



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – MARCH 2008

For those residents who have tried paying their municipal tax bill at the various financial institutions through the Internet, automatic tellers or by telephone banking, PLEASE NOTE: When the prompt asks you for an account number you must use the first 18 digits of the number shown as MATRICULE: xxxx-xx-xxxx-x-000-0000 on your tax bill. Do not use the number shown as account number (starts with 2008) we apologise for the frustrations that must have arisen due to this.

On February 14, an assembly of 26 persons representing our industrial sector gathered for a luncheon at Ristorante Linguini. A number of subjects of interest were discussed, notably Park Security. Commandant St-Cyr from Station 1 and Serca Security were both on hand to respond to the various queries and concerns. Also of special interest is the new grant program to support industrial growth. The programme offers industrial building owners the possibility of obtaining a five year general property tax reimbursement (local and agglomeration) for the increased property value following a renovation or an addition to an industrial building. (Interested parties should contact Gerry Arsenault, West Island Industrial Commissioner at 514-426-2888 ext.222, or Ghislaine Turcot at 514-457- 5041).

Last week, a Baie d'Urfé citizen, a young Mother, recounted her concern of her neighbour's speeding. As she told me, these neighbours were her friends, but she considered their driving habits somewhat reckless. Sadly she is not the first to tell us the same story, and unlikely the last. Your council have recently adopted by-law 911-16 to reduce the speed limit from 50km to 40km in all residential areas. Provincial approval is expected shortly. You will see signage in the spring reflecting this change. This action is an effort that needs to be reinforced by police presence, but must importantly the solution also lies with each of us. Driving under the influence of alcohol is now socially unacceptable. We need to push speeding and dangerous driving from the laws and police, to that same level.

Finally – to whom it may concern, please bring on the sun and spring, we're ready.

Lynda Phelps  
Municipal Councillor