



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

Dear Citizens, Neighbors and Friends

How time flies!

I cannot believe that I will be celebrating thirty years of being a resident of Baie-D'Urfé in 2019. Nor can I believe that

next year will be **the twentieth year that I will be writing a column** for the News & Views!

Baie-D'Urfé has been a great place to bring up my family. We have made many friends and my family and I have grown in many ways because we lived here.

Baie-D'Urfé grows on you, it gets in your blood and makes you want to live here forever.

It is no surprise that there are many multi-generational families in Town. I am lucky now to be one of those. As of 2018, my mother-in-law and now my mother and my son Robert with wife Kim (also brought up in Baie-D'Urfé) are all residents. How lucky am !!!!

This past year, after seeing how my family's needs varied dramatically with age and having the opportunity to converse daily with people of their age groups, has sensitized me even further to the needs of our diverse community.

While only 3823 in number (as per the 2016 census), Baie-D'Urfé has a vibrant citizenry with very distinct needs.

Age Group Analysis

0 to 14	16%
15 to 24	14%
25 to 34	5%
35 to 64	41%
65 to 79	16%
Over 80	8%

Town services need to reflect the needs of our population, which are constantly evolving. The reality of paying for those services needs to also be taken into consideration as our tax bill from Montreal for regional services gets bigger and bigger (around \$4 million in 2001 to about \$12.5 million in 2019).

But what we cannot forget, as we discuss needs and issues and how to resolve and finance them, is that we are still one community, a community who deals with things in a respectful way ... we may disagree from time to time like all good and strong families do but after the argument, we need to turn the page, break bread together and move on ... tomorrow is another day and there will be new challenges and other discussions.

In looking for an inspirational quote to end the year, I found this one from Gaius Sallustius Crispus, a Roman historian and politician, born in 86 BC and known as Sallust.

"Small communities grow great through harmony, great ones fall to pieces through discord."

There are many examples in the world today that show that Sallust's words still ring true more than two thousand years after he wrote them.

Some other food for thought as we enter the holiday season and the advent of a New Year.

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling." Edna Ferber

"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection." Winston Churchill

"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store." Dr. Seuss

Happy Holidays, to all and warmest wishes for health and happiness in the New Year!



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Council Communiqué



Lynda Phelps

I am writing this on the day after the US mid-term elections. I am reminded of the elections for the Mayor of Montréal. I'm not eligible

to cast a vote, but the outcome will affect our town. Same for the US. To be expected, both sides are claiming a victory. But the elephant in the room (pardon the pun) is how the leader of all Americans will begin the healing process, or will he continue ignoring his advisors? It seems to me that this old dog refuses to learn new tricks.

So why would I write about US mid-term elections in a column for a Baie-D'Urfé magazine? Because what resonates with me is how do leaders begin the healing process? Recently the Mayor and Council had to make a decision about the usage of Bertold Park. For 27 years it had been a shared park between citizens enjoying a picnic or quietly contemplating the view while other patrons were bringing their dogs to play off leash. This situation changed when social media began bringing attention to the beautiful park in Baie-D'Urfé, where, not only could the dogs play off leash, they could also go for a swim. Professional dog walkers began bringing up to 5 dogs. **Some non-resident dog owners were very disrespectful and would ignore the rules of the park.** There was a lack of civility. Council needed to address the situation. The emails and petitions started pouring in. There were almost **500 citizens** who expressed their very firm opinion of how they envision the usage of this very beautiful lake property. We heard from citizens, though emails, petitions, and verbally during public meetings. Pressure was coming equally from both sides. Ultimately, the majority of council voted for a compromise.

We felt that inclusion was better than exclusion. We still have much work to do.

Very shortly after the Council announced their decision, I met a citizen, that I consider a friend, while shopping. She had previously expressed her view strongly and with emotion, so I asked her how she felt about the vote. Her answer? "**The decision was made by a majority. That's**

democracy. I've turned the page". Her tone of voice convinced me that she was very sincere.

Let's reflect on the important things that bind us in this small town, or as describe by one citizen in a letter to the *Montreal Gazette* editorial, "**this piece of paradise**".

On a different subject, next time you go to Proxim and see **Ralph Mokbel**, congratulate him on the arrival of his first child, a daughter, Mila born on Oct. 20th.



Here's another piece of good news from the *Baie-D'Urfé Yacht Club*. The partnership of **Nick Crevier** and **Katy McCracken**, head youth sailing instructors, snatched up the award for Sailing School of the year. This award, given by the

Fédération de Voile du Québec means the *Baie-D'Urfé Yacht Club* Junior Program has the BEST sailing school in Québec... **We are all so proud of you!**

This is our Director of Communications, **Valérie Fortin's 50th publication** of the Town's Municipal Newsletter in the *News and Views*. She is our coach for on time performance, coordinator, translator for both the Administration and the Mayor and Council. And she does with a smile. **Thanks Valérie.**

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Environmental Review



SEMI-BURIED BINS AT THE CURLING CLUB!

Following the success of semi-buried bins at the *CPE Whiteside Taylor*, the Town is installing identical containers at the *Curling Club*. These bins can be used for other utilities on site, such as the *Aquatic Club*, the *Tennis Club* and the *Red Barn*. There will be two bins: one for regular garbage and one for recycling. For their convenience, safety, sturdiness and look, these bins offer perfect solutions to vermin and cleanliness, a problem that was many times raised.

STABILIZATION OF THE SHORELINE: A "WOW" PROJECT!

The shoreline behind Town Hall was in dire need of stabilization in order to prevent further erosion and thus protect all the trees concerned, some of which were beginning to lean toward the water. The project was completed mid-September and impressive quantities of stones and earth were deposited along the shore. The result is quite harmonious! The shoreline is also sown and protected with coconut mulch. Three riparian accesses have been created to leave a visual and physical clearing, which allows for contemplation and proximity to the lake.

Shoreline revegetation in specific areas will allow for slope stability with colorful variations that will create a natural barrier to limit damages caused by the Canadian geese. Several native plants species that were chosen were comprised of **215 shrubs, 404 perennials and 600 grasses**. Through time, we will be able to monitor the shoreline' evolution and enjoy its beauty!

BEFORE



AFTER



Industrial Park News



NEW INDUSTRIAL RESIDENTS

NULOOK office solutions

Open since 2000, *Nulook* office solutions supply high quality office and ergonomic furniture and offer the expertise and resources for conceiving attractive and efficient work environments.

From design to installation, their team of consultants and designers work together to maximize work spaces and creatively source the right products/solutions for their client's needs.



VEER Plastics

Established in 1985, *Veer Plastics* is a privately owned family company which has today **2,000 employees** worldwide. As a fully integrated manufacturer of coated woven and non-woven polyolefin products, they have 4 established major manufacturing locations and 3 additional locations under construction.



VEER PLASTICS

Current export destinations: Chile, Brazil, Nigeria, Kenya, Spain, Portugal France, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Netherlands and New Zealand.

Veer is vertically integrated to cater industries in Cement & Industrial, Fertilizer, Agriculture, Food & Grains, Building Construction, Chemical, Lumber, Metal, Mining and Oil & Gas.

We bid them a warm welcome to the Baie-D'Urfé Industrial Park!



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What's New!

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Holiday Hours

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be closed for the Holidays from **December 22nd, 2018 until January 2nd, 2019** inclusively. Please contact **514 630-1234** for all municipal emergencies.



SEASONAL REMINDERS



Snow Clearing Service

The Town offers a driveway entrance snow clearing service to residents aged 65 and over at the cost of **\$65**. **This service is offered free of charge to seniors who receive the federal guaranteed income supplement and to people with disabilities** (proof required). Please note that the main streets will be plowed before driveways, therefore causing a delay for clearing snow from your driveway entrance. For further information, please call Town Hall at **514 457-5324**.



Winter Parking

Winter is fast approaching, and with it, the first snow storms! 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.



Temporary Car Shelters

We remind you that installing temporary car shelters such as "tempos" is **prohibited** in Baie-D'Urfé.



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 at canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/airquality**. You can always consult Baie-D'Urfé's website to check the local air quality index through the **Citizen Services** tab.

COLLECTION CALENDAR 2019



Lockout for it in your mailbox in mid-december

DATES TO REMEMBER - WINTER SHEDULE

> ORGANIC MATERIALS

Every two (2) weeks from December to March

- Tuesdays: **December 4 and 18, 2018**
- **January 2019**: Collection resumes on Tuesday **8 and 22nd**

> RECYCLING COLLECTION

• **December 4th, 11, 18** and exceptionally Thursday, **December 27**

- **January 2019**: Friday, **January 4th** and thereafter, every Tuesday

> CHRISTMAS TREE

January 14, 2019 from 7 a.m.: leave your tree, **decoration-free**, by the roadside with trunk facing the road.

> ELECTRONICS

Since there is no more pick-up collection until April, please note that you can drop off your Electronics at the Public Works building during business hours.



New Year's Levee

Council invites you to come and ring in the New Year at the **Fritz Community Centre Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at our annual New Year's Levee.

Hope to see you there!

BAIE-D'URFÉ SKATING RINKS

Open daily, from end of December to beginning of April weather conditions permitting.

BERTOLD PARK

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Changing room
- Lighting

BALSAM PARK

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Lighting

PICARDY PARK

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Lighting