



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – NOVEMBER 2007

As we go into the fall and winter seasons, we on Council have been concerned with several issues involving public safety and security

2007 has been named “Road Safety Year” by the Quebec government and Council would like to remind all our citizens to drive safely, obey speed limits, stop at all stop signs and obey parking restrictions. If these three steps are followed, our town of Baie d’Urfé will be taking a very large step towards making our roads safer for the drivers and pedestrians.

At our council meeting of October 9th, Council adopted an amendment to our traffic by-laws reducing the maximum speed limit in Town from 50 kmph to 40 kmph. We have commenced the process with the Quebec Ministry of Transport to bring this amendment into effect. As soon as it is approved by them, the signage will be updated to reflect this change. This new speed limit will mean that we and our neighbouring cities will have uniform speed laws.

Council and the Traffic Committee are constantly looking at our citizens’ requests and suggestions about traffic signage, circulation and pedestrian concerns. We have done traffic counts to verify the number, type and speed of vehicles, etc. We have added stop signs and “No Parking” signs and have received more traffic surveillance from the police service. Please remember that all suggestions in writing or by e-mail are referred to the appropriate committees for consideration.

Council would like to remind you that another start-up information meeting for our Neighbourhood Watch program will be held on November 21st commencing at 19h00 at the Red Barn. Please try to attend; this has proven to be an effective method of maintaining our citizens’ and household security. Watch for the notices that will be placed around Town.

The Baie d’Urfé Rescue Squad continues the work and train under the leadership of Peter Neville (514-457-9277) and Brian Gillis (514-457-3939). If you are 18 years of age or older and in decent physical shape, would like to help out your neighbours and acquire some new skills, please think about joining this worthwhile group of dedicated citizens.

Council would also like to remind each and every household to make sure that your civic address is visible from the road. This will enable police, fire, ambulance or other emergency vehicles to find your residence more quickly should the need arise. Please take the time to walk out to the street, particularly at night, and make sure that your civic number is visible. This simple step may help to avert a disaster at your home.

Remember, as our days grow shorter and darkness falls earlier, to please drive carefully, obey the traffic laws and watch out for pedestrians, especially our children. Let’s make our Town the safest one on the West Island in this “Road Safety Year”.

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