



MAYOR'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2006

Summer in Baie d'Urfé is usually a quiet time for citizens, council and staff. Summer 2006 was not!

Baie d'Urfé and the island of Montreal experienced an extended heat wave period followed by some heavy vicious storms which resulted in power failures, fallen trees, flooded basements and lots of drainage problems.

Many thanks to our Public Works Department, our firemen at Station 52, our volunteer rescue squad and our night guard Diane Werner who worked round the clock many nights to ensure that they helped all the citizens that they could in as timely a fashion as was possible.

The storm aggravated the drainage problems in Baie d'Urfé – this is definitely an area we need to assess and plan to put more resources into in the future.

Tropical storms like we experienced this summer may be more prevalent in future years and Baie d'Urfé has to better prepare itself for their occurrence.

Councilor Janet Ryan's article in this month's News & Views deals with the storm in more detail.

Volunteer Rescue Squad

Our new volunteer rescue squad has once again provided invaluable assistance to the Town of Baie d'Urfé. They were ever-present during Baie d'Urfé Days, helping the Citizens' Association put on a fun filled and safe week-end of events for our community and ably assisted in pumping out basements during the recent summer storms.

They are still recruiting and could use more hands. Come out Thursday nights – 7:30 p.m. at the old fire station on Surrey and check them out.

Also, show your support and appreciation by joining them at their first oyster fundraiser at the end of October.

Maxwell Residence

A request to Council to extend Maxwell residence from 60 to 90 units generated a lot of interest in Town.

An information session was held August 7th inviting the citizens of the contiguous areas to learn more about the project. Given the importance of the project and the interest in the community, Council held this extraordinary information session to brief citizens on the project and encourage citizen input prior to Council's deliberations and decision.

Council has received many letters and phone calls both in favor and against the project.

Considerable effort was taken by Council to ensure that all views were heard and that the process was open and fair to all.



A decision on the request for extension of the Maxwell Residence from 60 to 90 units is expected by the end of August.

Parks Equipment and Safety

By mid-August, new park equipment was being installed in Gray and Picardy parks to the delight of our young citizens. More is on its way.

Many thanks to Councilor Kim Watson Millette for all her hard work in determining what was required and selecting the appropriate equipment for the different parks.

The 2006-2007 school year is soon upon us. My best wishes for a productive and safe year for all our students.

Speed is always a concern particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Please keep speed levels down, especially around our school zones. Drive carefully and watch out for our children.

Maria Tutino
Mayor