



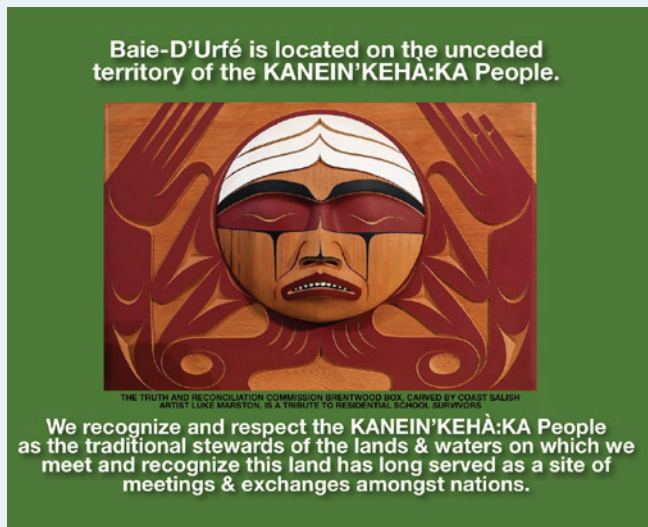
MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message

Heidi Ektvedt



The hearts of Canadians from coast to coast sank at the news of a mass grave of 215 children at the former Kamloops residential school. Baie-D'Urfé lowered its Town flag at the Fritz Farm for 215 hours in collective grief at this unthinkable tragic announcement. I felt this solemn occasion should have been marked by the lowering of ALL flags on our Town municipal buildings; however, there is a protocol for the lowering of the Canadian and Québec flags which can only be implemented at the request of other levels of government. Regretfully we received no directive from those levels to this effect.



To further honour and value the lives of Indigenous children, their families and communities, our June Council meeting opened with a land acknowledgment. Thank you to those residents who expressed themselves by writing to Council. Volunteer groups and associations are encouraged to add initiatives that bring awareness of the importance of truth and reconciliation to their respective tables.

July begins with optimism as we regain some sense of "normalcy" in daily life. Baie-D'Urfé residents should feel encouraged that we have remained in the top percentages of vaccination rates throughout the West Island in the combined age categories. As the youth 12-17 years old campaign launched, 52.2% of our youth were vaccinated, versus 37.5% throughout the CIUSSS de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal territory (as of June 7th). All of our seniors in residences have received their second dose and I will continue to follow closely as second dose information becomes available.



The **Île-aux-Tourtes bridge closure** resulted in increased traffic volume in our town and neighbouring communities. The SPVM, along with our local volunteer *Citizens on Patrol*, were quick to respond to our requests for managing increased speed and volume. For regular traffic-related requests, please contact the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Committee. Councillor Phelps, Councillor Ryan, the Director of Public Works, several citizens and the SPVM meet on a regular basis to review local concerns. To assist in the analysis of requests, the Town is equipped with a radar device in order to collect data.

Best wishes to **Commander Bianchi** of the SPVM on his retirement from public service. In addition to his personable demeanour, he embraced our community and was extremely responsive. Welcome to **Commander Couture & Lieutenant LaBelle**, both of whom I met during my visit to the station. I remain confident that the transition will be seamless.

Heartfelt sympathies to **Nadia Bissada** and her family on the loss of their father and husband, **John Ahrens**, on June 4th. John embraced the volunteerism spirit so special to our town. As an avid tennis player, he served as past President and Treasurer of our club. Nadia's steadfast volunteer service continues as current President of the Library, executive member of the Board and CBC.



BAIE-D'URFÉ

Together Towards a Future Rich in History

Our strategic vision public consultations were very successful, offering many opportunities for open participation. Espace Stratégies, the firm mandated for this project, is now in the process of assembling the data for a presentation to Council and I'm excited to see this citizen "VISION" unfold.

Presentations were made in June for the following projects, and highlights can be found on the Town website under "Project Developments":

- » **Acoustic screen along Surrey east** (June 16th)
- » **Lakeshore West paving & drainage project** (22 juin).



2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Within the context of the pandemic, the Québec government adopted a provision offering municipalities the option to provide voters over the age of 70 with the possibility of voting by mail in the Nov. 2021 municipal elections. It was left to the discretion of each municipality whether or not to adopt such a resolution. I'm happy to say that Council passed this resolution by a majority vote, giving those voters the option to do so if they choose.

I genuinely hope that all is well in our world and that many will participate in person. Voting is a democratic right and ultimately, if you are in this demographic, it will be your decision based on personal comfort level. More information will be shared in the upcoming months on the logistics of registering for this option via our Town Clerk.

Last November's shift, whereby I accepted the role of Mayor with the support of fellow council members, has been a humbling and inspiring experience. In this role, I have continued to work for the best interest of the collective community in a positive and productive spirit with citizens, Council, and the Administration.

Over the last months, I have often been asked by citizens whether I would run in the election and at the June meeting I took the opportunity to officially announce that I will indeed be running in the upcoming election. I look forward to this process, including continuing connections with residents and working together for the best in our town.

Spotlight on... you!
2021 Virtual Edition

While Baie-D'Urfé Days celebrations are under consideration by the *Citizens' Association*, thank you to the Bahá'í Community of Baie-D'Urfé for bringing the youth "Spotlight on... you!" talent event to a virtual platform.

This event has always been heartwarming, well attended and appreciated.



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Council Communiqué



Andrea Gilpin

June 10, 2021: As we embark on the last few months of this Council's mandate, I thought it would be a good opportunity to review some projects and provide an update for our projects in 2021.

The renovation project of the Town Hall began last year with a citizen consultation in July 2020, with the plans being redrawn in the autumn of 2020 using that feedback. A second consultation occurred early this year to receive comments on the updated plans and this project will go out to tender in the coming months. Overall, the comments we have received by the majority of citizens and employees recently were positive and I would like to emphasize that the consultations were very informative in helping Council arrive at a suitable plan for the Town Hall.

During the summer and fall of 2020, it became clear to Council that many more factors needed to be considered before continuing with the acoustic screen. It was therefore removed from the 2021 budget until more information could be obtained on the scope of work required. Council learned that the situation was more complicated than expected, with major drainage issues being identified, which would likely increase the cost of the project. Furthermore, Council was hearing that some citizens' expectations regarding the efficacy of the wall were unrealistic. Early in 2021, the Administration undertook a study to identify the extent (distance) to which the acoustic screen could reduce noise and mapped out the houses that might see a potential benefit, given the topography of the area. The results of this study, and the options for financing the acoustic screen, have been presented to citizens on June 16, 2021, and Council will make a decision on this project, based on citizens' feedback.



Paving and drainage are a priority for Council, and in 2020, **\$628 766** was spent in paving on our territory. Council is continuing with this priority this year. Lakeshore, west of Morgan to Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, is an important objective for 2021, with work to begin this summer to resurface this main artery of our town.

The town's buildings are in much need of repair, and last year we resurfaced Fritz Farm and repaired the balcony. In 2021, this continues to be a significant priority with Council investing in the repair of many of our buildings and infrastructures that will be assumed in part or in full from the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds. The repair of the buildings should be done as soon as possible to prevent further deterioration.



On the communications front, our new Director, Daphné Arias-Guillemette has been busy deploying the new Town Facebook Page and we are excited to know that we already have 287 followers after only one month. I believe this is an important tool, in addition to the others that are currently used, to communicate broadly to all our citizens. Please sign up to follow the Town's Facebook Page to keep abreast of all the news in town.

The ongoing strategic plan is one that I think is of vital importance to provide direction for all people in the town, including employees, elected officials, citizens, the industrial park, our commercial partners and contractors who work on our territory. With comments from the consultations, a plan is being developed which is but a starting point and will certainly evolve in the years to come.

As you can see from the number of consultations that have been done with citizens over the last year, this Council values citizens' opinions on these major projects. We have changed the course of some of these projects based on citizens' thoughts. Citizens are important partners at the table.

Since I have been a Councillor, this is the first time that there are no vacancies to fill in the administration. In past years, staff turnover has been high, which has impacted the Administration's ability to function efficiently. With the strategic plan, a Human Resource expert and a full team, I believe the Administration is well positioned not only to optimize services for our citizens, but also to provide a stable and productive environment for employees to work in.

Wishing you all an excellent summer.



ECOLOGICAL MAINTENANCE OF YOUR GREEN SPACES

For several years now, many Québec municipalities have been introducing regulations and recommendations regarding the maintenance of their green spaces. These measures have been introduced to limit the growing impact of the use of pesticides on public health and the environment. Here in Baie-D'Urfé, we want to maintain an environment where life is good. Ecological care of your garden is an important, rewarding and simple gesture that helps us to continue on this path. The winning recipe is based on a few key ingredients to keep both your property and the environment in excellent health.

In the interest of conservation and protection of the environment, the City has adopted By-law 958 prohibiting the application and use of any pesticide anywhere on its territory. **All types of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) are prohibited**, whether they are specialized products or sold in stores, since they cause environmental decay and contamination. This includes products such as *Round Up*, *Weed B Gon*, *Wipe Out*, *End-All*, *Fiesta*, etc., and even ecological products. Pesticides are highly volatile and disperse from your garden into surface waters, contaminating wildlife, plants and even drinking water. Moreover, as endocrine disruptors, they can pose a serious danger to animal and human health, affecting fertility, and can even be precursors of cancer. Alternative solutions to counter these invaders would include the following:



Dandelions: Hand pulling, spreading gluten corn starch.

White grubs: Maintain a healthy lawn with a rich soil that promotes rooting that will better resist grubs. The use of clover seeds is also recommended to prevent damage caused by grubs. In addition, biological control is possible through the implantation of parasitic nematodes (roundworms).

The ideal way to maintain your lawn is based on the principle of recycling. The best way to nourish your soil is to replenish the nutrients that allowed it to grow. This is one of the reasons why it is best to leave your grass clippings on the ground. This also plays two important secondary roles; it covers the soil (in the same way as mulch) to block light and prevent weeds from growing, and it reduces water loss from your soil. An additional piece of advice is to keep your grass at a certain height (5-7 cm), as it is more susceptible to drought and weeds when it is very short (≤ 3.5 cm).

Your soil is a living, dynamic environment that needs to be well nourished, just like you. Healthy nourishment of your soil is sure to result in the production of a lot of green. Your greenery will be delighted by the addition of compost or natural fertilizer in the spring and the mechanical aeration of your soil. These fertilizers will feed the organisms in your soil, promoting a high biodiversity which is synonymous with a healthy environment. Some people think of an imperfect lawn as untended, when in fact green, uniform lawns are often the least rich. The appearance of what you might consider undesirable (dandelions, weeds, grubs, etc.) usually occurs with these uniform crops and is usually due to unfertile or poorly maintained soil. The lack of competition, healthy turf or organisms feeding on it makes it easy for them to become established and proliferate.

Despite their poor reputation due to some disparagers, **dandelions are important allies of our valuable pollinators**, providing them with resources at a crucial, nectar-poor time, following the decrease of native flowering plants. Short-term pain for long-term gain.





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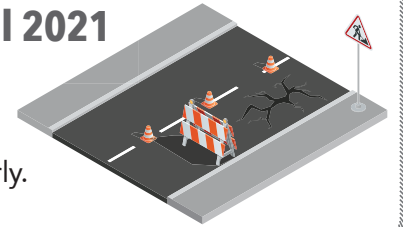
What's New!

Daphné Arias-Guillemette



REMINDER - Work planned for summer / fall 2021

As previously announced, several repair works will take place during the summer until fall 2021. For more information, please visit the **WORKS INFO** section on our website regularly.



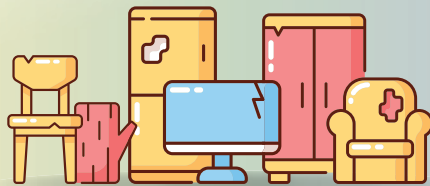
NEXT BULKY ITEMS COLLECTION

JULY 12, 2021

We would like to remind you that each household can put out a maximum of ten items. Some electronic waste are also accepted.

To learn more about what items are accepted or refused, please visit the following section of our website:

[Citizen services](#) > [Waste Collections](#) > [Bulky Items](#).



THE TOWN OF BAIE-D'URFÉ IS ON FACEBOOK!

Join our beautiful community on **Facebook** : [@BaieDurfe](#)
La Ville de Baie-D'Urfé / Town of Baie-D'Urfé



SHOW US YOUR TALENTS!

ARE YOU AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER?



Do you enjoy taking snapshots of sunsets on the lake, capturing amazing pictures of our wildlife or unforgettable moments in Baie-D'Urfé?

We are looking for high-resolution photos from all seasons, for our website and Facebook page. If you are interested in submitting your favourite pictures so they can appear in our next communications, send them to communications@baie-durfe.qc.ca.

Upcoming shows this summer!

With a gradual return to normality, we are happy to announce that a few "pop-up performances" will take place this summer!

This year, the formula will be different, at the request of the organizers and in order to respect sanitary measures, the concerts will be shorter and will be announced the same day on our website and Facebook page.

Stay tuned!