



## COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – OCTOBER 2008

Baie d'Urfé is participating in the Hydro Quebec "Energy Wise Home Diagnostic" program. This initiative, which was launched in mid-September, will continue until mid-February. By now, each household should have received a questionnaire to fill out regarding their electrical energy use. If you have not received it, or have misplaced it, please contact Town Hall for a new form or for instructions on how to access it on the web. Each filled out form will contribute \$30 (\$35 for web-based applications) towards upgrading our town's library. In return, you will receive a personalized recommendation on how to optimize your electrical consumption. This is a true "win-win" for everyone!

Following a request from our Junior Council, the Town has decided to install four new water fountains – 2 at Dorset Park, 1 at Picardy Park and 1 at Balsam Park. The preliminary work for the installation has been completed and the fountains will be installed next spring. Our ultimate goal is to have at least one fountain in every park.

You may also have noticed other new additions around town over the summer months. We have installed new picnic tables at Bertold Park and on the grounds behind Town Hall as well as benches in front of Fritz Farm. We have placed them specifically so that citizens and visitors can enjoy the fabulous view of Lac St. Louis. Our idea must have been a good one since we see them used regularly.

The large brown wooden structure at Picardy Park no longer respects the new safety standards for park equipment. It will therefore be removed in late fall to be replaced with new structures in 2009. We will be consulting our Junior Council to help us choose new, interesting and fun park equipment.

Throughout the year, Council receives many suggestions and requests from citizens regarding what changes or improvements they would like to see in our town. These requests are naturally taken into consideration during the annual budget process. One on-going project is the continuation of the drainage program. Some of our buildings are also getting on in age and need some serious attention. This always translates into more money to correct existing problems or just to bring the buildings up to current expectations. For example, in 2009, we will be considering air conditioning for the library. Environmental issues such as composting and improving recycling must also be addressed. Citizens and staff have also identified many other important projects to consider for the 2009 budget. We will all be sharpening our pencils.

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