



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – MARCH 2008

Baie d'Urfé ... more than just a place to hang your hat and sleep at night!

Baie d'Urfé has always distinguished itself among municipalities as a caring Town, an involved Town, a Town where everyone appears to partake in the well-being of its citizenry.

Volunteerism is a way of life in Baie d'Urfé, always has been and, I hope, always will be! It is what distinguishes us from other cities; it is what makes our Town, a community, a family.

Since the early days of our history, Baie d'Urfé citizens got involved in their Town. In 1947 the Citizens' Association came into being to provide an independent body to speak for the citizens and to organize community projects. Today, this Association continues to contribute in important ways through their running of Baie d'Urfé Days and publishing the News & Views, among others.

Baie d'Urfé is quite unique in having more than 30 volunteer organizations to service its approximately 4000 citizens.

Our industrial sector is not immune to this volunteer spirit. They created a volunteer industrial park association in to deal with public security issues in the Baie d'Urfé Industrial Park. Thank you, Cam Mickie (Recyclage Camco) and Mark Goldman (Prestige Télécom Ltée) for all your hard work!

With modern lifestyles, volunteerism appears to be waning everywhere and sometimes, one wonders if Baie d'Urfé's way of doing things will be affected over time ... if Baie d'Urfé will continue to attract citizens to its territory that will promote the building of the community lifestyle we have all come to enjoy and expect.

I am optimistic, especially in light of the new "Nurturing Neighbors" initiative being championed by Baie d'Urfé resident Merry Hammond. "Nurturing Neighbors" is a community project that, I hope, will capture the hearts of our citizens to give it their full support and, possibly, a few hours of their time. You will read more about this tremendous undertaking in this News & Views newsletter.

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank Merryl for this great initiative and for the many hours she has already put in and, I am sure, will put in to make "Nurturing Neighbors" another community driven support system that will add significantly to our citizens' quality of life!

I hope to see you at the "Nurturing Neighbors" kick-off meeting, which will be at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 25th at the Town Hall.

Baie d'Urfé Junior Council

In discussions I have had with several young citizens in Town, the idea of a "Junior Council" has taken shape. This would be a quarterly get-together with the youth in Town where citizens from ages 10 upwards could bring forward concerns, issues and questions regarding Town life. This would also be an opportunity for Council to get our young people's input on select town projects. Depending on the interest, this could lead to other council-youth initiatives.

The first meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 27th (Town Hall). Please let your children know about it.

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Mayor



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