



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL



## Mayor's Message

Maria Tutino

### BILL 21

On March 28, the Quebec government unveiled its proposed new law titled "**An Act respecting the laicity of the state**" that would prohibit public workers in positions of authority from wearing religious symbols such as hijabs, kippahs, turbans or crucifixes in the course of their duties.

The ban would apply to, among others, Quebec Crown prosecutors, judges and any public employee who carries a firearm, as well as to teachers and principals. The proposed law will affect municipal employees such as police officers, peace officers (still to be defined) and possibly court clerks. The ban on religious symbols does not currently extend to public daycare workers.

All new workers would be affected by the law, while current workers wearing religious symbols would be allowed to keep wearing them, but they would lose those protections if they got promoted or changed jobs.

Once again, the secularism debate in Quebec is dividing the population. Some feel Bill 21 is going too far; others not far enough. The majority of Quebec's religious minority population lives on the island of Montreal.

Following are some statements made by the ASM and the City of Montreal with regards to the proposed law.

### Statement from the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) released on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

*The Association of Suburban Municipalities is concerned about the consequences of the implementation of Bill 21 in Montreal and in our demerged municipalities. This Bill does not reflect the values of respect, solidarity, freedom and equality that are shared in our communities.*

*For many centuries, the island of Montreal has been home to hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world. All of these families find here an environment where they can thrive and be full partners in the fabric of Montreal for which we are all very proud.*

*The idea of denying access to municipal employment for men and women who are members of our communities because*

*they wear religious symbols does not correspond to our normal course of conduct. In our opinion, the only criteria that governs us in the selection of candidates is their skill and experience. It is unthinkable that we could undermine the fundamental freedoms provided by the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We believe that the neutrality of the state is exercised by the actions of our employees and not by their appearance.*

*The Quebec government has the prerogative to legislate on this matter. However, we respectfully ask that they amend their Bill so it excludes municipal employees who are prohibited from wearing a religious symbol while on duty.*

*In recent years, all the debates on identity in Quebec have not resolved the matter. There are many realities on the territory and it is crucial not to apply "one size fits all" solutions to the whole province. If this bill were to go forward without taking into account our concerns, and because it is contrary to our values, we have difficulty seeing how we could apply it in our communities.*

### THE CITY OF MONTREAL UNITES IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE LAW MODIFIED TO REFLECT MONTREAL'S REALITY

Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante has been reported as saying that she was disappointed by the bill and argued such a law would hamper integration of minorities. She said the city's public services, including its police force, should reflect the population. A joint declaration by Mayor Plante and opposition leader Lionel Perez states "Quebec is already a secular society and there is no need for the province to legislate what government employees wear".

I fully support the ASM's and the City of Montreal's position on Bill 21. It is unthinkable that we are entertaining removing some rights from very qualified, competent and caring individuals because of their personal faith.

Let's hope our voices are heard and that the necessary changes are made.

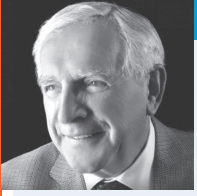
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## Council Communiqué

Kevin M. Dorothy



Hello and welcome to spring. March 21<sup>st</sup> is the first official day of spring but someone forgot to inform Mother Nature. As I write this article, April 9, the wind chill temperature is minus 6 and the weather forecast is for freezing rain and possibly 5 to 10 cm of snow.

This past winter has not been a good one and this can be attested by those folks who were not snowbirds and had to endure the changing weather patterns on an almost regular basis. The winter weather was brutal and all of the boroughs and municipalities both on and off the island have had to cope with it too. The ever-changing weather, from mild to sub freezing temperatures, resulted in ice building up on several streets and clogging drains.

Our *Public Works* department was constantly busy clearing the ice clogged drains as well as getting a grader to remove the ice where necessary as the temperature fluctuated. However that's behind us now but our town is working with other municipalities to find and develop winter clearing plans to deal with the apparent changing climate, which no doubt may cause future winters as this one just past. These types of winters are especially hard on the road surfaces and *Public Works* will be looking at the best way to repair these problems. I wish to take this opportunity to thank those citizens who kept me in the loop regarding issues of this past winter weather. Their information was both of a positive and helpful nature.

Our town and the Industrial Park saw some good news this spring with the Town issuing a contract after receiving bids to remove the debris from the **Linguini Restaurant**, which burnt down some years ago. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder to clean up the site and take the debris to various recycling dumps according



to its composition. I am pleased to write that the site has finally been cleaned up. A sincere thanks to our

DG for moving this forward and to our folks at *Public Works* who were overseeing that the work was carried out in a timely fashion.

With the arrival of spring and summer I would like to once again ask those citizens who walk on our streets, to walk facing the traffic. I was going to write a paragraph on walking safety but the VCOP article of April covered this safety subject very convincingly. I would also remind drivers that the stop signs and yield signs are to be respected, as are the speed signs. The local police have stepped up their patrols and are issuing tickets to those who do not respect these driving laws. This also includes cyclists who appear to believe that these signs do not apply to them. May I also remind cyclists who cycle with their children and insure their children wear safety helmets, that it is also a good idea for the parents to wear one too.

My colleague **Andrea Gilpin** covered the progress of the proposed berm in her article of April. Suffice it for me to say that the progress towards beginning in early summer and completion in the fall is on track. This beautifying sound wall will certainly contribute to the enhancement of Surrey.

In closing, I would like to bring to your attention to watch out for varmints that have come out of their holes after a winter of hiding. They can be identified as having a white streak down their back. One or two have been spotted near the flagpole at *Bertold Park* as well as in other spots. Vigilance will help to avoid unpleasant encounters with them.

Enjoy the spring and have a safe and happy summer.

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## 2019 By-Election

The period for filing nomination papers has ended on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**  
In the case where only one nomination paper has been accepted by the returning officer, said candidate shall be declared elected.

**Please refer to the Town's website for the information on the candidates**

### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

**You must be an elector AND have your name entered on the list of electors of your municipality.**

### QUALITY OF AN ELECTOR:

The *Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities* provides for the required conditions to be a qualified elector as follows:

- ▶ **Be of full age**, 18 years old on June 2, 2019;
- ▶ **Be a Canadian citizen** on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019;
- ▶ **Not being under any voting disqualification provided by law** (under curatorship or convicted of an offence that is a corrupt electoral practice);
- ▶ Fulfill one of the following two conditions :
  - › **be domiciled in the territory of the municipality** and, for at least six months, in Québec;
  - › **be, for at least 12 months** (before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018), the owner of an immovable or the occupant of a business establishment, situated in the territory of the municipality.

### FOR NON-DOMICILED ELECTORS

### APPLICATION FOR ENTRY ON THE ELECTORAL LIST

It is your responsibility to ensure that your name is entered on the list of electors of the municipality. The list of electors of the municipality is generated from the Québec permanent list of electors.

If you have a change of address since the last provincial, municipal or school elections, you may verify that it has been corrected on the permanent list of electors by contacting the Information Centre of the Chief Electoral Officer (DGEQ) by phone:

**1-888-ÉLECTION (353-2846)**, from **Monday to Friday** from **8:30 a.m. to 12:00** and from **1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

### PLEASE FORWARD THE FORM DULY COMPLETED:

- ▶ **By mail:** Town of Baie-D'Urfé, 20410, Lakeshore Rd., Baie-D'Urfé (QC), H9X 1P7
- ▶ **By fax:** 514 457-5671
- ▶ **By email:** greffe@baie-durfe.qc.ca
- ▶ **In person** at the Town Hall

If you are :	Form to fill out:	Deadline for receipt
<b>The owner</b> of an immovable or <b>the occupant</b> of a business establishment situated in the territory of the municipality.	<b>SMR 9.2</b> (available on the Town's Website) Application for entry	As soon as possible, but no later than <b>May 14, 2019 before 1 p.m.</b>
<b>Undivided co-owners</b> of an immovable and co-occupants of a business establishment.	<b>SMR 9.1</b> (available on the Town's Website) Power of attorney to designate the person as a qualified voter.	As soon as possible, but no later than <b>May 14, 2019 before 1 p.m.</b>



## 2019 By-Election

### NOTICE OF ENTRY

Make sure that your name is entered on the notice that will be sent to you by mail.

If you have not received your notice of entry on the municipal list of electors OR if a correction is required, you must appear in person before the Board of Revisors at the **Town Hall of Baie-D'Urfé** located at 20410 Chemin Lakeshore during the following opening hours:

- ▶ **Saturday, May 11, 2019** from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Monday, May 13, 2019** from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 14, 2019** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### WHERE AND WHEN TO VOTE?

Please check your notice of entry to show up at the right place on Election day.

**Advance poll:** on **May 26, 2019** from **12:00 p.m. (noon) to 8:00 p.m.** at the *Red Barn*. Please note that any elector whose name is entered on the list of electors may vote in an advance poll.

**Polling day:** on **June 2, 2019** from **10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** You must present yourself at the polling place indicated on your notice of entry, either at *Joseph-Henrico School*, or at the *Red Barn*, according to your polling subdivision.

### DO NOT FORGET TO BRING A PROOF OF IDENTITY STATING YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS:

In order to exercise your right to vote, you must show a proof of identity. The valid proofs of identity are the following:

- ▶ **Québec driver's licence or probationary licence** in their original form;
- ▶ **Québec Health insurance card;**
- ▶ **Canadian passport;**
- ▶ **Certificate of Indian Statute** or a **Canadian Forces identity card.**

For more information visit our Town's website at [baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://baie-durfe.qc.ca), or contact the Returning Officer at **514 457-4135**.

## OPÉRATION PATRIMOINE MONTRÉAL

*Lieu coup de cœur 2019!*

Contest

**COUP DE CŒUR**

**Voting Period - April 18 to June 14**

Last March, demerged cities and boroughs were approached by the City of Montreal to participate in a contest designed to highlight a property owned by the municipality that raise a collective appropriation of the citizens of the Agglomeration of Montreal. It could be a park, a street or a public place.

The **Town of Baie-D'Urfé** has chosen to submit its Town Hall, a historic Empire style old farmhouse dating back to 1875 and its enchanting Town Hall Park, which is the joy of all citizens and visitors. This park is a true oasis of peace and tranquility that has inspired many painters and amateur photographers for its beauty and natural environment, unique on the island of Montreal. That is why so many people have adopted this site for generations.

**In order to vote**, you must submit your choice directly on the OPM's (*Opération Patrimoine Montréal*) website, division of the City of Montreal at [ville.montreal.qc.ca/operationpatrimoine](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/operationpatrimoine) and click on the "*Coup de cœur*" section. Because it is a popular vote, this contest is open to all residents of the Agglomeration of Montreal. Please note that the website is strictly in French.

**Only one vote per person is permitted.** To be eligible, you must provide your email address and postal code. Voting period is between **April 18 and June 14 at 23:59 pm**. The "*Coup de Coeur 2019*" will be unveiled in the fall during the appreciation evening of "*Opération Patrimoine Montréal*". The winner will be the host of a grand celebration in the spring of 2020. I will keep you posted in a future edition of the *News & Views*.

We wish the best of luck to the Town of Baie-D'Urfé. Hoping you vote in large numbers!

**Valérie Fortin**

*Director of Communications*



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## What's New!

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### REMINDER - SECOND MUNICIPAL TAXES INSTALMENT

Please note that the deadline for the second municipal tax instalment is on **Monday May 27**. You will not be sent a reminder notice.



## Victoria Day

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be **CLOSED** on **Monday May 20** for Victoria Day.

### FREE ACTIVITIES

#### FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF BAIE-D'URFÉ!

##### BAIE-D'URFÉ AQUATIC CLUB

- › **Registration:** Sunday **May 5**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & Tuesday **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the **Red Barn**
- › **Free Swim:** Baie-D'Urfé residents, who are not pool members, are welcome to swim on **Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Resident identification required

[bdac.ca](http://bdac.ca)



### CULVERT OR DITCH



If you have a culvert or a ditch in front of your property, spring is a good time to make the inspection of any accumulated dirt, leaves, or other residues at the entrance or exit of the culvert pipe. In addition, in the summer season make sure to mow the grass shorter in front of its entrance in order to ensure proper water flow in the ditch.

### GAMES NIGHT

The *Junior Council* is excited to invite you to its *Games Night* **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** at the **Red Barn** from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
For ages 10 to 17

**Bring your friends**  
(a non-resident guest is welcome)



*Bring your favourite board game!*

##### BAIE-D'URFÉ TENNIS CLUB

- › **FREE TENNIS:** Sundays from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** (proper footwear required).

Great junior and family programs. Sign up and get the whole experience!

[tennisbaiedurfe.ca](http://tennisbaiedurfe.ca)

##### BAIE-D'URFÉ YACHT CLUB

**Sailing School Registration is open!**  
Come join the adventure from **June to August**.

[BDYC.com](http://BDYC.com)



##### COURTYARD MARRIOTT HOTEL DISCOUNT

Take advantage of a **15% discount** at the **weight room** (opened 24/24) and the **indoor pool** (opened 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) with a monthly or annual subscription.

For more information: **514 674-8000**

### JUNIOR COUNCIL



**NEXT MEETING:**

- › **May 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
At Fritz Community Center

### REMINDER - EARTH DAY



*Don't forget to pick up your tree at Public Work and bring:*

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.:** **Documents to shred:** TotalShred will be there. You can also drop any electronic documents such as (cassettes, CDs, DVDs and hard disks) in secure boxes.

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** **Any old electronic devices\***

*\*EPRA-Québec's Recycle My Electronics program will take charge of all electronics brought to the collection event.*

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** **Hazardous waste**