



COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE – FEBRUARY 2009

Council would like to remind everyone to:

Think Safe. Please remind your children not to build forts in the snowbanks on the edge of the roads. This is a very dangerous practice as the snowplough drivers cannot see the children while clearing the roads and performing other roadwork.

Drive Safe. Remember, our environmentally-friendly White Road Policy means that we are using minimal amounts of road salt and are trying to spread abrasives only at intersections, curves and on hills. So please pay attention, drive a little slower and enjoy our winter.

Walk Safe. Remember that our winter nights are long and dark. Please walk on the walking paths where available, facing traffic on the roads and wear reflective-type clothing or carry a flashlight in order to make it easier for the car drivers to see you.

On the subject of winter, Council would like to thank our Public Works employees for their efforts in preparing and maintaining our skating rinks. Visit the rinks at Bertold Park and watch the fun the skaters, old and young, are having. As well, the snow removal on our paths, walks and steps has been excellent and these have been very well maintained. A big thank-you goes out to everyone.

Council would like to remind all residents of the due dates for our 2009 tax bills. The first installment is due February 24th, 2009 and the second, May 25th, 2009.

As of February 23, 2009, a new company will be collecting the recyclable material in Town. For economic reasons, our former contractor was unable to maintain the required service. This contractor will change once again April 1, 2009 when we will start using larger capacity wheeled bins. Citizens should see no change in service.

Council has been advised that Euro-Style, the cleaner/tailor in Plaza Baie d'Urfé, is now offering a free pickup and delivery service after 6:00 p.m. for Baie d'Urfé residents. You can contact them at 514-457-7077. This new service should be useful to our senior residents and others who cannot easily get to the shopping centre.



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There will be lots of work going on in Town this spring. We still have to complete the drainage projects started in the fall. We will be going to tender to extend the water supply to fire hydrants in the industrial sector. Tenders will be called shortly for our 2009 road repair and re-surfacing projects as well. We are hoping to start these projects in the spring this year and have them completed early.

You may have noticed the work going on at Town Hall. We are renovating the upper floor as some health and safety issues with the structure have come to light. Hopefully, the work will proceed swiftly. In the meantime, all our departments will continue to function with their usual efficiency and all services will be maintained. Please note that monthly Council meetings will be held at the Fritz Community Centre during this renovation period.

Have a fun and safe winter.

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