

Town of Baie d'Urfé

Winter Newsletter

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An Update on by-law 875-73

(pertaining to house sizes, encroachments, etc)

The Public Consultation meeting on this by-law change was held on August 14. To ensure that all interested persons had an opportunity to give input, Council held a second Public meeting on October 16. At that meeting Council undertook to inform residents when the revised form of the by-law would be presented.

Council has listened carefully to the input given at the two Public Consultation meetings. Two areas generated the most feedback:

- The reduction of the current 16% Land Coverage and 24% Floor Area Ratio for lots with an area greater than 1 400 square metres (15 070 square feet).
- The “diagonal” (maximum horizontal dimension of buildings).

The above two sections have been removed from the second draft by-law, and Council has asked the Town Planning Advisory Committee to review these sections in light of the feedback received. These or related changes may be brought forward in the future, but they are no longer part of the current by-law changes.

Other areas that have been modified are:

- Encroachments.
- Special provisions for zone RA-17 (the shallow waterfront properties, east of Town Hall).
- Removal of some constraints on garage doors.

A copy of the revised by-law 875-73 is available at Town Hall and on the Town web site : <http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca/>.

The second draft by-law will be presented for adoption at the regular Council meeting of December 9, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

NEW RECYCLING BINS—SPRING 2009



In order to make it easier for our citizens to increase the quantities of recyclables and in a continual effort to reduce the amount of garbage that ends up in our landfills, our Town will be participating in a new unsorted mechanized recycling program once a week.

Please note that as of April 1, 2009, the recycling contractor will no longer be picking up the 64-litre blue boxes.

Next spring, you will be receiving a 360-litre wheeled recycling bin at no charge. Experience in other towns has shown that the 360-litre bin is the appropriate size bin for an average household. However, smaller households may feel a smaller bin would better answer their recycling needs.

360 litres = 6 blue boxes = for most households

240 litres = 4 blue boxes = for senior couples

120 litres = 2 blue boxes = for single households

Sample bins of all three sizes are on display outside the Public Works building. **If you would prefer a smaller bin, you must respond by January 15th, 2009** so that we may order the appropriate quantities. You may contact Town Hall by phone at 514 457-5324, by e-mail at info@baie-durfe.qc.ca or return the following coupon by mail or in person.



2009 Recycling Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I prefer a 240-litre bin

I prefer a 120-litre bin



****NEW** Christmas tree recycling service**

This year, we are pleased to introduce a Christmas tree pickup service. The trees will be collected during a one-week period and chipped for mulch by our own Public Works employees. This mulch will later be used in our parks or distributed to citizens upon request.

Please remove all decorations and place the trees near the road before 8 A.M. Monday, January 12th. Our Public Works personnel will be picking up the trees during that week.

Do you need help filling out your Hydro-Quebec questionnaire?



Baie d'Urfé residents can receive assistance from volunteers by phoning the Library at 514 457-3274 to schedule an appointment.

In preparation for this appointment, we suggest you gather the following information:

1. Your customer number (on your Hydro bill).
2. The total heated living area of your home, including solariums or sunrooms but excluding the basement and garage.
3. Has insulation been added to your home since construction: in the attic or roof space?
4. What is the capacity (Btu/h) of your central cooling system or your room air conditioner as well as the energy efficiency ratio (SEER* for central system or EER* for room air conditioner). * *The energy efficiency ratio (SEER or EER) is usually indicated on a label affixed to the system.*
5. What is the capacity of your water heater?

Hydro-Québec's new ENERGY WISE Home Diagnostic program is a free service by which consumers fill out a questionnaire that analyzes their energy consumption and, in exchange, they receive a personalized report containing practical energy-saving tips. During the campaign, Hydro-Québec will give Baie d'Urfé either \$30 (online) or \$35 (in print) for each recommendation report issued. The municipal council has decided to use the amount collected for improvements to the Library.

If you have already completed your Home Diagnostic questionnaire, you can still contribute to the campaign by encouraging friends, family or neighbours to do it as well—for themselves, for the community and for the environment.

We're counting on you!

Wood Burning in an Urban Setting

If you burn wood in Baie d'Urfé, you have a responsibility to your family, your neighbours and the environment to minimize smoke and air pollution. This can be done with a little planning and conscientious burning practices. More information on how this affects your health is available at the Town Hall or on our website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca.



Unnecessary vehicle idling is a big problem

It wastes fuel and money, and damages the environment. But small actions can have a big impact – and one person can make a difference. For example, if every driver of a light-duty vehicle in Canada stopped idling for just five minutes a day, collectively, over the year, we would save over 680 million litres of fuel and prevent more than 1.6 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere.

For more information on this subject, please consult our website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca or stop by Town Hall.

WINTER COMPOSTING

Composting is still possible during the winter. For tips on winter composting, consult our website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca or pick-up information at Town Hall.



White Road Policy

Last winter, the Town implemented a new white road policy and you may have noticed that the Town's secondary streets had more snow accumulation than in the past.

This policy's objective was to reduce the amount of road salt used after a snow fall in order to protect the environment. The results showed the expected reduction in quantities of salt.

We remind all citizens to drive carefully on the snow covered roads in town during the winter.



NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

Come join us at the
Fritz Community Centre
to celebrate
the New Year on
Thursday,
January 1, 2009 at 2 P.M.

BAIE D'URFÉ WINTER FESTIVAL



The Baie d'Urfé Citizens'
Association will be holding a
Winter Festival
Saturday, February 7th.
Look for more information on the
activities to be held at Bertold Park
and Allan's Hill on the
Town's website, at Town Hall and
in the *News & Views*.



PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BE HELD TEMPORARILY AT THE FRITZ COMMUNITY CENTRE AS OF JANUARY 2009



Please note that the Baie d'Urfé Municipal Council
meetings will be held temporarily at the Fritz Community Centre as of
January while the Town Hall is undergoing
some much needed repairs on the second floor.

Public Council meetings will be held
on the following Tuesdays

December 9th, 2008 at the Town Hall - 7 P.M.—Special Budget meeting
December 9th, 2008 at the Town Hall - 7:30 P.M.—Regular Council meeting
January 13th, 2009 at the Fritz Community Centre at 7:30 P.M.
February 10th, 2009 at the Friz Community Centre at 7:30 P.M.

NO PARKING REMINDER



Residents are reminded that it is prohibited to
park on the streets after a snowfall of 2.5 cm or
more and within six hours afterwards. In order to
ensure efficient snow removal operations, we will
be obliged to issue tickets to residents who do not
comply with this by-law.

MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

In accordance with section 474.1 of the Cities and Towns Act, I am pleased to submit my annual report on the financial situation of the Town of Baie d'Urfé.

2007 Financial Report

Total revenues for the Town of Baie d'Urfé for 2007 were \$6,002,726. Total expenditures for 2007 were \$5,020,282. The 2007 surplus was \$637,388, after transfers to the Parks and Playgrounds Fund. This includes long-term debt in respect of the sidewalk on Clark Graham in the amount of \$381,666.

As of December 31, 2007, the total accumulated surplus of the Town of Baie d'Urfé was \$1,567,153. The balance of the Working Fund was \$109,125 and the balance of the Parks and Playgrounds Fund was \$486,126.

Forecast for 2008

As of August 31, 2008, no surplus or deficit is expected for 2008. Revenue from transfer taxes was significantly higher than budgeted. Expenses were higher than budgeted in the areas of paving and drainage. We carried out additional paving work to improve the condition of our streets, as most of the paving budget over the last two years had gone towards the sidewalk on Lakeshore Road. We also carried out emergency drainage work on Lakeshore Road.

No new long-term debt was incurred in 2008.

Forecast for 2009

Council has determined what our priorities for 2009 will be. One of them is our infrastructure: there is still much to be done in our drainage project, several of our town buildings are in need of work, and we still have to increase our paving budget in order to bring our roads up to standard.

Another priority is the environment. When our current recycling contract expires next March, all of our existing blue boxes will be replaced by larger wheeled bins.

The operating budget and the capital expenditure program for 2009 are in preparation, and they will be tabled at a Council meeting on December 9th at 7 P.M.

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Remuneration of elected officials

In 2008, the Mayor received a salary of \$7,620 and an expense allowance of \$3,810. while councillors received a salary of \$2,540 and an expense allowance of \$1,270.

Auditor's report

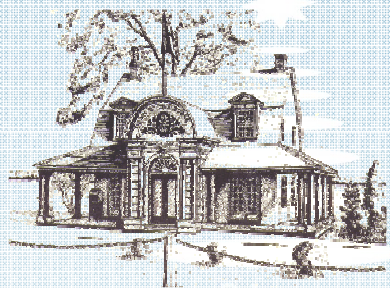
The external auditors who verified the Town's 2007 accounts reported that all our accounts were in order.

Contracts exceeding \$25,000

Finally, in accordance with the Cities and Towns Act, I have tabled with the Town Clerk a list of all contracts exceeding \$25,000 entered into between November 1, 2007 and October 31, 2008. The list also includes all contracts exceeding \$2,000 with the same party, where the total expenditure over the period exceeded \$25,000. The total for contracts exceeding \$25,000 granted by Council resolution is \$2,025,765.88.

Maria Tutino
Mayor of Baie d'Urfé
November 11, 2008

*Members of Council and the Administration of the Town of
Baie d'Urfé extend their warmest wishes for the Holiday Season*



*Please note that Town Hall will be closed for the Holidays
as of December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2009.*