



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – JUNE 2008

### **Record union contract signed ... 2006 to 2015**

May 20<sup>th</sup> was a historical day for Baie d'Urfé. The town signed a blue collar union contract that will give the town the same flexibility and working relationship with our public works department as we had pre-merger. The agreement was unanimously voted in favor by each member of our blue collar staff and by each member of the town council.

The Town of Baie d'Urfé: the people, the administration, the employees and the volunteers, have a different way of doing things from the other cities and we are grateful that the Union recognized that fact.

The Town and its Blue Collars always had a good relationship. Before the mergers, we did not have a union and we always worked as a team... some would say as a family.

The agreement we signed on May 20<sup>th</sup> cannot be reproduced elsewhere, the conditions are different elsewhere as are the solutions.

We are very happy to be the first Town to sign a contract for a duration of 9 ½ years, a record in the municipal arena!

We are particularly proud of the fact that this contract respects our Blue Collars as they deserve to be respected and that it gives us the flexibility and the tools needed to continue offering the best services to our citizens... as we always did, before the merger and now, after the demerger.

### **Student jobs now available**

With the signing of the union contract, the Town is able to hire students again. The Town will be looking for several students to work this summer in both the administration and the public works department. All interested parties should send their résumé to the Town by email to [info@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:info@baie-durfe.qc.ca)

### **Speed limit NOW 40 km**

The new speed limit of 40 km per hour (unless otherwise indicated) came into effect on May 14.

### **Free tennis and swimming for Baie d'Urfé residents**

The Baie d'Urfé Aquatic and Tennis Clubs are opening their facilities to the citizens of Baie d'Urfé during select time periods. They are as follows:

#### **Free Swim**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **Free Tennis**

Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m.



### **Junior Council**

The second Junior Council will be held on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All future Junior Councils will be on Thursdays but this one was changed to Friday in consideration of the youth's June year-end school commitments. Please let your children know.

### **Senior guide available at the Town Hall**

Councilor Huguette Thomassin held a very successful seniors' meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Thomassin introduced the "West Island Seniors' Guide for Baie d'Urfé Residents", copies of which are available at the Town Hall. She along with Nellie Piotrowski of West Island Citizen Advocacy reviewed some of the services which are available to seniors today. A lot of interest was expressed regarding the "Tax Credit for Home-Support Services for Seniors" and Councilor Thomassin has promised to hold a session on this topic in September. Please let her know if you would like to attend. She can be reached at the following: (514) 457-3450 or hthomassin@baie-durfe.qc.ca

During the meeting seniors offered some suggestions on how the Town could improve the quality of senior life in Baie d'Urfé. Some of the recommendations dealt with intra-city transportation, access to public washrooms, snow removal, seniors' information on Town website, safe pathways and recreation.

If you could not attend and have some suggestions you would like to offer, please contact Councilor Thomassin.

### **Centenarian Tree unveiling June 16th at 11 AM**

To the best of our knowledge, Eleanor Algie became our first centenarian on November 2007. Join Mrs Algie and Council on June 16<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of the Town Hall to unveil the centenarian plaque honoring her and our future Baie d'Urfé centenarians.

### **Ile Bizard (currently a Borough of Montreal) may be demerging**

The Quebec Superior Court in its judgment of May 9<sup>th</sup> nullified the result of the 2004 referendum and referred the issue back to the Quebec government for resolution.

The Quebec Superior Court indicated that Ile Bizard would have effectively met all the conditions imposed upon the city to demerge had the names of those individuals, no longer living in Ile Bizard in 2004 and identified by the demerger team as such, been taken off the electoral list as the demergerites had requested during the allotted revision period (recall the unprecedented 35% hurdle).

This will definitely be a hot potato for the Government as this issue threatens to revive the anger, betrayal and bitterness felt by citizens during the very undemocratic demerger process.

Congratulations to former mayor Normand Marinacci and the other Ile Bizard demergerites who continued the fight to get their city back. Let's hope that the fighting will stop and that justice will be served and that no more obstacles will be put in their way.



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**Baie d'Urfé Days June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> plus Blood Donor Clinic June 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Baie d'Urfé Citizens' Association is planning another fun-packed weekend for you and your families. Please mark the dates in your calendar and come out in big numbers and enjoy the festivities. And if you have some time, please consider giving a helping hand to the organizing committee. A few more helping hands means more people can join in the fun!

Please note that the Blood Donor Clinic is once again on the Friday of Baie d'Urfé Days weekend from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at our Fire Station on Surrey. Come and join me!

Maria Tutino