVWRC receives contaminated material from the municipality, they may issue fines, penalties and can even discontinue service. In order to avoid this issue, if recycling is not properly sorted, it will be refused at the curb and/or the landfill.

Did you know that there is a Re-use Centre at each of the landfill sites? "One man's trash is another man's treasure"; if you have something that you no longer need, but think someone else could benefit from its use, consider dropping it at the – re-use centre. This will help reduce the amount going into the landfill and encourage our reduce, reuse and recycle practices! It is stated in our Environmental Compliance Approval, issued by the Ministry of Environment, that no scavenging is permitted at the landfill sites with the exception of taking materials from the designated re-use centre. If there is something specific that you are looking for, please speak with the Disposal Site Attendant, he may be able to help!



**The Mackey/Stonecliffe Landfill will be closed on Thursday,
December 26th, 2024 due to the holiday.**

**Regular hours and pick-up will resume on
Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.**

Municipal Disposal Site Hours

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 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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

Recycling Dates

(Stonecliffe and Mackey)

2024

December 23

2025

January 6, 20

October 15, 27

February 3, 19

November 10, 24

March 3, 17, 31

December 8, 22

April 14, 28

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

July 7, 21

August 6, 18

September 3, 15, 29





RECYCLING Sorting Guide

900 Waite 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

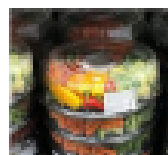


Please refer to your local Municipality for additional information on recycling and waste services.

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

INFORMATION

Please be advised that the following plastic items are **NOT** recyclable: red solo cups, mushroom containers, serving trays and flower pots/ trays. Please refer to the link below to the OVWRC website to explore the “what goes where” tool for up to date recycling sorting information.



[WHAT GOES WHERE – Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre \(OVWRC\)](#)

FIRE SAFETY

The best way to stay fire safe is to prevent fires from starting. Here are some tips to help address some of the leading causes of home fires in Ontario.

Fire Safety During Power Outages

With colder weather upon us, it is important to remember these fire safety tips during a power outage. The following tips will help reduce fire risk:

- Make sure your home has battery-operated smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Electrically connected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out unless they have battery back-ups.
- Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles or hurricane lamps. If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney, away from children and pets.
- Only use propane and charcoal barbecues outdoors. Do not bring them inside.
- Purchase generators with recognized approval labels. Make sure the unit has proper connection receptacles and circuit breakers.
- Only use portable generators outdoors and ensure that exhaust fumes do not enter the home. Allow the generator to cool before refueling. Refuel the generator outside, following the manufacturer's instructions – store fuel for the generator in approved containers outside the home.
- Use only portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor use and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Provide adequate ventilation by opening a window slightly while the heater is in use. Before refueling, turn off the heater, wait for it to cool and take the heater outside to refuel.
- Make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are off or unplugged to prevent fires from occurring when the electricity is restored.
- Have at least one phone that does not require electricity to operate. Cordless phones will not work when the power is out.

Electrical Safety

Electrical equipment is a leading cause of home fires in Ontario. To prevent electrical fires:

- Avoid running cords under rugs which can damage the cord and cause a fire.
- Avoid overloading a circuit. If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.
- Use extension cords only as a temporary connection, if permanent wiring is required, have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician.
- Do not link extension cords together, use an extension cord that is long enough.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in bathrooms, kitchens and garages (GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard).
- Check electrical cords for damage, such as fraying or nicks as a damaged cord can expose wires and result in a potential shock or fire hazard.

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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!
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A Natural Playground

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2025 Council Meeting Schedule

January—no meeting

Thursday, February 13 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 19 2:00 p.m.

July –no meeting

Saturday, August 23 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 18 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 16 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20 2:00 p.m.

Thursday December 11 2:00 p.m.