



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – MARCH 2007

The election date for the next provincial election has been announced and Quebecers will be going to the polls on March 26<sup>th</sup>. As of writing we are still awaiting a call from the Charest government to meet with the Premier regarding our issues with the agglomeration structure. We were hoping to get some commitments for change from the Charest government prior to the election call but unfortunately that did not happen. Hopefully the issue will be dealt with in the upcoming election period. Will keep you posted.

I would like to thank you all for the many calls, emails and letters of support I received regarding my efforts to make changes to the agglomeration an election issue. Obviously, this issue is important to you and I will continue to do what is necessary to get corrective measures to a structure and governance that is abusive to you, the citizens of Baie d'Urfé.

You will have, by now, received two tax bills. The average local tax bill for a Baie d'Urfé homeowner is \$500; the average agglomeration tax bill for the same home is \$2500. No one can say that we are not paying our fair share of Montreal regional services.

Some positive news from the local front:

**First responder service**

Great news for Baie d'Urfé. The firefighters in Baie d'Urfé will be among the first group to be trained to provide first responder service for priority one calls. From June 11st onwards all emergency calls for a life threatening or otherwise serious medical emergency will be dispatched to our fire department at the same time as an ambulance is notified.

The average wait time for ambulance service in Baie d'Urfé is currently around 14 minutes. Given the proximity of our fire station and their familiarity with our territory, our firefighters should arrive well in advance of the ambulance ... precious minutes which could sometimes mean the difference between life and death.

**The search is over**

After an intensive search and interviewing session, we are pleased to announce that we have filled the two new positions of Foreman and Assistant Treasurer.

Mario Villeneuve has been hired as Foreman for our Public Works Department. His first day of work was February 19<sup>th</sup>. Josiane Lefebvre will be our new Assistant Treasurer and will start on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make a point to say hello and make them feel at home.

**Free curling for Baie d'Urfé residents**

A few sessions remain to try curling.

Adults: Pizza & Curl Wednesdays evening at 7 to 9pm or 9 to 11pm from Mar 7 to Mar 21

Youth: Monday Mar 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Mar 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30pm  
Tuesday Mar 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 noon

Contact the Baie d'Urfé Curling Club at 514-457-5900 for information and reservation.

**Council Meetings**

We have returned to the pre-merger schedule of Council meetings. Our Council meetings will now be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next one is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Come and join us!

Maria Tutino, Mayor