



## Council Communique - November 2008

### 2009 Budget

Preparations are well under way for the 2009 budget. Council has determined what our priorities for the year will be. One of them is our infrastructure: there is still much to be done in our drainage project, several of our town buildings are in need of work, and we still have to increase our paving budget in order to bring our roads up to standard.

Another priority is the environment. When our current recycling contract expires next March, all of our existing blue boxes will be replaced by larger wheeled bins. Once we determine how frequently these bins will be picked up, you will be asked to choose which size of bin (360, 240 or 120 litres) is right for your household. Another priority is our parks – we plan on replacing equipment in some areas.

Next year the agglomeration will send a single tax bill to the Town, rather than billing each resident and business individually. You will receive only one tax bill, from the Town, for an amount comparable to the total of your 2008 local and agglomeration bills.

### Public Consultation on Zoning By-law Changes Affecting Large Houses

As you are no doubt aware, Council is considering some changes to the zoning by-law which would have the effect of restricting the maximum size of single-family houses in the town. The purpose of these changes is to preserve the character and the beauty of the Town, to preserve our green space, and to try to maintain some housing which is affordable to young families and seniors.

A special second public consultation on this subject, held on October 16 at the Red Barn, provided an opportunity for residents to voice their comments and questions. Approximately 25 of the 80 people present came to the microphone to give their comments, in favour or against. Among those who spoke against the proposed changes, there seemed to be a number of misconceptions, and I would like to respond to some of them here. First, a number of people suggested that Council should have consulted with professionals in developing these by-law changes. In fact, two professionals reviewed the plan: the town's urban planner, and at a later stage, our lawyer.

Second, a couple of people expressed concern about the complexity of the process of challenging by-law changes. The fact is that this process was not determined by the Town, but is laid down by the Province of Quebec. It is the same two-step process, involving a petition and then a register, which we were obliged to follow in the case of the extension to the Maxwell Residence.

Council would like to thank all those citizens who have expressed their views on this proposed by-law change. Further comments are always welcome. We are considering the comments received so far, and will determine how to proceed in the near future. We will keep you informed. Copies of the proposed changes to the by-law, in English and French, are available from Town Hall or on the town website at [www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca).

Janet Ryan  
Councillor



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### Information Session on Wills and Incapacity Mandates

Thursday, November 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Red Barn, notaries Me Madeleine Petit and Me Nazgol Fallah Toussi will host an information session on the topic of wills and incapacity mandates. This is the perfect moment to come ask any questions you may have.

You are all cordially invited. If you cannot attend due to lack of transportation, please contact Town Hall at (514) 457-5324 the previous week. Leave your name, address and phone number and we will try to accommodate you.

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Councillor