



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

Dear Citizens, Neighbors and Friends  
Recent events have reinforced my conviction that the smartest thing my husband and I did thirty years ago was to move to Baie-D'Urfé. At the time we were moving back to the Montreal Island after living in Ontario for about 5 years (I was formerly a resident of the City of Montreal and my husband grew up in Pointe-Claire). We were returning for business reasons and looking for a place to bring up our family. What we never expected was to find a community that was so warm, so generous, so wonderful that not only did the community help us bring up our family but that thirty years later, it still continues to enrich our lives in so many ways.

November of this year reminded me once again why my family is so lucky to be part of this amazing community.

### NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> TO THE 3<sup>rd</sup>: PROVINCE WIDE POWER OUTAGE

Most of the province experienced a power outage. Many houses of Baie-D'Urfé had their power returned by Friday night; **122 did not**. Over the weekend the numbers went from 122 down to 37 and down to 12. Calls for help to our volunteer Rescue Team came early (first call at 5:30 am) and continued throughout the weekend. Over the three days, 52 calls came in from all parts of Baie-D'Urfé. The Rescue Squad quickly went into action: several Rescue teams handled calls at the same time. Over the 3 days, the volunteers put in **39 hours**: first day was 16 hrs long with the 2<sup>nd</sup> being 13 hrs and the Sunday an 8-hour day.



The Volunteers on the scene were: **Wayne Belvedere** (Director of the Squad) and Rescue Squad members **Julius Csabai, Renaud Casgrain, Tony Brown, Nick Drouin, Bill Thompson** with support from **Andy Csisztu** and **Paul Lague**. While the Rescue volunteers were busy helping residents, members of our



*Volunteer Citizens on Patrol* (**Gillian Bennett, Irene Perstinger, Peter Alves** and **Kevin Doherty**) were busy going door to door to identify homes and residents in need.

Recognizing that some residents might be in their second or third day without power and that some might not have access to generators to stay warm or cook meals, **Mr. Farzad Shodjai** of *Maxwell Residence* opened his doors to the community to provide reprieve and a warm meal, if needed. About **36 residents** took advantage of the generous offer.

Needless to say, I was bowled over by the generosity of the Baie-D'Urfé community... neighbors looking out for neighbors, neighbors giving generously of their time and money to help others during a time of need. This attitude is what distinguishes Baie-D'Urfé from most other cities. This is our strength and it comes out in spades in times of need.

Following are two quotes from residents: one from someone who received aid and the other from someone who provided it.

*"With seconds before our sump pump pit accommodating rising water was beginning to flow over into the finished basement, Wayne Belvedere, Tony Brown and two other volunteers arrived with a Town generator to save the basement and possibly thousands of dollars of damage.*

*One of our neighbors had over a foot of water in their basement and was able to remove the water with the generator that we were using. On behalf of my family, would you please convey our sincere thanks to the Rescue Squad."*

*"The Rescue Squad has been very active all through the year supporting numerous events and flood calls. However, due to the intensity of the storm and the well-coordinated response, this incident stands out as one of our squad's best missions and a classic example of neighbors openly helping neighbors at a time of acute distress."*

On behalf of Council and the residents of B-D, I would like to thank our community heroes for their quick and sustained support throughout the recent power outage weekend: *Rescue Squad, vCOPs* and *Maxwell Residence*.

### NOVEMBER 8: OYSTER PARTY

The Rescue Squad has hosted a well attended and much enjoyed Oyster Party for many years at the 300 Surrey Town building.

The event acts also as a fundraiser for local charities. One of the fundraising activities is a half and half raffle. This year the prize came to **\$500**. To everyone's surprise and delight, the winner of the prize



**Mr. Spiro Krallis** added his winnings to the funds raised for the designated charities. A generous gesture by one of our residents, who is widely recognized as a very generous supporter of many Town community events!

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Mayor's Message (continued)

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## NOVEMBER 12: REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Baie-D'Urfé's local *Remembrance Day Ceremony*, along with Senneville's and Sainte-Anne de Bellevue's, has been scheduled at Kelso Park for many years by the **Legion 91**, which has its headquarters just adjacent to this park. Following the ceremony, participants were invited to go to the Legion quarters for a drink and some delicious homemade sandwiches provided by the Legion.



Every year, the representation from Baie-D'Urfé is quite impressive. This year, I was proud to see the large contingent



from our Town (easily representing more than 80% of the attendees). Along with the *Scouts*, *Cubs* and their leaders and families, and other Town residents, there was also a large representation from both our *Rescue Squad* and *VCOPs*. Our presence was noted and much appreciated by the organizers. As one of the members told me: "without Baie-D'Urfé's large attendance, the event would not be the same."

## NOVEMBER 17: 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE FOR ON ROCK AND TOY COLLECTION

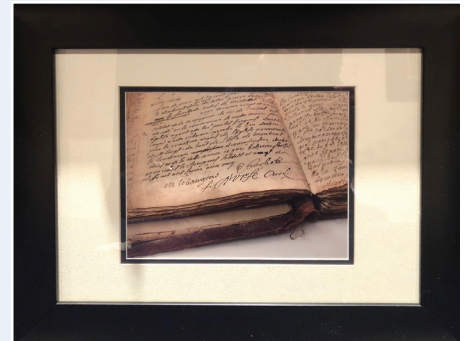
"This year's collection, says Jack Toyota, amassed more toys than the combined total of the first two years! **107 items of all kind!!** Congrat' to all involved! Thanks to the volunteers who worked at the collection point: **Betsy Williamson, Nadia**



**Bissada, Lara Ali, Linda Tait, Cindy Giroux, Frans Lecluse and Tony Brown.** Thanks also go to the *Scouts* who took care of the food collection.

## NOVEMBER 20: SPECIAL GIFT TO THE TOWN

One of our citizens, **Guido Socher**, passionate about history, made an amazing discovery at the *Bibliothèque des Archives Nationales du Québec*. A register book dating **October 28, 1687** written and signed by the hand of **François-Saturnin Lascaris d'Urfé!**



Excited by the idea of preserving the manuscript, Guido took a picture and came across **Coleen Shaw** who donated a personal frame. She then showed it to a Town resident, artist and master framer, **Tobby Skeie**, who gladly took care of the framing! This wonderful volunteer collaboration resulted in a masterpiece that the Town will gladly exhibit at the Town Hall.

A very big thank you to all the wonderful people I recognized this month, you make a difference to this community! To each and every one of you who have helped throughout the year, whether it be in any sector of the Town or volunteered outside the Town, your generosity and community spirit has been significant. **THANK YOU!**



A warm thank you also goes to **Frans Lecluse** for capturing year after year memorable events of our Town.

Special thanks also go to community heroes outside our territory like **Debbie Magwood** of the *Cancer Wellness Centre*. We are enriched by their efforts and by their passion to improve the wellbeing of residents throughout the island.

Wishing you all, dear Citizens, Neighbors and Friends, "Happy holidays and warmest wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!"



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## Council Communiqué



Andrea Gilpin

The Baie-D'Urfé Junior Council engages youth to participate in municipal affairs and we are one of the few municipalities in the surrounding area with a Junior Council. Our

Junior Council is open to youth ages 10-18 who are interested in providing their views on issues that they care about to enhance life for youth in Baie-D'Urfé. Let me take you through some of their recent initiatives:

### THE SKATEPARK PROJECT

The Junior Council's "big idea" this year was to propose a skatepark. To begin, the Junior Council led a survey to



determine the need for a skate park. Second, in small groups they worked on calling vendors to explore options and to build a budget. Some went to various skate parks on the west island to gather intelligence, another group considered environmental concerns, while yet another researched how to make skate parks safe. To assist in funding the project, the Junior Council applied for a grant, which unfortunately they did not receive, but the process was a good experience. **Three variations of skateparks** were proposed, with all options being modest and modular. Given that the Junior Council is environmentally conscious, options proposed involved keeping as much green space as possible. You are invited to see their presentation to Council on my *Facebook* page.

### MONTHLY GAMES NIGHTS

The Junior Council are keen to find a way to have a Youth Club where older youth can "hang out". Moving towards this goal, the Junior Council has been organizing monthly games nights at the *Red Barn*. So far we've had 4 Games Nights and a pool party in August where they barbequed for fellow kids in town. **Please help us spread the word for the Games Nights!** For children ages 10-18 and, generally, they are held one Friday a month from 7-9pm.

### FILM-TO-BOOK LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHTS

The Library is also hosting movie nights for kids in town. The Junior Council co-leads this by helping to set up and cleaning

up for the event. Check out the Library *Facebook* page, the homepage Town website Event slider or even the Town Electronic billboard and come out to the next movie!

### WHAT'S NEXT?

The Junior Council is in the process of choosing a new big project for next year and they are working to propose a few other smaller projects to Council for next year. In January, MNA Gregory Kelley will be coming to visit and we hope to organize a trip to **Québec City** in April to see the National Assembly in action.

The Junior Council is led by Councillor Wanda Lowensteyn and I and we could not be more proud of the youth that are involved in the Junior Council. They are passionate, committed, motivated and ready to lead change for the next-generation.

On separate note, but aligned with increasing citizen involvement in municipal affairs, a group of citizens is organizing a "Families in Baie-D'Urfé" group. If you are interested in learning more please reach out to Yasmine Rainville or Isabelle Lemay at [bdufamiliesfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bdufamiliesfriends@gmail.com).



I would also like to congratulate Lucas Hygate, a Baie-D'Urfé resident, who has been awarded a youth-led grant of \$15,000 for his initiative "TrashTalk Montreal". Lucas is the Founder, and along with his a team, is focussed on making our community more clean by picking up litter. Learn about what this inspiring group is doing by vising their website: [trashtalkmontreal.org](http://trashtalkmontreal.org).

› **Updates?** Follow me on *Facebook* at Andrea Gilpin, Councillor, Baie-D'Urfé, Seat5.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season and I hope to see you all at the **Levee on January 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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### THE WASTE THAT POLLUTES THE LEAST IS THE ONE THAT IS NOT PRODUCED!

Discover some practical tips to apply daily in order to reduce waste at source. Why? Because reducing your consumption and production of household wastes from various materials will contribute to reducing your ecological footprint. In other words, generating less residual materials going into landfills. The approach called the **3R** means:

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.**



#### TO REDUCE RESIDUAL MATERIALS AT SOURCE ACCORDING TO THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF WASTE, RECYC-QUÉBEC SUGGEST:

- **Food:** Plan your meals in advance. You will save time and money! Prepare your menu for the week according to what is in your fridge. Write out a grocery list and stick to it! You will avoid buying unnecessary food. In other words, only buy what is requested for your recipes.
- **Renovation:** You need to freshen-up your home? Question the necessity to redo a full makeover and identify items that can be repaired, restored, reused and recycled. Consult an eco-contractor in planning your project to avoid unnecessary waste. To find a green entrepreneur, visit the *Ecohabitation* website.
- **Packaging:** When shopping, favour when possible the purchase of non-wrapped or non-heavily packaged goods;
- **Rent or borrow:** If you plan to use a tool or device only once;
- **Paper:** Reuse to make note-pads;
- **Hazardous Waste:** Only buy what is required to not store unused products;
- **Household products:** Use natural products to clean the house. Clean tub and sink with a mixture of baking soda and water. For windows and mirrors, nothing better than water and vinegar;
- **Toxic Products:** Ask your grocery store staff if there are any natural options available on the shelves;
- **Disposable products:** Informez-vous auprès du personnel de l'épicerie et des détaillants s'il existe des options naturelles.



## CodeRED™ SIGNING UP FOR YOUR SAFETY!

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé uses **CodeRED**, an automated call system to quickly deliver messages to the population in any emergency situation. Signing up is easy and quick. **3 ways to subscribe:**

1. **ONLINE** - by clicking on the **CodeRED** logo of our homepage website at [baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://baie-durfe.qc.ca);
2. **IN WRITING** - fill out the hard copy form and bring it to Town Hall;
3. **BY PHONE** - call 1 866 939-0911 to provide your contact information or to update your coordinates to the management personnel of **CodeRED**.

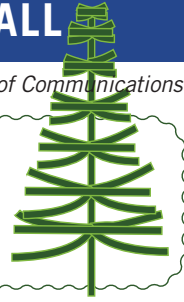
Please note that in January 2020, we will conduct an automated **CodeRED** call to remind our citizens of the importance of registering. This call will allow us to update our database by deleting any potential non-working numbers. For more details on how to register, visit the Town website at [baie-durfe.qc.ca/en/citizen-services/page/codered](http://baie-durfe.qc.ca/en/citizen-services/page/codered)





## Christmas Tree Collection - January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 7 a.m.

Leave your tree, **decoration-free**, by the roadside with trunk facing the road.



### SEASONAL REMINDERS

#### SNOW CLEARING SERVICE

The Town offers a driveway entrance **snow clearing service to residents aged 65 and over at the cost of \$65**. This service is offered free of charge to seniors who receive the federal guaranteed income supplement and to people with disabilities (proof required). Please note that the main streets will be plowed before driveways, therefore causing a delay for clearing snow from your driveway entrance. For further information, please call Town Hall at **514 457-5324**.

#### WINTER PARKING

We remind you that it is **prohibited to park any motor vehicle on public roadways during any snowfall of 2.5 cm or more as well as 6 hours following a snowfall**. It is also prohibited, at all times, to park in the streets for a period exceeding 4 hours.

#### TEMPORARY CAR SHELTERS

Temporary car shelters such as "tempos" is **prohibited** in Baie-D'Urfé.

#### SMOG DAYS REMINDER

The use of fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are **prohibited during smog advisories**.

**SECTION 14.1** - The use of a solid-fuel-burning heating device is prohibited when a smog warning issued by **Info-Smog** is in effect for the Montreal region, except when an electrical power outage affecting the Town has lasted for three hours or more.

#### New Year's Levee

Council invites you to come and ring in the New Year at the **Fritz Community Centre Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at our annual New Year's Levee.

*Hope to see you there!*

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE COLLECTIONS



*Lookout for your new Collection Calendar 2020 in your mailbox*

#### › ORGANIC MATERIALS:

Every two (2) weeks from December to March, **Tuesdays: December 3, 17, 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### ❄️ HOUSEHOLD WASTE:

Due to the holidays, household pick-up will exceptionally be **Tuesday, December 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### ❄️ CHANGES TO THE RECYCLING COLLECTION:

**December 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>** (instead of Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>)

#### › ELECTRONICS:

Since there is no more pick-up collection until April, you can drop off your Electronics any time at the Public Works building during business hours.

### BAIE-D'URFÉ SKATING RINKS

Open daily, from end of December to beginning of April weather conditions permitting. The *Red Barn Park* also has a skating path to enjoy.

#### DORSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Bertold Park change

Mon-Fri: **6 p.m. to 10 p.m.** • Changing room and lighting  
Sat-Sun: **8 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

**BALSAM PARK: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** • Changing room and lighting

**PIGARDY PARK: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.** • Lighting

### ELECTRONIC NEWS

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