



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

My dear fellow-citizens,

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the 2018 budget for the City and Agglomeration of Montreal was filed and came as a shock and deep disappointment to both me and my fellow mayors of the 15 suburban municipalities on the Island of Montreal.

Citizens expect from us as their elected officials to exercise our responsibilities as public administrators in a serious and rigorous manner to ensure the future of our municipal infrastructure, facilities and buildings while also taking into account their ability to pay, both now and in the long term.

That is why all 15 mayors of the demerged cities, through our Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), felt compelled to swiftly request a revision of what we qualify without any reservations as an inflationary and unjustified budget on behalf of the 246,000 residents of our municipalities of which both you and I are part of. (Please consult our Town website for actions taken by the ASM in protest).

During the recent mayoral election campaign for the city of Montreal, Mrs. Plante had repeated her commitment to submitting a budget below the approximately 2% inflation rate for 2018. Once elected, that commitment was reiterated even after discovering a budgetary gap of \$358 million. The Agglomeration budget, however, represents an average increase of 5.3% in our quotes-part.

Furthermore, following the ministerial decree on May 31, 2017 and the subsequent adoption of a by-law by the Agglomeration Council on August 24, the Town expected to receive a reduction of expenses in its 2018 agglomeration quote-part.

Instead of a reduction of about \$575,000 in its total agglomeration tax bill, the Town found itself with an increase of about \$345 500 leaving us scrambling to find a way to deal with this \$920 500 difference. A 6% tax increase awaited our citizens if alternate solutions to taxation were not found.

In order to accommodate such an unexpected increased expense, respect our commitments while maintaining our services and being mindful of

Baie-D'Urfé taxpayers ability to pay, we had to completely review all our operations and commitments previously contemplated in our 2018 budget – and only two weeks from the legal deadline for passing the budget.

Therefore, Council deferred some projects and used Town reserves & surplus funds to try to keep tax increases as low as possible.

Mission accomplished as the end result for 2018 for all sectors is a tax increase well below the 2.1% rate of inflation (*Source: Statistics Canada*) with almost all of the single family homes receiving tax increases of 1.21% and almost all of our non-residential citizens receiving a 1.71% tax increase.

*To better serve you, each Town councillor has been assigned some areas of responsibility (portfolios). Don't hesitate to contact the designated person directly should you have any questions or comments about any projects that fall under a specific portfolio.*

### PORTFOLIOS:

**1 MAYOR MARIA TUTINO**

- > Agglomeration Council
- > Inter-government Relations
- > REM / Train de l'Ouest
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**2 COUNCILOR ANDREA GILPIN**

- > Finance
- > Communications
- > Youth
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**3 COUNCILOR JANET RYAN**

- > Town Planning
- > Quality of life
- > Transportation (Residential)
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**4 COUNCILOR KEVIN M. DOHERTY**

- > Public Works and Town Infrastructure
- > Industrial Park
- > Transportation (Industrial Park)
- kmdoherty@baie-durfe.qc.ca*
- 514 943-1744**

**5 COUNCILOR LYNDA PHELPS**

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- > Community & Cultural Affairs
- > Special Events Planning
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**6 COUNCILOR MICHEL BEAUCHAMP**

- > Public Security & Emergency Measures
- > Graffiti
- > Liaison with new residents
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- 514 457-1847**

**7 COUNCILOR WANDA LOWENSTEYN**

- > Parks and Recreation
- > Environment
- > Seniors
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- 438 476-5722**

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## Council Communiqué



Kevin M. Doherty

Hello,

This being my first Council Communiqué, I wish to thank all of you who voted for me thus giving me the honor of sitting in council as your representative. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all citizens who voted in this past election. Baie-D'Urfé had or almost had the highest voter turnout on the Island of Montreal. That says a lot about our community. I also wish to add that going door to door during this campaign, I had the opportunity to meet, without exception, great fellow citizens with good insight and sound ideas to maintain and grow our Town.

As I write this communiqué, the new council has been active for the past two months on various items which are pertinent to the Town. For those of us who are newly elected it is both interesting and challenging. I look forward to putting my best efforts into my portfolios of Public Works and the Industrial park.

It's interesting to note with the snow that has fallen over the holidays how the Town becomes a wonderland. The trees decorated by the Town, the 3 skating rinks, the new lighting which renders our streets brighter and safer and the new street signs making it easier to identify the various streets. The mixture of wild life, especially true at the bird feeders, makes Baie-D'Urfé a fantastic place to live.

The 3 skating rinks are up and running but they are truly dependent upon cold weather and snow clearing. There have been a couple of hiccups, which have been rectified regarding these rinks. Nevertheless I truly hope that all of the outdoor enthusiasts are enjoying the rinks and the slide at *Allen Hill*.

It's early in the year, yet as I write this for the February magazine but I wish to commend the Public Works department for their quick plowing of the various sidewalks in the town.

I also wish to thank all of you who came to the New Year Levee at the *Fritz Community Centre*, unfortunately due to a cold I did not attend, but look forward to other gatherings. Again only a Town

like Baie-D'Urfé could have such a gathering in a location such as the *Fritz Community Centre* with a view of the lake that is second to none.

Please accept my best wishes to everyone for a very happy New Year, a year of peace, good health and fellowship.

Thank you and it would be my pleasure to answer questions you may have and if I do not have the answer I will direct you to the person responsible.

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## Environmental Review

**Until the Bulky items Collection resumes in April: EcoCenters are there for you!**

### The Ecocentre Saint-Laurent is now open!

This new Ecocentre allows residents of the West Island to dispose of products that are harmful to health or the environment, such as construction debris, metal, old electronics devices or clothing, and reusable items that could be given a second life. The Ecocentre is another way to help reduce landfill, therefore reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To learn more about these sites such as the accepted or refused item list, addresses, schedules, size of vehicles and maximum weight, and applicable rates (if any), please call 514 872-0384 or visit: [ville.montreal.qc.ca/ecocentres](http://ville.montreal.qc.ca/ecocentres).



### Ecocentre Saint-Laurent

3535, rue Sartelon (accessible by Henri-Bourassa Blvd. West) Saint-Laurent H4R 1E6  
514 872-0384

#### WINTER SCHEDULE:

From **October 15 to April 14**  
Tuesday to Saturday - from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### For all residents of the Island of Montreal:

Present yourself in person with a proof of residency of the Island of Montreal and a photo ID.

**Pricing:** Construction materials: more than 12 m<sup>3</sup> free: 25 \$ / m<sup>3</sup> minimum 1 m<sup>3</sup> recorded each visit > maximum of 15 visits per year. Other items FREE OF CHARGE. Quantities may apply.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that all upholstered items such as: mattresses, box springs, couches and chairs, can be deposited by the roadside with regular garbage collection, every WEDNESDAY.



## Town Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)

**Call for two additional citizen volunteers**

The *Planning Advisory Committee*, carries out studies and makes recommendations regarding the future development of the Town, at the request of Council. From time to time, Council mandates the committee to review parts of the "Planning By-Laws" (Zoning, Subdivision, Building, Permits and Certificates, etc.) The committee is also responsible for making recommendations to Council on *Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program* (SPAIP) applications, as well as requests for minor exemptions.

The committee does not enforce the by-laws; that is the job of the Town's Administration. Meetings of the committee are held approximately once a month.

Presently, the committee includes two members of Council, the Director of Town Planning and three citizen volunteers. The Mayor is an ex officio member and can vote. Appointments are generally for a **two-year term**, and may be renewed.

The Town is now seeking two additional citizen volunteers to serve on the committee.

If you are willing to help by serving on this committee, please send an email to Philip Iacovone, Director of Town planning at [piacovone@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:piacovone@baie-durfe.qc.ca) by **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, giving information about your skills, education, and experience as well as why you are interested, and mention "TPAC" in the subject line.





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What's New!



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## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - STUDENTS

We are seeking students to perform various tasks with the Public Works team of the Town during the summer period, from **May to August**.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume by regular mail, in person at Town Hall or by email before **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**.



All details on our website at [www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca)

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## 2018 MUNICIPAL TAXES

### DUE DATES

1<sup>ST</sup> INSTALMENT:

**February 26, 2018**

2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALMENT:

**May 28, 2018**

## WALK AND CHAT CHALLENGE

### STAY FIT WITH FRIENDS!

**FREE** Activity for 55+

**Tuesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**  
**Starting February 6**

Beaconsfield Recreation Center  
1974 City Lane – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
For more information: Wanda Lowensteyn  
438 476-5722

Bring your Step Counter!



## 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.

## CAUTION ON THE LAKE!



Residents are free to venture onto the frozen lake but caution is always advised.

**Never go for a walk alone or with a young child on a sled when the weather has been mild for several days.**

Although there is no regulation on this matter, use your personal judgment to determine whether the ice is safe or not. In some areas, the ice may be thinner than it seems especially when temperatures remain near zero.