



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – OCTOBER 2008

For three years in a row, the months of September and October will be remembered for the high level of infrastructure activity happening around Town. This year, the construction activity centers on important improvements needed to the Town's drainage system and road network. The drainage areas worked on this year are a result of a drainage study commissioned by the Town in September 2007 to review the status of the town's drainage system and to make recommendations on how to best address the recurring drainage problems experienced by our citizens, both residential and corporate, over the years. The study identified 14 major areas that needed attention and proposed an ideal schedule to perform the required work.

This year, more than 40 citizens on Westchester, St. Andrews, Sunny Acres and Maughan in the residential sector, as well as behind Les Industries JAM Ltée. and Tomasso Corporation in the industrial sector, will have either their existing ditches reprofiled or have new ditches put in. Next year, other areas in Town will be addressed. Thanks to the funds received from the gas tax subsidy, Baie d'Urfé is able to spend about \$800 000 dollars on drainage improvements between 2006 and 2009, 79.5% of which is funded by the gas tax subsidy, the remainder coming from Town funds.

This year, the Town also doubled its paving budget to advance major work required to our road network. The following areas are targeted for 2008: Lee between the service road and Cruickshank, Surrey between Lombardy and Linden, Surrey at the Birch Hill intersection, Normandy between Oakridge and Calais.

All this activity is unfortunately accompanied by noise, dirt and inconvenience for a short period of time, and we thank those of you who are affected for your patience and understanding during this important construction period.

Junior Council Report

Our Junior Council meetings continue to be very popular with the youth of Baie d'Urfé. More than 20 young citizens attended our last session and once again provided Council with several suggestions on how we can improve Town facilities and services. Their suggestions covered a variety of topics and not only the ones that we would have expected our youths to address. While parks and recreation were a topic of interest, many of their comments dealt with broader issues. They suggested improvements regarding Town signage, Town communication with its citizens, park security, the Morgan entrance, the environment and their continued involvement in the Town's community life.

Junior Council members enjoyed the experience of planting and maintaining a flower garden at the Red Barn and would welcome other opportunities to get involved. Junior Council regular Miss Saba Sabati has volunteered to oversee our first Junior Council portfolio entitled "Junior and Youth Social Activities". Details of their upcoming scheduled activities can be found on page ____ of this month's News & Views. Activities are open to all Baie d'Urfé youths, so please let your children know about it ... better still, pass the News & Views to them so they can familiarize themselves with this important publication produced by the Baie d'Urfé Citizens' Association.



Youths interested in the Junior Council will also be able to read about their program and planned activities on the upcoming Junior Council section of the Town website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca.

The next Junior Council meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 7 p.m. at the Red Barn where the guest of honour will be Olympian and Baie d'Urfé resident Rhian Wilkinson. Spread the word!

Important upcoming October events

Local

- 1) **October 16th - 2nd public consultation regarding by-law 875-73 at 7 p.m. at the Red Barn**
- 2) **October 24 to 26**

Once again, the 690 Lakeshore Squadron will be hosting its Haunted Hallowe'en at the Red Barn Friday, October 24 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, October 25th from noon till 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 26th from noon till 4:30 p.m. This fundraiser targets children 8 and over. There will be less spooky shows for 6 and 7 year olds from noon till 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. I wish you all a happy and safe Hallowe'en!

Nation-wide

A federal election has been called for October 14th. Don't forget to go out to vote!

Maria Tutino
Mayor