



“Updates from Baie D’Urfé” soon available for interested citizens

As is stated in its website, the Town makes a genuine effort to keep its residents informed about ongoing activities in their community. It provides its citizens with info relevant to their daily lives by means of its website, its electronic billboard, Town brochures and flyers, regular communiqués, municipal newsletters inserted in the *Citizens Association’s* ten *News & Views* publications, special notices published in local newspapers, and via its automated CodeRED emergency call system. This month the Town is introducing a new subscription electronic communications system entitled “**Updates from Baie-D’Urfé**”. This system is for citizens who would like messages sent DIRECTLY to their email address relating to information that the Town currently places on its website (What’s new section, public notices, council information) and on its electronic billboard. If you are interested in receiving this info electronically, please go to our Town website’s homepage and click on subscribe to “**Updates from Baie-D’Urfé**”.

2017-2019 Evaluation Roll

The 2017-2019 Evaluation Roll for the Island of Montréal was deposited on September 14, 2016, coming into force on January 1st, 2017 for the fiscal years 2017-2018-2019. This roll reflects the evaluation of the market from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2015. The overall increase for the Town of Baie-D’Urfé was 1.1%. This brings the Town’s overall real estate property worth to approximately \$1.37 billion dollars with about \$892 million from its residential sector, \$388.8 million from its non-residential sector and \$88.6 million from its vacant lots. The average increase by sector was as follows: single family homes up 0.8%, 6 apt plus up 3.4%, condos down 3.3%, industrial buildings up 0.9%, commercial up 34.7% and vacant land up 5.1%. Since the demerger, the value of the average single family home in Baie-D’Urfé has gone from \$422,893 in the 2007-

2009 roll to \$666,100 in the 2017-2019 roll. This is an increase of 57.5 %, which is the fourth highest increase in the real estate value of the average single family home among all the 15 municipalities on the island of Montréal.

TreeAzin Grant regifted to Town citizens

The Town was one of the lucky recipients this year to receive a generous donation of 12 liters of TreeAzin from the *TreeCanada / BioForest Technologies Inc.* program. In its grant application the Town indicated that, should it be chosen, it intended to regift the donation to its citizens who have been particularly hard hit by the Emerald Ash Borer (55% of the over 6000 ash trees in Town are located on private property). They were impressed with the Town’s overall EAB strategy and indicated that it was a major factor in the Town being awarded the grant. The donation of the TreeAzin (which the Town used to treat its ash trees in 2016) amounted to approximately \$7,200. The Town paid forward the grant by handing out 143 certificates of \$50 per tree to residents who had already treated ash trees on their property. The Town will honor the “\$50 per tree” certificate upon receiving documentation that the tree has been treated a second time with TreeAzin. We have advised the program donors that we intend to apply again next year and that, if selected again to receive a grant, we would pay it forward once more!



Infractions to nuisance by-law 969 outside Town business hours: A copy of the by-law can be found on the Town’s website.

The following procedure has been approved by the SPVM Station 1 office: Outside Town business hours, citizens can forward complaints directly to **9-1-1** for infractions such as construction work on Sunday, etc...

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Wood-burning appliances

You may recall that in my last column in May, I mentioned that the *Town's Planning Committee and Environment Committee* were considering whether restrictions on wood-burning appliances would be beneficial to the town. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on what has happened since, and to share with you the recommendations which the joint committee has recently made to Council.

Within the last few years, every other municipality on the West Island, as well as Montréal, has put in place some form of restriction on wood-burning. Recently, restrictions have been brought in even in some rural areas. Additionally, it is very likely that provincial legislation will be brought in within the next few years, which would take precedence over any rules that a municipality has in place.

Information on local air quality is available from the measuring station in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and other stations. In 2014, the station in Sainte-Anne recorded 204 good air quality days, 158 acceptable days, and 3 poor days when the level of fine particles in the air exceeded 35 micrograms per cubic metre.

Responses to the wood-burning questionnaire included in the *May News & Views* were received from roughly 12% of the town's households. Among the respondents, 62% use their wood-burning appliance less than 10 times a year, and 9% use them 100 times a year or more.

The committee has worked hard over the summer months, looking at all of this information and other factors such as the known effects on health of fine particles and other types of emissions from wood-burning. Its recommendations are summarized below :

- The committee is recommending that no restrictions be placed on a wood-burning fireplace which is used only **occasionally**, perhaps no more than a few times a year. It is clear from the results of the questionnaire that there are a large number of people who use their fireplaces rarely if at all, and the committee felt that it would be unfair to impose restrictions on this type of use.
- Another category of users are those who use a wood-burning appliance regularly, **as an**

addition to some other form of heating, not as the primary heat source. The committee recommends that installation of new systems intended for such use continue to be permitted, but that they must meet the EPA emission standard of 2.5 grams of fine particles per hour of use. In addition, existing systems, if they are to continue being used in this way, must be converted to meet the EPA standard within five years.

- The committee is recommending that in the future, no **primary heating system** using solid fuel should be installed in a new construction or as a replacement for an existing system. The relatively small number of home-owners currently using solid-fuel systems as a primary heat source would have three years to convert their systems to meet the EPA standard mentioned above, or alternatively could switch to another form of heating.
- No restrictions would be placed on wood-burning systems used for cooking in the industrial or commercial sectors of the town, e.g. a wood-fired pizza oven.

The recommendations above represent the committee's view of the best possible compromise between health concerns and other factors such as enjoyment of a customary lifestyle and financial considerations; between the rights of the individual and the rights of the community; between what might be ideal in theory and what is practicable.

I emphasize that **no decisions have yet been made**. The above are simply recommendations to Council. As mentioned above, it is very possible that the province may pass legislation within the next few years which would supersede any rules put in place now.

Before any decision is made on these recommendations, Council would like to hear from you. **There will be a public consultation on Thursday November 17 at 7:30 p.m.** in the auditorium of the *Whiteside Taylor Centre*, at which these recommendations and the reasons behind them will be explained more fully, and you will have the opportunity to express your views and to ask questions. Please attend if you can.

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Environment Day, another success!

Environment Day last October 1st was a hit! There was some good spirit and joy without mentioning that the generous size of our trees surprised more than one! (Starting with me!)

In total, **230 trees** were reserved and more than **56 households** benefited from the 25 tons of free compost available.

Fall period!

Take advantage of the Organic Waste Collection every Thursday until December 1st.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: Organic waste (grass clippings, shrub pruning or hedges, autumn leaves and yard waste) must go in your brown bin, paper bags or any type of reusable containers. **Plastic bags filled with organic materials will not be picked up, neither by the regular garbage collection service nor the organic pick up collection service.**

Thank you for cooperating in making a more environmentally friendly world for all!

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NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PARK



ROOT is a new generation Data Center that is presently in the process of setting up operations in the Baie-D'Urfé Industrial Park, which is in addition to their existing facility located in the borough of La Salle.

ROOT is a cloud-neutral and carrier-neutral colocation center with an infrastructure that carries a multitude of features and benefits to help businesses achieve optimal IT efficiency to prepare them to grow into the future.

It has strong relationships with suppliers and contractors and provides 24/7 services from a team of dedicated staff with extensive experience that has grown from 8 to over 35 employees in just the last 9 months. According to Mr. A.J. Byers, President and CEO, we chose Baie-D'Urfé for several reasons, namely:

- Proximity to both the airport and major highways for easy access for both local and international businesses;
- Proximity to one of Montreal's largest power substations to meet our power demands;
- The abundance of available large warehouse real estate for the purpose of expansion. Support from the city at all steps of our expansion project;
- Distance from downtown Montreal allows for an Active-Active disaster recovery implementation for downtown Montreal enterprises.

More details on **ROOT Data Center** are available online at www.rootdatacenter.com

Philip Iacovone, Director
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What's New

LAST DOOR-TO-DOOR BULKY ITEMS and ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTIONS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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



BRANCH COLLECTION

Last Pick-up:

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

Pick-up will resume in the spring.

REMINDER: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Wood-burning appliances

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17 - 7:30 P.M.

Whiteside Taylor Centre Auditorium

TO ALL OUR CodeRED[®] SUBSCRIBERS

Residential and Industrial sectors

We wish to remind all our CodeRED automated call system subscribers that should you have missed an urgent call from the Town, you have up to 30 days to listen to the message over again by dialling **866 419-5000**.

UNSUBSCRIPTION: Should you wish to be removed from the CodeRED data list or if you move from Baie-D'Urfé, it is important that you inform the Town by emailing to: communications@baie-durfe.qc.ca stating your name, address and telephone numbers.

SNOW REMOVAL PICKETS

When contracting out your snow removal service, please make sure to remind your contractor of the Town by-law regarding pickets.

Snow removal pickets are permitted between

OCTOBER 15 AND APRIL 15

They cannot exceed 5 cm in width and 1.2 m in height and must be located a minimum of 1 m from the public street.

Only one of these pickets may be marked with the contractor's contact information.

ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD

USAGE POLICY REVISION

Due to the abundance requests of our electronic billboard and the inability to accommodate them all, we have made changes to our usage policy and request form in order to give priority to postings on behalf of the Town and affiliated organizations. **This revision was approved by the Director General last September.**

You can view or download the revised electronic version on our website under **The Town/ Communications/ Electronic Billboard**. For further questions please contact **514 457-5324**.

