



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

Unfortunately I was out of Town this summer when **Mr. Daniel Pérotti**, Mayor of the Commune of *Champoly in Loire, France*, came knocking at the Town Hall for a surprise visit. Luckily, our Communications Director, **Valérie Fortin**, was on hand and also that she agreed to provide me with a summary of Mayor Pérotti's visit to share with you.

As you will read in Valérie's summary, there is a strong historical connection between our two Towns and it will be exciting to continue learning and contributing to each other's knowledge in our future conversations.

The Commune of **Champoly** is the home of "*Les Cornes d'Urfé*", a castle built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and abandoned around 1500 A.D., the ruins of which still remain. One of our ancestors, François-Saturnin Lascaris d'Urfé, was born in 1641 in the replacement family castle also in Loire but in a



Commune 30 km southeast of Champoly called **Saint-Étienne-le-Molard**, known as "*Le Château de la Bâtie d'Urfé*". He was one of nine children born to Charles Emmanuel, Marquis d'Urfé. In 1686, he accepted the post of Curé of the **Parish of St-Louis-du-Bout-de-l'île de Montréal...** and the rest, as they say, is history! Three small towns, one in Canada (**Baie-d'Urfé**, population of about 3850) and two in Loire, France - **Champoly** (population of about 330) and **Saint-Étienne-le-Molard** (population of about 1000) - are forever linked.

We will keep you posted of the outcome of future discoveries.

### VALÉRIE'S SUMMARY

This summer, at Town Hall, I had the privilege of an unexpected visit from the **mayor of the County of Champoly in Loire in France** where the old castle that belonged to the large d'Urfé family is

located. Visiting Quebec with his family for their summer holiday, he had come expressly for a tour of our region. He wanted to know more about some historical episodes that had marked our Town in order to establish a firm link between the two continents. Not having all the information to provide him but delighted by his visit, I promised we would stay in touch.

Specifically, he was looking for a stone originating from the d'Urfé castle that would have been given to the Town and that would have been the subject of a commemorative plaque recalling the beginnings of Baie d'Urfé. While searching on site after the



mayor's departure, I understood that the stone he was searching for was actually the memorial cairn with its commemorative plaque located in front of the *Red Barn*! He was also looking for the chapel that was erected at the time on the old **Pointe St-Louis**, today named **Caron Point**. In order to emphasize the greatness of a man whose small town had proudly adopted the name and coat of arms, the Sulpician missionary, François Lascaris d'Urfé (1641-1701) had settled on our lands in 1686 to exert his ministry and educate Indians. This chapel was destroyed in 1687 during an ambush with the Iroquois where *Jean de la Londe*, first settler in 1665 and churchwarden of Noble French lineage, was killed. Unfortunately, there are no more traces of this episode but surprisingly some of the stones that made up the chapel appear on the memorial cairn of the *Red Barn*.

It is then that these chance encounters remind us of the importance of preserving bridges between the old land and the new country, and to honour the memory of those men who have marked the history of our Town...

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## Council Communiqué

Andrea Gilpin



October is a busy month as families get into their fall routines with early mornings, homework, fall activities and the cooler weather being just around the corner. As we move into our back to school routines most of us are also registering our children for their fall activities. As we saw in the **Youth Expo**, there are many activities in our Town for our youth with many registrations ongoing as you read this. I know that both Baie-D'Urfé **Scouts** and the **Girl Guides** are examples of organizations that are gearing up and are accepting new members. As you know, Baie-D'Urfé benefits greatly from its strong network of volunteers so if you have an interest in becoming involved, please reach out to me and I can direct you to the right person and organization. Having been a volunteer for many youth activities, I can tell you first hand it is a wonderful and enriching experience.

**Are you aware of the event happening at John-Weir Park on October 13<sup>th</sup>?** Citizens will learn about the environment and this will include a tree



planting activity for all who attend. Kids are welcome! This is not a one-time event, as anyone can join the *Friends of John-Weir Park* to continue to

be involved in this important cause. **Mark your calendars!**

Do you know of youth in our community who might be interested in joining the *Junior Council*? The *Junior Council* will be starting up again with its first meeting to be held on **October 16<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Fritz Farm in Room 6**. The *Junior Council* meets to discuss issues in the Town related to our youth. The goal is for the Council to be youth-led so that they can work on issues that are important for kids in our town. Those who are aged 10 years and older and who are interested in playing an active role in local democratic life are invited to join. Updates will be provided on my Baie-D'Urfé

Facebook page as the date approaches or you can send me an email if you are interested in joining.

It would be an omission to have a column during the harvest season without mentioning the *Community Garden at Fritz* ([gardenatfritz.com](http://gardenatfritz.com)). This year, the group donated beans (316lbs), eggplants (971lbs), zucchini (495lbs), squash (200lbs), tomatoes (300lbs) and cucumbers (220lbs) principally to On Rock and the West Island Mission foodbanks. Congrats to our gardeners for their efforts towards this good cause.

Looking at the Communication portfolio, the Communications team is in the process of recreating the new Town website so that it will be easier to find information and documents, including those currently handed out during Council meetings. This total revamping of the website is on track and progress is going well for a launch by year-end. In addition, subscription levels to our *News from Baie-D'Urfé* newsletter are at an all time high with over 528 subscribers. Please spread the word so that our citizens can keep abreast of what is happening in our town.

**Did you notice that Public Works cleared the two lots of land to the east of the Town to provide more access to green space for our citizens?**

Both public properties, one south of *Apple Hill* and the second to the south west of *Poplar Place* have been cleared and citizens can now take a walk to see the water. That being said, please note that swimming is at your own risk!

Finally, I believe that Social media is a wonderful way of engaging with citizens. Come and follow Councillor Lowensteyn and I at *Andrea Gilpin, Councillor/Conseillère, Baie-D'Urfé, Seat/Siège 5* and *Wanda Lowensteyn, Councillor/Conseillère, Baie-D'Urfé, Seat/Siège 2*. Personally, I would like to know if citizens find this way of communicating helpful as it is an investment of time to write regular posts. Send me a note via email, subscribe to my page, or send me a comment to share your thoughts.

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## Environmental Review



### TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE EMERALD ASH BORER!

**The Emerald Ash Borer is gaining ground...** Last winter, during ash tree felling period, 15 trees had galleries revealing the presence of the insect larvae. One can also observe its ravages along the highways.

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé with its *Strategy Against the Emerald Ash Borer* (adopted March 2015) has provided for a gradual felling of these trees over a rolling 5-year period. Each year, the Town plans for the felling of 76 ash trees in parks and streets and 50 other in wooded areas. In 2018, the ash tree-felling period will take place from **beginning of October to mid-December**.



In keeping with the Strategy, the Town continues to protect annually all ash trees on our territory by treating them with *TreeAzin*; for a total of 220 ash trees treated every second year. In addition, the Town is planting more than **105 trees per year** or up to ten extra trees than those removed.

### TREATMENT AND FELLING OF ASH TREE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

The treatment period against the Emerald Ash Borer is now over (July and August). However, should you wish to extend the life of your ash trees, consider treating them next summer with *TreeAzin*. The Town offers a financial subsidy for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment. You must present a certificate of authorization to remove an ash tree. Each felled tree must be automatically replaced. The financial assistance program for the felling of an ash tree corresponds to 50% of the initial price for a maximum of \$125 for any tree of a diameter of 25 cm or greater.

For further information, contact Sarah Mailhot, Environmental Coordinator at **514 457-7604** or by email at: [smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca)

## Industrial Park News



### THE INDUSTRIES GOT ON BOARD : YES TO GOING GREEN !

An exceptional tree planting program is offered by the Town of Baie-D'Urfé in partnership with the *GRAME (Groupe de recherche appliquée en macroécologie)* to its institutional, commercial and industrial sectors. For this first year of partnership, 6 participating companies joined the greening movement *ICI, on verdict!*



In total **200 trees** and **4 shrubs** were planted. Our congratulations to :

- › **GALDERMA:** 105 trees and 4 shrubs
- › **MARTIN-BROWER:** 10 trees
- › **POLYRHEO:** 10 trees of which 6 are fruit trees
- › **ITR:** 8 trees planted with the participation of 3 employees
- › **PTS ÉLECTRIQUE:** 22 trees
- › **REHAU:** 45 trees

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé has committed to funding a portion of the cost for **200 plantings per year for the next 3 years**. Who will be next to partner with us in the future ?

### For further information:

Contact the *GRAME*: Catherine Houbart  
**514 634-7205** or by email at [arbre@grame.org](mailto:arbre@grame.org)



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What's New!

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## Thanksgiving DAY

Please note that the Town Hall and the Public Works will be closed on **Monday, October 8.**

### SECURITY RULES DURING HALLOWEEN

- Wear clothing with **reflective bands** to be clearly visible;
- Carry a **flashlight** to see better and never go out alone;
- Agree with parents on the **route** and **time of your return**;
- Go door-to-door in a **group, or accompanied by an adult** and **wait outside** the houses;
- Walk only **one side of the street at a time** to avoid crossing unnecessarily;
- Cross streets at **intersections** and **respect** road signs;
- **REFUSE** to approach a vehicle without the permission or the presence of a parent;
- **CHECK** with your parents all of your candies to make sure they can be eaten safely.



### REMINDER

## Join us FOR THIS GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT!

Citizens, friends and families, participate in the planting of trees and shrubs at the **John-Weir Park on Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to noon.** A great way to explore the wooded area of this beautiful park. A ceremony attended by dignitaries will mark the beginning of this day.

**Free lunch for all participants!**

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé received a grant from the *ÉcoConnexion - CN* and *Tree Canada* program that covers 50% of the costs for the revitalization project of the *John-Weir Park* wooded area.



### Water Meter Cards

Please note that the deadline for completing and returning your water meter card is **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.** However if you haven't received your card or should you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at **514 457-5324.** *(Please note that the cards will be sent during the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>)*

### LID OF YOUR WHEELED BINS

It is important to **never OVERLOAD** your brown bin or your blue bin during pick-up day. The lid **MUST be properly closed** with no interfering materials to ensure it will be properly emptied.

#### POSITIONING OF YOUR BIN

In order that the mechanical lifting does not interfere with the collection of your bin, it is important to position the wheels perfectly aligned with your residence.



### NEXT BULKY ITEMS PICK-UP

**OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The next collection will take place exceptionally on **Tuesday, October 9** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Items should be placed by the roadside **after 8 p.m. the night before** and **before 7 a.m. the day of the collection.** Each household can put out a **MAXIMUM of TEN ITEMS.**

