



Council Communiqué - July 2008

There was a recent extensive graffiti incident. About 20 homes on Normandy, Calais and Lakeshore had garage doors and fences vandalized. Should this happen again, please call the police immediately – very few people did so. The police keep a database with photos of graffiti. This database is an important tool in finding and charging vandals, so please do not remove graffiti until it has been photographed.

The town acted quickly to remove the graffiti, and has adopted a zero-tolerance policy. Residents are invited to contact Town Hall should they require assistance in such circumstances.

Parking during practices and games held in our parks has been an ongoing problem. The Town has decided to intervene; designated employees will visit the parks and issue parking tickets. You are invited to call 514-630-1234 if you notice any illegal parking incidences outside of regular office hours.

More than a year ago, some citizens petitioned Council to address the way the town is being changed by the increasing number of demolitions, where the replacement house is usually larger than the previous one and that of its neighbours. Council mandated the Town Planning Advisory Committee to study the matter and to make recommendations.

The Committee studied the question carefully, and after a year's work, has made recommendations that Council has decided to implement. Notice of motion was given at the June Council Meeting for a number of changes to the zoning by-law. We believe these changes will moderate the impact of demolitions on the town, slowing the increase in urbanization while still allowing the construction of large homes on our large lots.

Some of the major changes proposed are:

- All existing buildings are “grandfathered” – that is, they have an acquired right to exist as they are, and to be replaced in case of disaster.
- Land Coverage (currently 16%) will become 16% for the first 1400 square meters (15 070 square feet) of lot area, and a smaller sliding scale will apply to additional area.
 - The amount of paving and other impermeable ground cover is controlled.
- Restrictions regarding the number of garages and garage doors which may be included as part of the principal building.
- A new constraint on the height of buildings near the lot line. Buildings with a tower or gable-end in the front wall will have to be set back further from the street.
- Control of a building's length and/or width.



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The proposed changes will be further elaborated on at the July 8th Council Meeting and there will be a public consultation meeting at a later date. You will receive notification of this meeting by mail.

We believe this is a balanced approach that will help the town avoid becoming a victim of its own attractiveness. Our intent is to preserve the park-like feel that makes Baie d'Urfé such a beautiful location, and contributes to the high level of property values.

I look forward to hearing your opinion.

Chuck Colomb
Councillor