



## COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – DECEMBER 2007

It's December and the Town will adopt the budget at the public meeting on December 11th at 7 P.M. As always, everyone is invited and Council is always encouraged when people do come to our meetings.

We've had two budget planning meetings so far, and are about to meet a third time.

I think you'll agree that much has been accomplished this year, but there is still significant catch-up required after the merger years, including such items as:

- Rebuilding of the Lakeshore pathway westward from the Fritz
- Landscaping the entrance to Baie d'Urfé
- Continuing our intensive building maintenance program
- and many others

While we would all like to see everything in top shape, Council must balance the urgency and cost of each item, factoring in as well the Town Staff's ability to oversee only so many projects in a year. Whatever the final choices, I hope you will understand that we have looked at all of the outstanding work, and it will all get done, though some things may require another year.

Earlier this year the Town Planning Committee was mandated by Council to look at the effect that residential redevelopment is having on our town, and to make recommendations regarding any by-law changes that might be appropriate.

This has been a lengthy and difficult task, which is finally approaching its end. We have tried hard to look at all aspects of the situation, and to consider both immediate and long-term factors. I expect that we will make recommendations to Council by the end of February.

I thought it might be useful to provide a short description of the functions of our various committees that deal in changes to the neighbourhood:

Town Planning Committee: (Town Manager, 2 Councillors, 3 volunteers)

Created by Town by-law. Considers matters referred to it by Council regarding Zoning, Building, Permits, Town Development, etc. Makes recommendations regarding these matters to Council that often involve by-law changes and policy. In the case of a small area of the Industrial Sector, serves as an Architectural Review Committee.

Demolition Committee:

Any town can choose to create this committee by Town by-law (Baie d'Urfé has). If it is created, its structure and operation is governed by Provincial law.

Holds public hearings on applications for demolition permits, taking into account many factors and either granting the permit (can be with conditions attached) or denying it. Decisions of this committee can be appealed to Council for final ruling.

Building Committee: (Town Manager, 1 Councillor, 1 volunteer)

Created by resolution of Council. Works with the Town Inspector to review applications for permits of all kinds, helping to ensure that all of the Town's by-laws are applied correctly and completely. Provides advice to the inspector on any matters he may wish to discuss.



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In closing, I extend to all Council's wishes for a happy, healthy and restful holiday season. We hope to see you at the New Year's levee Jan 1, 2008.

Chuck Colomb  
Councillor