



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – MAY 2009

LIBRARY

Finally, we will have air conditioning. That's what many of our library volunteers and members are saying.

This year, the Baie-D'Urfé Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Town felt it was time (some will say it was passed due) to give the library a new look, and so, on April 29th, the Library will close down its operations and the renovations will begin. When the Library re-opens officially on June 20th, it will have a new entrance, reception desk, high speed internet, shelving, carpeting, furniture, brighter new lights and the much coveted air conditioning. For those who are curious, the plans of the new layout are posted in the entrance of the Whiteside Taylor building.

The Library is encouraging all members (FYI membership is free for all Baie-D'Urfé residents) to borrow up to 12 books. Hopefully this will adequately cover the needs of the serious book lovers, and will also reduce the number of books that need to be moved for the renovations to take place. The lending period will also be extended to June 22nd, but if you wish to return the books sooner, the outside return box will be available.

PARKS

At the last Junior Council Meeting, we asked the 21 kids in attendance to vote on which new park equipment they would like to see replace the old wooden structure in Picardy Park. Two of the most popular items, the "Canopus" and the "Flexus" have been ordered and should be installed in early summer. (All parents, please note, any child may attend the Junior Council meetings. Our Mayor's pet project is gaining momentum and other municipalities are watching with interest.)

For those of us who are a few years older, we will also be installing adult exercise equipment at Bertold Park in early summer. Quite a few of our baby boomer residents had expressed an interest in this concept, and with an eye on our demographics, we decided to go ahead.

Plans have been drawn up, and the contractor chosen, to build outdoor public washrooms on the grounds of the Fritz Community Center. We will be going "green" on this structure, using solar panels for the electrical needs. We have planned for this structure to be completed in time for the "Baie-D'Urfé Days".



SWIMMING POOL

After two years of unsatisfactory performance, the pool water heater will be replaced by a much larger unit in time for the summer season, much to the delight of the Baie-D'Urfé Aqua Club, which has been very patient while the heating problems were being sorted out.

SURREY ROAD, BETWEEN MORGAN AND APPLEHILL

Residents of this area had expressed safety concerns about the growing use of this road by pedestrians. Council had planned for a path to be constructed in this year's budget and public consultations were held regarding the type of pathway to be constructed, with an eye on safety, and snow removal operations. The first phase seeking to improve drainage will begin shortly.

HYDRO-QUÉBEC

A big **"THANK-YOU"** to all those who took the time to fill out the Hydro-Québec questionnaire regarding energy consumption. We did very well, raising \$5 955 that will go towards the Library upgrade program.

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