



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2006

Almost a year has passed since we got our Town back. The demand on staff's and council's time has been extraordinary as we have had to deal with pressing issues regarding the reconstitution of our Town while at the same time dealing with the day to day management of Town affairs. Add to the equation the constant David vs Goliath scenarios we deal with on a regular basis due to the agglomeration ... and it all made it a very challenging first year.

Many of you who are subscribers to the News & Views have received regular monthly reports from the Town. You have read about our trials and tribulations with the agglomeration. You have learnt of some of the highlights accomplished this year like: the lower than expected tax increase in the Baie d'Urfe 2006 budget and the successful challenge of the 2006 agglomeration budget by Baie d'Urfe and the other demerged cities whereby the government arbitrator agreed that \$41.4 million was wrongly charged to the agglomeration in 2006 and should be returned to the citizens in the form of tax credits in 2007. As a result of this, Baie d'Urfe citizens should see a credit of 2.17 cents per \$100 of evaluation (about \$68.25 for a home evaluated at \$315,000); our corporate citizens should see a credit of 7.42 cents per \$100 (about \$1410 for a business evaluated at 1.9 million). This, added to Baie d'Urfe's lower than average property evaluation increases within the agglomeration of Montreal with the 2007-2009 evaluation roll, puts Baie d'Urfe in a very favorable climate going into the 2007 budget process.

You would have also read about the creation of the Baie d'Urfe volunteer rescue squad, our new youth summer program, new playground equipment for all Baie d'Urfe parks, the creation of a new website thanks to Richard Gregson, one of our many precious volunteers (check it out at [www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca)), the repaving of Lakeshore road and the inauguration of the new Anne Myles garden on the grounds of the Town Hall.

I take the opportunity of this month being the Baie d'Urfe Citizens Association (BDCA) membership drive to encourage you to become a member of the BDCA, entitling you to a monthly subscription to the News & Views, where among other-Town related articles, the Mayor and Council write columns relating to Town affairs. You can also read the Mayor and Council columns in our Town website ([www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca), click on Communiqués).

### **New newspaper supplier for Baie d'Urfe public notices**

I would also like to take this opportunity of the door-to-door delivery to let you know that as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, The Chronicle will be the newspaper that will be engaged by the Town for Public Notices which announces proposed changes to bylaws. Please check the paper on a weekly basis for Baie d'Urfe announcements.

### **Special thanks to Simon Paquin, pharmacist at Proxim in Baie d'Urfe**

The Town would like to extend its sincere thanks to Mr. Paquin for his generous donation of medical supplies and an emergency backboard to be used by our volunteer rescue squad to stabilize victims of suspected spinal injuries. His contribution has helped furnish our team with some of the state of the art equipment it needs to provide quality emergency assistance to the citizens of our Town.

A reminder that the next Council meeting is on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Why don't you come out and join us.

Maria Tutino  
Mayor