

ERRATUM

Please note the following error in the February issue of the *News&Views*.

In the last paragraph of the *Environmental Review*, it should have read...

"To have your ash tree felled, you must have a certificate of authorization which is free of charge."

We are sorry for this confusion

The Communications Department

Nous nous excusons pour ces confusions.

La direction des Communications



Message du maire



2018 a été une année formidable pour notre ville! La Ville et ses citoyens ont été reconnus pour leur excellence et leurs accomplissements

dans plusieurs catégories. L'Administration, le Conseil et moi-même avons couvert certaines de ces réalisations dans nos articles précédents :

- › **Secteur industriel** : Centre Root Data nommée *Entreprise de l'année* par la *Chambre de Commerce de l'Ouest-de-l'Île*; Polyrho dans la catégorie Distribution; Industries JAM désignée comme l'une des sociétés les mieux gérées au Canada.
- › **Club de curling de Baie-D'Urfé** avec la médaille d'argent **Emily Riley** au *Championnat canadien de curling junior*.
- › **Club de Yacht de Baie-D'Urfé** décerné « Meilleure école de voile de l'année » par la *Fédération de voile du Québec*.
- › La **Ville de Baie-D'Urfé** affiche la deuxième meilleure performance de l'Île de Montréal sur les 14 villes et 19 arrondissements en ce qui concerne le pourcentage des matières résiduelles qui ont été récoltées (68 % par rapport à la moyenne d'agglomération de 48 %).

Dans cet article, je voudrais rendre hommage à un de nos résidents qui a également été honoré en 2018. Je remercie Saeed Naimi d'avoir porté le prix de **M. Virendra Jha** à mon attention.

Durant le long weekend de la *Fête du Canada*, la Gouverneure générale Julie Payette a annoncé 105 nouvelles nominations au sein de l'Ordre du Canada. La liste incluait un pionnier de l'espace, **Virendra K. Jha**, résident de longue date de Baie-D'Urfé. Sa nomination récompensait « ses contributions à l'industrie spatiale canadienne dans les secteurs public et privé, en tant qu'ingénieur et administrateur principal ».

Dr. Jha a eu une carrière remarquable dans le domaine spatial, travaillant pendant plus de 40 ans dans diverses organisations. Sa feuille de route est impressionnante et débute en 1972 alors qu'il rejoint les rangs de la *Aerospace group of RCA Limited Montreal*, ce qui deviendra plus tard *Spar Aerospace Limited*. En 1988, il devient directeur de l'ingénierie chez *Spar Aerospace Limited*. En 1991, M. Jha se joint à l'Agence spatiale canadienne à

» » » » Maria Tutino

titre de directeur du groupe de mécanique de l'espace. En 1996, il est promu au poste de directeur général, Direction des technologies spatiales de l'ASC. De 2003 à 2008, il devient vice-président responsable des Sciences, de la technologie et des programmes à l'*Agence spatiale canadienne*. En tant que vice-président, il fournira une orientation stratégique, une vision et un leadership à tous les principaux secteurs techniques de l'Agence. M. Jha fut également président par intérim à l'*Agence spatiale canadienne* et conseiller principal en génie et ce, jusqu'à sa retraite en 2014.

Avant de recevoir le **prestigieux prix de l'Ordre du Canada**, M. Virendra Jha avait reçu de nombreux autres prix, notamment :



» **Prix d'excellence John H. Chapman** décerné par l'*Agence spatiale canadienne* en 2018 (ce prix est décerné chaque année à un(e) canadien (ne) pour sa contribution au programme spatial canadien).

» **Prix d'excellence pour l'ensemble de son œuvre** en 2016, attribué par la *Chambre de commerce indo-canadienne*.

» **Prix commémoratif Alan D. Emil** en 2015, décerné par la *Fédération Internationale d'Astronautique*. Il s'agit du prix le plus prestigieux attribué par l'IAF à un individu chaque année qui a apporté une contribution significative aux activités spatiales dans son pays et à l'international.

» En 2002, il est décoré de la médaille du **jubilé de la Reine**.

Le curriculum vitae de **M. Jha** est très impressionnant et ce n'est pas tous les jours qu'une petite ville comme la nôtre peut se vanter de compter parmi ses habitants un membre de « l'Ordre du Canada ». Félicitations M. Jha! Votre ville est très fière de vous!

Et pour conclure, j'ai été attristée d'apprendre le décès du plus vieux résident de Baie-D'Urfé **M. Roy Cape**. M. Cape est décédé le **12 janvier**, quelques semaines avant de pouvoir fêter son **105^e anniversaire!** Nous offrons nos plus sincères condoléances à sa famille et à ses amis. Roy Cape va beaucoup nous manquer. Il était très apprécié de ceux qui ont eu le plaisir de le connaître comme moi.

Les opinions exprimées dans cette chronique sont celles de l'auteure et ne reflètent pas nécessairement celles de l'ensemble du conseil municipal.



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

2018 was a tremendous year for our Town! The Town and its citizens were recognized for excellence and high achievement in several categories. The Administration, Council and I touched on some of these stories in our columns:

- › **Industrial sector:** *Root Data Center* chosen as *Business of the year* by the *West Island Chamber of Commerce*; *Polyrheo* winner in the Distribution category; *JAM Industries* designated as one of Canada's Best Managed Companies.
- › **Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club's Emily Riley** silver medalist at the *Canadian Junior Curling Championship*.
- › **Baie-D'Urfé Yacht Club** awarded the "Best Sailing School of the year" by the *Québec Sailing Federation*.
- › The **Town of Baie-D'Urfé** had the second highest performance on the island of Montreal out of 14 cities and 19 boroughs for the percentage of recoverable waste that was collected (68% as compared to the agglomeration average of 48%).

With this column, I would like to recognize one of our residents who was also honoured in 2018. I thank Saeed Naimi for bringing **Mr. Virendra Jha's** award to my attention.

During the *Canada Day* long weekend, Governor General Julie Payette announced 105 new appointments to the Order of Canada, the list included a space pioneer and long-time Baie-D'Urfé resident **Virendra K. Jha**. His appointment was "for his contributions to the Canadian space industry in both the public and private sectors, as an engineer and senior administrator."

Dr. Jha has had a distinguished career in the space sector working over 40 years at various organizations. His biography is extensive, and it starts in 1972 when he joined the *Aerospace group of RCA Limited Montreal*, which later became *Spar Aerospace Limited*. In 1988, he became the Director of Engineering at *Spar Aerospace Limited*. In 1991 Dr. Jha joined the *Canadian Space Agency* as Director of the Space Mechanics Group. In 1996 he was promoted to the position of Director General, Space Technologies

Branch of the *CSA*. From 2003 until 2008 he was the Vice-President responsible for Science, Technology and Programs at the *Canadian Space Agency*. As Vice President, Dr. Jha provided strategic direction, vision and leadership to all core technical sectors of the Agency. He also served as the Acting President of the *Canadian Space Agency*. He was Chief Engineering Adviser at the *Canadian Space Agency* until his retirement in 2014.

Before receiving the **prestigious Order of Canada award**, Dr. Virendra Jha had received many other awards including:

- › **John H Chapman award of excellence** given by the *Canadian Space Agency* in 2018 (this award is given to one person in Canada each year for contribution to the Canadian Space Program).
- › **Lifetime Outstanding Achievement Award** in 2016, given by the *Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce*.
- › **Alan D. Emil Memorial Award** in 2015, given by the *International Astronautical Federation*. This is the most prestigious award given by the IAF to one individual each year who has made a significant contribution to the space activities in his country and internationally.
- › **Queen's Jubilee** medal recipient in 2002.

Mr. Jha's resume is most impressive and it is not every day that a small town like ours can boast to have a member of the "Order of Canada" amongst its residents. Congratulations, Mr. Jha! Your Town is very proud of you!

And finally, I was saddened to hear about the passing of the Town's oldest resident, **Mr. Roy Cape**. Mr. Cape passed away on **January 12th**, a few weeks shy of his **105th birthday**. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. Roy Cape will be sorely missed. He was much appreciated by those who had the pleasure to know him, myself included.



The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Municipal Council as a whole.



ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW

I would like to give you some information on the new Animal Control by-law adopted by Council last October, which has not yet been widely publicized. This by-law replaces the previous animal control by-law which dated from 1981, was last amended in 1996, and had become quite obsolete.

This by-law allows Council to create a “**Canine Recreational Area**” where dogs will be permitted to be off-leash. Once the work on the fenced area in Bertold Park has been completed in spring, Council intends to formally declare it as a “*Canine Recreational Area*”. At the same time, dogs will be banned completely from the rest of *Bertold Park* (except en route to and from the fenced area). We hope that this arrangement will allow all users of the park to obtain maximum enjoyment with complete peace of mind.



The new by-law includes limits on the number of dogs and cats allowed per residence: **a maximum of three dogs and three cats**. Households

that already have more animals than this are of course grandfathered. There is also a provision **forbidding a person from walking more than three dogs at a time**, in the interests of public safety.

Fees for dog licences have been **increased to a base rate of \$50, reduced to \$30 for a dog that is sterilized and micro-chipped**. The licence will still be valid for the life of the dog. If your dog is already licensed, your existing licence remains valid.

There is a new section on animal welfare, which includes a ban on commercial breeding anywhere in the town. Significant fines are imposed for any violation of a welfare provision.

Another new provision requires that dogs, when outdoors on the owner’s property, must be restrained or confined in a way that prevents them from leaving the property.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS – DISTRICTS OR AT LARGE

Following a letter from a resident, Council has been giving some thought to the method of election of our six town councillors. As you may know, our town is not divided into electoral districts. Instead all councillors are elected at large, with every citizen having a right to vote for each councillor as well as for the mayor.

Council recognizes that a district system would simplify the election process for electors, candidates, and staff, although the saving in effort for the staff would be partially offset by the necessity to create and maintain electoral districts. However, it is Council’s belief that the current system leads to a less competitive and smoother functioning of Council. Not having district responsibilities allows each councillor to manage a portfolio or to chair a committee which best fits with his or her individual interests and talents, and we believe that the Town as a whole is better served as a result. When a citizen has a concern with a particular topic (e.g. a park), there is still one designated councillor whom they can approach, namely the councillor responsible for that portfolio. The portfolios assigned to each councillor are listed on the Town website.

It is worth mentioning that the question of electoral districts has been raised and discussed several times in the Town’s history, including in 2013-14 and as far back as 1988. Each time, the Council of the day has come to the conclusion that the current system is best for our Town.



I’d like to conclude by wishing you all a happy and healthy 2019!

The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Municipal Council as a whole.



Environmental Review



EMERALD ASH BORER, THE INFESTATION PROGRESSES!

When the Town undertakes the felling of its ash trees, 2 samples per tree are used for inspection. Here is the evolution of the problem according to the samples collected:

YEAR	INFESTED TREES
2016	3.4%
2017	27%
2018	53%

No doubt that the infestation of this insect is progressing. It will be important, for any homeowner of an ash tree, to proceed to an inspection round on their property with the return of the mild season. As we know, this green and tiny metallic insect lays its egg beneath the bark. Once the eggs hatch, the larvae digs tunnels and feed on the tree's vascular tissues. Nutrients and water can no longer make it way to the top of the tree, which dries out and dies.



Visible signs and symptoms of attack include crown dieback, bark deformation, holes that are drilled through the bark by woodpeckers in search of larvae, "D" shaped visible holes and the presence of adventitious shoots that emerge at the junction of the trunk, roots and branches of the tree.

In a period of 3 to 5 years, the tree dies. A dead ash tree is very brittle, so it is important to take action. It is free of charge to have your ash tree felled, although as you know, it must be subject to a certificate of authorization. The tree-cutting period is between **September 15th and April 15th**.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact **Sarah Mailhot**, Environmental coordinator at **514 457-7604**.

Citizen Survey

BERTOLD PARK

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)



Credit: Richard Gregson

The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee** is in the process of making recommendations for the future use of the open area of the **newly reconfigured Bertold Park**.

Be on the lookout for a Town survey, in your mailbox, to be completed by

February 11 at 4:00 pm

Your comments will help us to determine the best way to use this park for the citizens of Baie-D'Urfé.

You can also fill out the *Survey Monkey* electronic version at the following address:

bit.ly/SBertold or via our Baie-d'Urfé

Newsletter (*Mailchimp*).



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

What's New!

Coordination : Valérie Fortin | Director of Communications



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.**



REMINDER - SMOG DAYS

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.*

SMOG WARNINGS

Smog warnings are issued by *Environment and Climate Change Canada* through the **INFO-SMOG** program.

CAUTION ON THE ROADS!

To ensure **safe driving** on the roads during the wintertime and especially during a snowstorm, drivers must ensure that **windows, roof, hood, rearview mirror and vehicle headlights** are clear of snow.



JUNIOR COUNCIL

Hear ye, hear ye!

THE BAIE-D'URFÉ JUNIOR COUNCIL IS BACK.

All Baie-D'Urfé youths from ages 10 to 18 are welcome.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 26th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
At Town Hall



2019 WINTERFEST

A unique event not to be missed!

Tons of activities to entertain the whole family!

Consult more details in this issue of the *News&Views*

Saturday, February 9 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
At the Red Barn



2019 MUNICIPAL TAXES

DUE DATES:

1ST INSTALMENT: February 25

2ND INSTALMENT: May 27

