

Regulations Regarding Signage

We would like to remind you that Baie-D'Urfé's Zoning by-law states that banners, streamers, posters and all other signs are prohibited in the entire Town of Baie-D'Urfé. These include signs mounted on a moving vehicle, advertising signs and portable signs (such as sandwich boards).

It is however permitted to post signs indicating that a piece of land, a building or premises are for sale or for rent. Temporary signs set up on the location of a construction site, which identify the future occupant, the contractors, the sub-contractors or the professionals responsible for the project may be posted on the condition that they be taken down in the thirty days following the end of the work, unless decreed otherwise by the Town. Exceptionally, the Town can authorize the installation of sandwich boards. A formal Town authorization is required.

Please contact Mr. Philip Iacovone, Municipal Inspector, at 514 457-5339 prior to installing any signs.

Error printed in the 2011 Budget Flyer

Please note that there is an error in the Budget 2011 flyer which you received. The 2010 and 2011 column headers are inverted on the page containing the tax rate details. The data in each column is correct. Please note that the column headers on the revenues and expenditures page are correct. Corrected versions are available at Town Hall and on our website.

We apologize for the error. Do not hesitate to contact Town Hall if you have any questions.

Council Communiqué

Janet Ryan - Planning, Transport and Agglomeration Support

Taxibus Service

The public taxi service is working extremely well. We are receiving very positive feedback from those citizens who use it – it is punctual, efficient and problem-free. However, the number of people using it in the first couple of months was quite low. In October (the most recent month for which we have statistics), there were an average of 7 trips per week to or from the train station, and 9 trips per week to other destinations within the Town. We encourage you to use the public taxi – we want to show the STM how much this service is appreciated. Just call 514 636-6666 to reserve your ride and **specify that you wish to use the Baie-D'Urfé taxibus service.**

Opus Card for Seniors

Please note that Opus cards for seniors can now be obtained at the STM terminus in Fairview, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Friday. This is a welcome initiative on the part of the STM - in the past these cards were only available downtown, which was a major inconvenience for some seniors.

Residential Pools

The province of Quebec has recently introduced new safety regulations for residential swimming pools. These do not affect existing pools, but will apply to all pools constructed in the future. The most important difference between these regulations and the Town by-law which previously governed pool safety is that the new regulations require a fence between the house and the pool – it is no longer permissible for the pool to be directly accessible from the house. The new regulations set a minimum height for the fence of 1.2 metres, lower than the Town's previous minimum of 1.5 metres. There is no specific requirement for the distance between the pool and the fence. For further information you can contact me at 514 457-0302 or Mr. Philip Iacovone, Municipal Inspector, at 514 457-5339.

Impermeable Material

You may not be aware that there are limits on the amount of impermeable materials on your lot. Impermeable materials include all buildings, paving, and patio stones (roofed structures, asphalt or concrete paving, natural or man-made paving and landscaping blocks and patio stones). The surface around a pool would be included, but not the actual water surface. There is a maximum of 40% impermeable cover in the front set-back, 50% in the total of the side set-backs, and also an overall limit of 30% on the entire lot, including the house. The reason for these measures is to avoid overloading the storm drainage system. If you are planning new landscaping and have any concerns about this, please contact Mr. Philip Iacovone, Municipal Inspector, at 514 457-5339.

2011 Budget

The Town's 2011 budget was adopted at a special meeting of Council on December 22, 2010. Our capital projects for the year 2011 include construction of a storm water retention basin in the industrial sector, repair of the breakwater at the Yacht Club, and resurfacing of the pathway on Morgan. Our bill from the Agglomeration has increased by 3.8%, from \$10.0M to \$10.4M, and the local component of the budget has increased from \$6.4M to \$6.7M. The overall impact on taxes is an average increase of 3.0% for both residents and businesses. Individual tax bills may increase by more or less than this amount, depending on the change in individual valuations.