



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ – MAY 2007

Everyone in town is welcome to attend our regular council meetings; now that the schedule has returned to the second Tuesday of each month it should be easier to remember and attend.

With the advent of better weather, there were only two to four regulars at our last two meetings, and we've also received little correspondence from citizens. I've been around long enough to realize that this doesn't necessarily mean we're doing a wonderful job - it just means we haven't upset anyone.

Your Council needs feedback to better understand your interests and concerns. In a town the size of Baie d'Urfé, you probably already know one or more councillors, and may have shared your viewpoint with them, but it is much more helpful when all of us hear from you first-hand.

Please do come to our meetings on occasion, see how we work and learn what is happening - and give us your feedback. If you can't make the meeting, write us a note. While we can't guarantee to satisfy every request, all letters and points raised during council meetings are discussed and help improve the quality of our decisions.

The Earth Day distribution of composters was a success. 100 plastic "Garden Gourmet" units were distributed at a subsidised price of \$5, and recipients attended a composting course. We also sold 20 wire-mesh rings for composting leaves and lawn clippings. These are less glamorous, but work very well - mine has been in use for about 15 years, and is a wonderful source of organic matter for my vegetable garden.

We are working to achieve the goal of 60% recycling by the year 2008 that has been set for Quebec municipalities. One of the first steps is to better understand how we're measured today, and where we can achieve the best improvement.

An obvious first step is to be more conscientious when preparing the blue box each week. Cardboard boxes that should be folded and left with the blue box are often left for the regular garbage, either to avoid the effort of collapsing them or because they serve as a convenient container for the styrofoam peanuts, etc that serve as packing material. A little more effort would save a lot of cardboard.

By the time you read this, our volunteer Rescue Squad should be training with a "new" truck. Public Works has replaced our closed truck by one more suited to their needs, and instead of trading in the previous truck, we have provided it to the Rescue Squad. They will be fitting it with the necessary equipment over the summer.

Chuck Colomb
Councillor