



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message

Heidi Ektvedt | Mayor



TAKING ACTION THROUGH YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Two years ago, as we moved to virtual connections, our Junior Council was faced with that same reality and in the end, it was decided a "hiatus" was needed. Our youth faced challenges in daily life including school shutdowns, online learning, and many extracurricular programs either going online or grinding to a complete halt. We have recently restarted in-person meetings and I would like to personally invite any young people ages 11 years and up to join us and see **how your voice and actions** can make a difference in your neighbourhood. One Junior Council member is currently working on a more modern communication strategy, while another is spearheading event planning with some active ideas for the summer. In the past, the JC has accomplished several important initiatives, including the Pumptrack, monthly games nights and participating in a consultation for a revamped teen section in our library. The group meets monthly and this year is choosing to hold its meetings across the Town to explore some of our outdoor settings (weather and bugs permitting). If you are interested, please contact Councillor Lowensteyn at wlowensteyn@baie-durfe.qc.ca. We'd also like to follow up with our JC on the youth feedback received during our strategic vision workshop, but it would be nice to have more young people around the circle for a meaningful follow-up. The next meeting is will be at Fritz Community Center on Tuesday, July 26th at 7 p.m. and you are more than welcome.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Two outstanding local athletes were recognized by Council during our June public meeting through our *Excellence Support Program*.

Aurélie Moisan is an elite-level snowboarding athlete with the *Association Québec Snowboard*, competing at the international level in the *Nor-Am Cup* held in New York, placing **4th and 8th in the giant slalom category**. A BIG bravo goes out to her on her **1st place finish in the parallel slalom category** at the *Championnat Provincial* in Mont Orignal, Québec. Across the ocean,

in Valmalenco Italy, she competed in the FIS Junior World Championships, **placing 7th in parallel slalom and 17th in parallel giant slalom**.



An artistic gymnast with the *Fédération de gymnastique du Québec*, **Sevika Zlobec** competed at the national level in the *Championnats québécois* held in Québec, **placing 13th on the balance beam and 4th in her floor routine**.

Congratulations to you Aurélie & Sevika on your accomplishments!



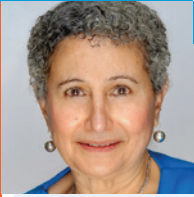
Through the Town, our *"Excellence Support Program"* is set up in order to help defray the travel costs of Baie-D'Urfé citizens who distinguish themselves by representing their community at provincial, national or international competitions. Our policy can be found online and explains the requirements. I'm thrilled to see these requests as yet another bright indication that we are moving into normal times!



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Council Communiqué

Nadia Bissada | Councillor



So summer is finally here and, despite some cooler temperatures, we are all happy to feel and see the return of the unmistakable signs of

the season: the trees, the flowers and the greenery surrounding us, the birds chirping everywhere and, most delightfully, the kids playing, running, and laughing in the parks. What a difference from last summer when parks were empty and sad, and gatherings were a health hazard.

SENIOR RENDEZ-VOUS EVENTS

And speaking of gatherings, on May 19th, some 30 seniors gathered at the Fritz Community Centre for a very pleasant afternoon. **Gillian Bennett** and **Irene Perstinger**, with the help of **Tony Brown**, **Cindy Giroux**, **Coleen Shaw**, and **Maria Tutino**, organized a Senior Rendez-Vous event, the first of many to come. In fact, the next one is already scheduled for June 30th. Details for reservations were posted in the May issue of the *News & Views*.



The end of the month of May was the end of the **"No Mow May"** campaign which aimed to delay the mowing of lawns to allow for biodiversity and wild plants to grow and hence offer pollinators, including honey bees, a better chance of survival. It is encouraging to see that an increasing number of lawns around town are moving away from the concept of a "manicured lawn" and trending toward the natural look of wild and native plants.

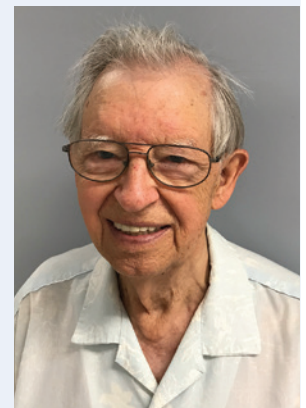
Full disclosure, though: yours truly mowed her lawn a few days before the end of May - will do better next year!

Still on the topic of parks, the pump track, following a trial period at John Weir Park, will be soon moved back to Morgan Park on a permanent basis (it may have been moved already by the time you are reading this article).

BILL 96

And as you all know by now, Bill 96 was adopted by the National Assembly by a majority vote (78-29) on Tuesday, May 24th despite all protests and concerns raised, covered by a notwithstanding clause. More than any other part of the province, Montréal will pay a high price for the implementation of this law; francophones, anglophones, and allophones will all suffer the consequences. French will not be promoted or encouraged, but enforced to the exclusion of other languages, particularly English. Young francophones will be discouraged from becoming bilingual, anglophones will feel excluded, Indigenous people will feel marginalized and businesses will incur unjustified and higher operating costs. French is a beautiful language, embraced and used in Montréal as the primary language, but maybe not as the only one. For those of us who believe that English and other languages can co-exist within a predominantly French province, we have been overruled. But time and resilience will hopefully prove us right.

On a final and sad note, I would like to mention the passing of **Herb Pidcock**, who leaves behind a beautiful legacy including years of community volunteer work, especially at the Baie-D'Urfé Library. He will be missed by all of us who had the chance to know him and work with him. Sincere condolences to his family.





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What's New!

Philippe St-Aubin | Communications coordinator



Canada Day

The Town Hall and the Public Works Building will both be **CLOSED on Friday, July 1** for Canada Day.
Happy Canada Day!



JULY AND AUGUST – SUMMER CONCERTS

THURSDAYS at 7:30 p.m.

- July 7
- July 14
- July 21
- July 28
- August 4

SUNDAYS at 2 p.m.

- August 14
- August 21
- August 28

Rain or shine, concerts will be held at the Fritz Park Music Pavilion.



Don't forget to bring your chair!

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

August 5 at 7 p.m.

ALL SHALL BE WELL



Presented at **Fritz Park**, rain or shine.
Bring your own chair!

JUNIOR COUNCIL

NEXT MEETINGS:

- » Tuesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.
- » Tuesday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Fritz Community Centre

All Baie-D'Urfé youths from ages 11 to 18 are welcome.




BAIE-D'URFÉ
ÉLECTION MUNICIPALE PARTIELLE
2022
MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

IMPORTANT DATES

- ☑ **Advance polling day:** July 10, 2022, from noon to 8 p.m.
- ☑ **Polling day:** July 17, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

POLLING PLACE: Dorset Elementary School
106 Dorset Road, Baie-D'Urfé (Québec), H9X 2Z6

To learn more about the municipal by-election and the candidates please visit our website at baie-durfe.qc.ca > **Democratic Life** > **2022 Municipal By-Election**.



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