



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

Mother Nature flexes her muscles and Baie-D'Urfé responds in kind!

Here I am on February 13 rewriting my March column because I just had

to share some of the wonderful stories coming my way today and it is only 11:00 a.m.

February 13, 2019 is officially the snowiest February the 13th on record with 41cm of snow hitting the Island of Montreal overnight. The last record for the day was in 1993 at 35cm.

In anticipation of the expected onslaught, our Public Works team decided to sleepover so that they could be ready to react as soon as humanly possible. As usual, they were willing and ready to respond but were concerned they might not be able to travel from their homes in time to help us!



Truly amazing, impressive effort! I am so PROUD of our Public Works Team!

A resident also had a heart-warming February 13th story to share:

"At about 8:30 this morning I was struggling to start our snow blower to clear my driveway. I have not used it very often, and couldn't figure out how to start it. At that moment, the garbage truck came by. The driver saw me struggling, jumped down from his cab, came over and started it for me. Definitely going above and beyond the call of duty."

Great to see that Mother Nature's worst brought out the best in Human Nature! Christian Bernier, our director of Public Works, passed on the Town's appreciation to our Public Works staff for their brilliant foresight and service to the community and to the garbage collection company Multi PM for their kind and generous assistance to our residents on this record-breaking snow day!

My original March column was to be about our "one of a kind volunteer community", always on the ready to help our Town and, ever-more-so, our neighbors and friends on the island!

Baie-D'Urfé Rescue Squad Are HEROES Once Again!!!

At 8:15 on February 6th, I received an urgent call for help from Pointe-Claire's Mayor John Belvedere. A water main break on a 14-inch pipe caused significant flooding on several streets and in at least a dozen houses, with some houses having over six feet of water in their basement.

Within a half hour of the call, Captain George Motz was putting together a team to come to Pointe-Claire's aid (George Motz, Kurt Brandt, Ken Forse, Julius Csabai, Philip Hoffer, Renaud Casgrain).



The following is what Mayor Belvedere said in the Montreal Gazette about the situation: "The City threw almost all of its available resources at the affected area, including the *Pointe-Claire Volunteer Rescue Unit*, Police security, local fire



department and Public Works. Even Baie-D'Urfé was here helping out". Mayor Belvedere followed up with a very glowing call praising our local heroes.

If this was not enough, the *Rescue Team* had responded to four calls for help to pump basements in Baie-D'Urfé the day prior and were present again on Saturday the 9th along with the vCOPs

and several other community volunteer groups helping the *Baie-D'Urfé Citizens' Association* put on another fun-filled *Winterfest* on the fiercest of cold days. True heroes, one and all, all making our community stronger through their generous volunteerism, rain or shine, snow or sleet, piercing cold or unbearable heat!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL!

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Council Communiqué



Wanda Lowensteyn

As we edge closer to the start of spring, many of us are probably happy to wave goodbye to winter. It has been a challenging one with the extreme temperature changes that brought us constant freezing and thawing. Our Public Works crew was kept very busy, and I would like to thank them for their hard work.

The variable winter weather affected this year's **Winterfest** as well. The tough souls who braved the cold wind and ice were greeted by the warm smiles of the Rescue Squad who served up the usual hotdogs, hot chocolate, hot coffee and



baked beans. *Junior Council* members were also on hand to help with the taffy on snow, under the watchful eye of their mascot, **Laurence the raccoon**. The *Junior Council* is also busy planning



some activities of their own. Stay tuned for news of Games Night coming soon. If you are a Baie-D'Urfé youth and want to get involved, just contact Councillors **Gilpin** or **Lowensteyn**.

Our town's juniors are not the only ones who keep busy. Soon to be centenarian, **Andrew Fogerty**, usually has his hands full during the month of March. The former Irishman of the Year (2017) is still quite active in the *St Patrick's Society* and *United Irish Societies*, as well as two seniors residences and various other church



and community groups. **Mr. Fogerty will be turning 100 years young on May 1st**. Happy Birthday wishes are also extended to two other Baie-D'Urfé centenarians: **Mrs. Joan Hanna will be 105 on April 1st** and **Flora Thompson turned 101 on December 14th**.

On a more serious note, I would like to draw attention to the fact that Baie-D'Urfé has had more police presence these past few months. Our Director General, **Nicolas Bouchard**, was successful in arranging for an increase in police patrols for our town, which has also resulted in more tickets being issued. 63 tickets were issued in January 2019, compared with 12 tickets in 2018 and 11 tickets in 2017. It is best not to speed through this town.

I would like to comment on a growing concern being raise by Baie-D'Urfé citizens regarding the increase in house demolitions. Whereas, change and progress are a necessary part of the sustainability of a municipality, there is still the need for balance in order to maintain the character of our community. These same concerns are being discussed by Council, and will be addressed in the coming months.

Finally, as chairperson of the *Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee*, I would like to thank everyone that have taken the time to fill in the *Bertold Park Survey*. **15%** of Baie-D'Urfé households responded from one end of town to the other. The community input is very much appreciated!

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Environmental Review



EMERALD ASH BORER, THE INFESTATION PROGRESSES! PART 2

As we have read it in the excellent article written by Sarah Mailhot, Environment Coordinator, in the February edition of the *News & Views*, the Emerald Ash Borer is spreading and infecting more and more ash trees; but, according to our present by-law, it is only permitted to fell Ash trees from September 15 to April 15.

Now, the City of Montréal has decided to abolish the period permitted for the felling of Ash trees.

Therefore, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé has the intention to modify its by-law in order to abolish the tree-cutting period and allow the felling of Ash trees all year round in line with Montréal, and in compliance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994.

Philip Iacovone
Director of Town Planning



2019 BY-ELECTION

Seat of Councillor No. 4

At the February 12 Council meeting, the Town Clerk announced, pursuant to the AERM, **the vacancy of the seat of Councillor No. 4**, following the resignation of Councillor **Michel Beauchamp**.

The Town Clerk's office has 30 days following this vacancy notice to announce the holding of a by-election. The polling day must be held on a Sunday in the four months following such notice to the Council.

The foreseen date for polling day is **June 2nd, 2019**, and the Electoral calendar will be developed accordingly.

We invite you to visit the Town's website regularly as the information concerning this by-election will be published progressively and on a timely basis.

For any other information you may contact the Clerk's office at **514 457-7023**.

MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS

2019 Day Camp in Baie-D'Urfé

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé Council has received several requests for the establishment of a Day Camp program in Baie-D'Urfé.

We have taken several steps with service providers, all of whom have requested **one (1) year's notice** before they can offer the service. This time frame allows them to see the facilities, identify the issues that need to be addressed and establish the type of programming based on the location. They must also recruit, train and certify employees. As a result, **it will not be viable to set up a day camp program for the summer of 2019.**

We are already in discussions so that we can consider a program for the summer of 2020. We thank you for your understanding.

The Director General Office



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What's New!



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SPRING AWAKENING!

Daylight Saving time (DST) will be set on the night of Saturday, **March 9, 2019**. So don't forget to change your clocks!



SUMMER STUDENTS EMPLOYMENT 2019

Consult our website for all available job opportunities at the Town

baie-durfe.qc.ca/joboffers



ROUND-TABLE

International Women's Day

Thursday, March 7
from 6 pm to 8 pm

Fritz Community Centre
20 477 Lakeshore Road, Baie-D'Urfé

To mark the **International Women's Day**, the *Citizen's Association of Baie-D'Urfé* invites all women of Baie-D'Urfé to a round-table discussion. Attendees will be exchanging about "The challenges of a balanced life".

No registration required.
All women are welcome to attend!



Happy St-Patrick's Day to everyone!

Sunday
March 17, 2019

DOG LICENSE UPDATE INFORMATION



REMINDER

Has your animal file been updated?

Any changes must be communicated to the

Town or at reception@baie-durfe.qc.ca in order to keep your pet's file up-to-date such as a change of address, phone numbers, decease of your pet, microchip, neutering, etc.

All dogs on Baie-D'Urfé's territory must obtain a license delivered by the Town (valid for the life of the animal). For all detail regarding animals regulation consult **By-law 1063** on the Town's website.

EARTH HOUR

Saturday March 30, 2019 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Baie-D'Urfé is proud to be one of the many cities across the world participating in this event. The Town will therefore turn off all non-essential lighting for **one hour**. We invite all Baie-D'Urfé merchants and residents to do the same!



JUNIOR COUNCIL

Hear ye, hear ye!

NEXT MEETING:

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

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

