



Council Communiqué

A Public Budget Consultation Meeting organized by the Baie d'Urfé Town Council was held Tuesday, September 18th at the Red Barn. Citizens were invited to express their opinions and wishes in regards to the upcoming 2008 Municipal Budget. Councillor Janet Ryan chaired the meeting and was assisted by Town Treasurer, Madame Ghislaine Turcot and Mr. Richard White, Director General.

Three major priorities were clearly expressed by the residents that were present:

- Better street lighting on several busy streets
- Water drainage
- A pedestrian pathway along Surrey, east of Morgan, to accommodate the flow of citizens utilizing the train and those walking on foot to and from their homes.

Council understands very well these concerns. Additional lights will be installed (one per post) in the near future along Surrey, east of Morgan to Apple Hill.

In regards to the water drainage problem, an engineering firm has been hired and has been given the mandate to prepare a drainage plan for the entire Town. The total cost of this project, including the study, the plan and the actual work is \$873 000.00, of which \$694 000.00 will be offset by a Federal/ Provincial Gas transfer tax subsidy. The remaining balance of \$179 000.00 will be paid by the Town from municipal tax revenue. This cost will also cover emergency drainage work carried out in 2007. All drainage work will be completed in 2008-2009.

Council will re-evaluate the need for a pedestrian pathway along Surrey, east of Morgan once the new lights are installed.

A request was made for the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Morgan and Surrey to facilitate with pedestrian crossing.

A Welcome Sign at the entrance of Baie d'Urfé for people arriving from Highway 20 was also recommended, with directions to key buildings in town such as Town Hall, Public Works, Fritz Farm and the Red Barn. In respect to street signs, it was also noted that having all streets well marked and clear of any impeding bushes or tree branches was of great importance.

It was also suggested that the Town prepare a better program for replacing light bulbs for our existing street lights.

Chairperson Janet Ryan informed those citizens present that the principle priorities of Town Council for the coming year are:

- Security
- Town infrastructures
- Environment

The meeting was very positive and on behalf of myself and all the members of Town Council, we wish to thank all the people who participated and contributed their input. We no doubt share a common goal in wanting to make our Town a more welcoming and secure place to live. A special thank-you goes to the members of the Citizens' Association who graciously changed the date of their monthly meeting to accommodate the budget consultation.

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