



## Mayor's Message

Maria Tutino

This month I would like to share some good news stories about the Town: its volunteers, its residents and its administration.

### BAIE-D'URFÉ RESCUE SQUAD ... HEROES EVEN BEYOND TOWN BORDERS

I received a note from Annette Kopec Brawley, a Baie-D'Urfé resident involved in the organization of the October 6<sup>th</sup> West Island Cancer Wellness Center (WICWC) Hero Run.

Here is a sampling of what she wrote: "Just a quick note to highlight how the Baie-D'Urfé Rescue Squad was my hero. I called on them at the last minute as first responders for my event - Hero Run and they answered the call. This wonderful race/walk would not have happened without them". I am very proud and thrilled that our volunteers are always willing to come to the aid of those in need, even outside our borders (recall the



tremendous aid provided by our Rescue Squad, vCOPs and Coast Guard teams during last year's spring flooding).

**A big thank you to our Rescue Squad** (Wayne Belvedere, Tony Brown, Julius Csabai and Phil Hoffer), and to Annette for letting us know how crucial their contribution was to the success of an important fundraising event for a much needed community organization, the WICWC, that provides invaluable care and family support for people living with cancer.

### 2017 AGGLOMERATION WASTE MANAGEMENT RESULTS: BAIE-D'URFÉ AMONG THE TOP PERFORMERS ON THE ISLAND

2017 was an extraordinary year for our Town. Not only did we significantly increase our performance

in all categories, we were also among the top performers in several categories ... **we even exceeded the provincial government's objective in a couple.**

Following are some highlights:

#### Grand Total recouped

- › Collected **68%** of what was recoverable as compared to the agglomeration average of 48%;
- › **2<sup>nd</sup> highest** performance on the island out of 14 cities and 19 boroughs;

#### Recycling

- › **73%... one of only 5 cities** or boroughs who have already **exceeded the 70%** objective; agglo average at 60%;
- › 57% in 2016 (recycled 66 ton more in 2017, a 15.6% increase);

#### Organic matter

- › **61%... one of only 3 cities** or boroughs who have already **exceeded the 60%** objective; agglo average at 23%;
- › 38% in 2016 (picked up 301 ton more in 2017, a 58.7% increase);

#### Bulky items

- › 65% ... below agglo average of 68%; government objective 70%;
- › 60% in 2016 (picked up 25 ton more in 2017, a 10.2% increase);

#### Elimination

- › **Reduced** garbage and bulky item residuals by 534 ton from 2016, a **whopping 36% decrease**;

#### Overall production (both recovered & eliminated)

- › **Reduction of 144 ton from 2016**, a 5.4% decrease.

These are pretty impressive results. Well done, Baie-D'Urfé!!!

The 2017 data came from the "Bilan 2017 des matières résiduelles de l'agglomération de Montréal" which is available for viewing on the Town's website.

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# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Council Communiqué

Wanda Lowensteyn



A year has already gone by since the municipal elections of 2017. I am pleased to say that I am finding the job of municipal councillor as interesting and stimulating as ever – though not always easy, as we have seen with the decision-making process of *Bertold Park*. Apart from the *Council work*, however, this has also been a wonderful year of getting to know so many of our town’s citizens and making new friends. I feel very fortunate to live in such a vibrant community.

October was a busy month for one of our town’s west-end parks. *John-Weir Park* has a lovely wooded area that has seen its biodiversity diminishing over the years. The woods are now being revitalized with the help of a grant from *CN EcoConnexions* and *Tree Canada*, invasive buckthorn started to be removed on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and many of our citizens came out to help with the planting of **74 trees** and **150 shrubs** on October 13<sup>th</sup>. *GRAME* members were



on hand to instruct us on how to dig, add soil and place mulch around the plants. It was a beautiful morning to be working outdoors. Revitalizing

these woods is an ongoing project, so if you have an interest in our natural environment and would like to be more involved at a local level, then please join the **Friends of John-Weir Park** Facebook page where information and updates can be found or contact me at [w.lowensteyn@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:w.lowensteyn@baie-durfe.qc.ca). We would especially like to see our youth get involved, as there is much to learn about nature in the active participation of its preservation.

On the topic of youth, the renewed Junior Council held its first meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am to 8:30 pm with an excellent **attendance of ten**

**11-16 year-olds**. There was plenty of enthusiasm and great ideas brought forth. We are looking forward to the next meeting on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. If you were not at the last meeting, but still interested in participating, then please contact Councillor Gilpin at [agilpin@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:agilpin@baie-durfe.qc.ca).



November brings with it falling temperatures and falling leaves. Many of us have already done a good part of our autumn clean-up, but there are still leaves falling well into November. Raking leaves is great exercise, but for those who use leaf-blowers, please remember to respect the municipal Nuisance By-law regarding hours of usage: **Monday to Friday – 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday and holidays – no leaf blowers**. It is also best to compost as many of your leaves and plant clippings as possible. According to the 2017 report on residual material in the *Agglomération de Montréal*, Baie-D’Urfé has made significant improvements, especially with regards to composting. Let’s keep this trend going.

As most of our recreational Clubs have wrapped things up for the winter, another club is just getting its season underway. *The Baie-D’Urfé Curling Club* finally has its new compressor running. Whereas the club had a difficult end to last season, this year is starting off well. Membership is on the rise, with Baie-D’Urfé resident memberships having increased significantly. Non-curlers are also welcome to join the *Club*. Residents can register as a social member and enjoy the cozy atmosphere and various social activities offered by the *Club*. Email [info@bdcc.ca](mailto:info@bdcc.ca) or drop by the *Club* for more information.

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## Environmental Review

Maria Tutino (cont'd from page 5)

### ENVIRONMENT DAY AND TREE DONATION, ALWAYS APPRECIATED BY OUR CITIZENS!

Environment Day, held on September 29, was again a great success.

**Of the 250 trees available that day, 193 found a home and more than 40 citizens used nearly 20 tons of compost.**

Autumn planting is not as popular than in the springtime but interestingly it is always a good time to plant. The trees are in a phase of dormancy, it is also much colder and it rains more often and more abundantly, limiting the stress of planting. So thank you for being part of the solution of preserving our canopy!

As for Baie-D'Urfé territory, **100 trees** were planted on public property. By the time you read this article, **all trees that were felled on Morgan rd. this Fall will have been replaced.**

### REVITALIZATION OF JOHN-WEIR PARK

A major community tree planting event was held at John-Weir Park. All this was possible thanks to CN and Trees Canada for their financial contribution and manpower to help plant over **220 trees and shrubs.**

Special thanks to Wendy Kennish of CN, Pierre Belec from Trees Canada, MP Francis Scarpaleggia and newly elected MNA Gregory Kelley who were on hand to help celebrate this major revitalization project.

And of course this event would never have been possible without **Sarah Mailhot** who applied for the grant and coordinated the execution of the very successful event with assistance of **Valérie Fortin** and **Susan Stokley.**

Finally a huge thank you to those residents who came out to assist the Town to remove some of the invasive buckthorn in September and to plant the new plants in October.





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What's New!

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## LAST Bulky Items PICK-UP

Monday, November 12

Please note that electronic waste can be dropped off at all time at the **Public Works** building during business hours.



## PREVENTING WATER INFILTRATIONS

Be proactive and ensure that your sump pump works properly before winter arrival. Other risk factors may contribute to water infiltrations in your basement such as soil conditions, the slope of your lot, lack of proper gutters or foundation cracks. Better be prepared to limit any damages and costs!

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## BY-LAW NO 969-13



### CANNABIS and ALCOHOL BEVERAGES in Public Places

The use of cannabis or any product derived from this drug or alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in any public places in Baie-D'Urfé. Please note that violations of the by-law will be sanctioned by fines. For further details see **Regulation No. 969-13**.



REMINDER

### Water Meter Cards

The deadline for completing and returning Water meter cards was **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please contact Town Hall at **514 457-5324** if you have any questions.

## JUNIOR COUNCIL

*Hear ye, hear ye!*

### THE NEW BAIE-D'URFÉ JUNIOR COUNCIL IS NOW ESTABLISHED.

All Baie-D'Urfé youths from ages 10 to 18 are welcome.

NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**

At the Fritz Community Center



## LAST Branch PICK-UP

Monday, November 12

Please note that the branch collection will resume in the **spring**.



## ANNUAL TOY DRIVE AND FOOD DRIVE

**NOVEMBER 18**

Donation of **NEW TOYS**, gift cards or **non-perishable food** on behalf of *West Island Assistance Fund*. Organized by the *Citizens' Association* and *Baie-D'Urfé Scouts*.

**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
at the Red Barn**

