



Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

LOWEST MILL RATE STREAK CONTINUES

I am very pleased to announce that Baie-D'Urfé homeowners continue to have the lowest mill rate on the Island, now thirteen years in a row.

Residential mill rates on the Island range from \$0.5916 (Baie-D'Urfé) to \$1.2830.

THE REM IS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

The *Réseau électrique métropolitain* will now be known as the *Réseau express métropolitain*.

CDPQ Infra announced on February 8th the official launch of its project to build the largest public transportation network in the Greater Montreal Region in 50 years.

The REM will provide users with more departures and more flexibility, **seven days a week, 20 hours a day**. The closest station for Baie-D'Urfé residents will be at the intersection of Chemin Saint-Marie and Morgan Blvd. (across from our industrial sector).

Construction will start in April 2018.

- Initial testing will be conducted at the end of 2020.
- The first riders will begin boarding in the summer of 2021.

More info to come in future columns.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Town is seeking citizen volunteers to serve on the *Traffic Committee* (chaired by Councillor Michel Beauchamp) and on the *Parks & Recreation Committee* (chaired by Councillor Wanda Lowensteyn).

The committees are responsible for making recommendations to Council on the specific mandates given to them. The comments, opinions and any consensus views of the committees are not binding upon the City or the administration. The City and its administration are only bound by decisions that are authorized by the Municipal Council in the course of a public meeting by way of a resolution or a by-law.

Appointments are generally for a one-year term, and may be renewed.

If you are willing to help by serving on one of these two committees, please send an e-mail to info@baie-durfe.qc.ca by **March 16th**, giving some information about your skills, your experience and why you are interested in the particular committee, and mention "*Traffic Committee*" or "*Parks & Recreation Committee*" in the subject line.

WINTERFEST 2018 A HUGE SUCCESS!

A big thank you to the *Baie-D'Urfé Citizens' Association* (BDCA) for bringing back the *Winterfest*.

The many citizens who attended, enjoyed the horse drawn sleigh rides, the new outdoor curling event (thanks to the *Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club*), the free refreshments, the maple taffy, the Junior Olympics events, the scavenger hunt. Thanks to **Frans Lecluse** for providing these pictures that captured the day's fun!



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MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Council Communiqué

Andrea Gilpin



I am excited and honoured to represent Baie-D'Urfé citizens on Council. Thank you sincerely for your support and confidence. What do I bring to the Council? I bring a new point of view and the ability to represent young families and youth on Council.

To tell you a little bit about myself; I have been married for 18 years and have three children aged 13, 11 and 9. I work full-time for a non-profit organization in the area of pediatrics to improve child-friendly formulations for medications administered to Canadian children. Working with children has always been a passion for me, and the ability to work professionally to help children is a dream come true.



Many of you will have gotten to know me through my volunteering with youth groups in Baie-D'Urfé – I was a *Cubs* and *Scouts* Leader for many years, volunteered as a *Brownies* Leader, and have been a Soccer Coach for the last 5 summers. I have just come back from winter camping with the *Cubs* – we had a wonderful time at *Tamaracouta Scout Reserve!*

I am excited to be leading the Youth portfolio, where I will be responsible for the school and youth programs, including the Junior Council in Baie-D'Urfé. Please contact me if you know of any Youth that would be interested in joining the Council – we will be starting up again sometime in May.

I am also leading the Communications and Finance portfolios. In 2018, we will be investing \$20,000 to enhance the Town website, so that it will be easier to find information and documents, including those currently handed out during Council meetings. We invite citizens to share with us the types of communications you would like to have from the Town along with the preferred channels used to communicate those messages. Please feel free to share with us any of your comments or ideas.

As Chair of the Finance portfolio, the first few months of my mandate have been busy ones, working with Council to have the budget ready for adoption in January. Given the challenges with the City of Montreal this year, Council was proud to manage a minimal tax increase that was less than the rate of inflation without significantly impacting the projects or operations of the Town.

After such a busy start, I have to say that the new Council is still very energized and is a great group to be working with. We have already, on several issues, been able to discuss and debate, even heatedly, and still move toward solutions. This is very important to me, and one reason why I decided to run for Council. I believe that with this new Council, we will be able to achieve much of what we set out to do in our mandate.

Finally, I believe that Social media is a wonderful way of engaging with citizens. I would like to invite you to visit a *Facebook* page where I share my thoughts and what is happening around Town. Councillor Lowensteyn has a similar *Facebook* page that provides information about her Environment, Park and Recreation, and Seniors portfolios. Come and follow us at **AndreaGilpin@baiedurfeseat5** and **WandaLowensteyn@baiedurfeseat2**.

Have ideas for posts or videos? Send them my way at agilpin@baie-durfe.qc.ca or phone and it would be my pleasure to assist you with any comments or questions you may have.

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Environmental Review

Starting April 3rd, the Organic Waste Collection will resume service every week until December 4th.



Consult your **2018 Collection Calendar** for all details!

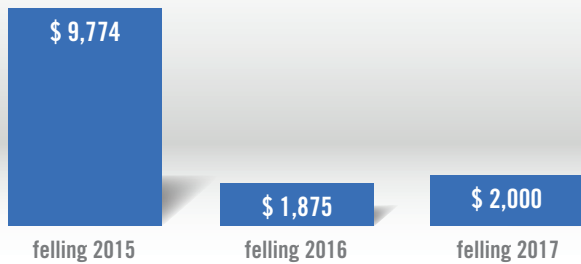
While pursuing the **Strategy Fight against the Emerald Ash Borer** until 2019, it remains critical to pursuing our objectives of felling, treating and planting of our trees on Town property especially with the insect still gaining ground. Thus it is important to pay a close attention to your trees in the coming spring. If you notice that your Ash trees show signs of infestation or if you have any suspicions, do not hesitate to contact me, either for the felling (**from September 15 to April 15**) or for the treatment of your Ash trees (period of **July and August - every second year**).

In 2017, **56 Ash trees** needed to be felled and **109** needed to be treated. Here are two figures showing the grants that were awarded to citizens since the adoption of this Strategy:

Sarah Mailhot



GRANTS PER YEAR IN \$ FOR **FELLING**



GRANTS PER YEAR IN \$ FOR **TREATMENT**





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What's New!



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SPRING AWAKENING!

Daylight Saving time (DST) will be set on the night of **March 10 to 11, 2018**. So don't forget to change your clocks!



EASTER HOLIDAY

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be closed from **Friday, March 30th to Monday, April 2nd, 2018** inclusively.



EARTH HOUR

Saturday March 24, 2018 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Baie-D'Urfé is proud to be one of the many cities across the world participating in this event. The Town will therefore turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour. We invite all Baie-D'Urfé merchants and residents to do the same!



Happy St-Patrick's Day to everyone!

Saturday
March 17, 2018



WELCOME

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN'S ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

We wish to welcome Mrs. **Chloé Paiement**, Receptionist and Communication Support at Town Hall and Mr. **Nicholas Mavrias**, General Foreman at Public Works.

Both Mrs. Paiement and Mr. Mavrias joined our team at the end of February.

Furthermore, Mrs. **Susan Stokley** was recently appointed *Public and Community Relations Coordinator* in addition to her present position of Assistant to the Mayor.



Congratulations to all!

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT – STUDENTS



REMINDER

We are still 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 e-mail **before Friday March 17, 2017**. All details on our **website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca**.

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