



## Mayor's Message – April 2009

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month... and how lucky are we in Baie d'Urfé to be blessed with well over 30 volunteer organizations. Our volunteers are involved in almost every aspect of our Town's life including administration, safety, recreation, culture, communication, gardening and charitable fundraising. They are also actively involved in non-Baie d'Urfé based medical, educational, social services and sports organizations that benefit our citizens directly.

Our lives and our community are enriched by the generosity of these special individuals who gladly share their precious time and, many times, money to help make their community a better place to live.

On behalf of the citizens, the administration and Council of Baie d'Urfé, I thank you, one and all, for your continuing interest and efforts in making our community such a special place to be part of.

### Two New Volunteer Organizations in the Works

It is hard to imagine how a Town of 4000 citizens and 74 industrial sector companies can keep on coming up with more and more volunteer groups... and how we can keep on getting volunteers to man them.

How appropriate then, that in April, the month to honour volunteers, the Town has the privilege to announce the creation of two more volunteer organizations... one that will be manned by our adults and the other by our Junior Council, at least for this kick-off year.

### Citizens on Patrol

The new adult organization is "Citizens on Patrol" which you will have read about in our spring newsletter. This **observer patrol** will have the mandate of being the "eyes and ears" of the community. Their objective will be to patrol the Town, observe and report any suspicious activity. Much like a Neighbourhood Watch program, these patrollers will provide a second level of surveillance of our property and community.

The same day that the newsletter was sent out, Peter Neville received some calls indicating interest and even, a couple of applications. We were humbled by the quick and very warm reaction to this new volunteer safety presence in Town.

Peter Neville is the current director of our Volunteer Rescue Squad. He has agreed to set-up and to oversee Citizens on Patrol during the 8-month trial period. Many, many thanks Peter for all you do for our Town... it is most appreciated!

If you would like to volunteer for this new organization or want to know more about it, don't hesitate to call Peter at 514-457-9277 or visit our website at [baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://baie-durfe.qc.ca).

### Junior Council Pothole Patrol

At the March 12<sup>th</sup> Junior Council meeting, our junior members provided us with invaluable input with regards to our skating rinks, park equipment replacement ideas and paving improvement suggestions. In light of their paving suggestions, I proposed a Pothole Contest, a challenge similar to what Edgar Rouleau, current Mayor of Dorval and Peter Yeomans (before him) have been doing for years. Contrary to Dorval, I have chosen a raccoon of a certain size to be the indicator of the minimum size of pothole for which I personally will pay \$5 to the youth who first brings the



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pothole to the Town's attention. The youth who calls in the largest pothole (regardless if it is smaller than the minimum size) will get dinner for four at Subways.

**The Pothole Challenge covers the period from April 13 to the 17.**

More details are provided on our website plus a picture of our Pothole Raccoon mascot. All Junior Council members are invited to submit a name for our new patrol mascot. Members will vote on the names submitted at the next Junior Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009.

I am counting on our excellent Public Works staff to ensure that my pocketbook will not be overly taxed by our new Junior Council Pothole Patrol!

Maria Tutino  
Mayor