

Suburban cities strike new agreement with Montreal for funding Agglomeration costs

The *italicised* paragraphs are extracted from the *Association of Suburban Municipalities'* press communiqué of June 13th:

**(full version available on Town website)*

"At the upcoming June 15 Agglomeration of Montréal Council meeting, a by-law will be introduced that will set in place a series of actions to implement a new, simpler and ultimately fairer method to determine the amounts that Montreal and the 15 suburban cities will have to contribute each year to pay for services rendered by the Agglomeration.

As stated by Mrs. Maria Tutino, Mayor of Baie-D'Urfé and chairman of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM), "The tabling of this by-law is excellent news. It represents the successful outcome of some 6 months of discussions between the ASM mayors and Mayor Denis Coderre and senior Montréal managers. We all agreed from the outset that there was a serious problem with the existing, and very complicated, process of determining each city's annual 'quote-part' payments to the Agglo. Our collaboration and commitment to find solutions has resulted in developing with Montréal mutually acceptable strategies to address the problem in both the short and long term".

It is important to note that the implementation of these strategies has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy with the May 31, 2017 issuance of a Ministerial Order entitled "Règles permettant d'établir le potentiel fiscal des municipalités liées de l'agglomération de Montréal aux fins de la répartition des dépenses d'agglomération- remplacement". "

What does this mean for Baie-D'Urfé in the short term (2017-2019)

- 2017 Agglomeration payment using old formula: \$10.85 million
- 2017 Agglomeration payment using new formula: \$9.99 million

Difference: about \$860,000

As per the ministerial decree, savings to the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for the 2017-2019 period will be \$1.7 million (one third of the above difference in 2017, two-thirds in 2018, 100% in 2019).

As for a permanent solution, the ASM mayors and working group will continue to collaborate with Montréal to further refine the temporary solution with the objective of having a permanent one in place for the 2020 Agglomeration budget.

I wish to thank Mr. Bruce St. Louis, Executive Director of the *Association of Suburban Municipalities* (and Baie-D'Urfé resident) for all his hard work in helping get this deal done.

Status report from Councillor Janet Ryan regarding proposed rules for wood-burning appliances

A public consultation, attended by 19 citizens, was held at Town Hall on June 7, at which Council presented proposed rules for wood-burning appliances. The proposed rules have been revised following the response from citizens at the first consultation in November, and are considerably less stringent.

The response from citizens to these revised rules was generally favourable. Citizens were appreciative of the effort made by Council to find a better solution. A few minor changes were suggested which Council discussed at the caucus meeting the following day. The final adoption of the by-law took place at the June 13 Council meeting.

I am happy to see this process reaching its conclusion. I am confident that we have developed a solution which will, over the long term, improve the air quality in the Town, while still permitting citizens to use wood-burning appliances in a responsible way. For further information on this topic, you can contact me at 514 457-0302, or the Director of Town & Planning, Philip Iacovone, at 514 457-5339.

Lunch & Learn program a huge success

Please note that there will be no *Lunch and Learn* sessions in August. The program will resume on September 13. It has become so successful that Dr. Maureen Rose (coordinator of the *McGill University* graduate dietetics programs) has had to increase the



maximum number of allowable attendees per session (now well above the initial target of 36) while still having to refuse many other participants. If you haven't attended one yet, make sure you do but remember to sign up as soon as you see the ad in the *September News & Views*. The spots fill up quickly!

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I like to provide meaningful news whenever possible, but publication deadlines can make this difficult. I'm writing this on June 6, for publication in the July *News & Views*. Our Director of Public Works has very kindly provided current projections

for several projects, though he points out that he will be very busy due to short staffing in Public Works. (We are currently seeking an Assistant Director of Public Works, a Building maintenance Manager and a Foreman.) Here then is a projection of some Public Works deliverables:

Stairway at Fir

Many residents don't realize that *Fir* is a split street. It runs for two houses north of *Victoria*, then descends the steep hill as a magnificent wooden staircase, becoming a road again and connecting *Gray Crescent* to *Maxwell*. The staircase is in great shape, and strongly built, but the fixtures, which anchor it to the hill, are not of the same standard and need replacement. "Call for tenders" documents are being finalized by a consultant, and work is expected to start in August.

LED Street Lighting

Many thanks to the residents who participated in our lighting trial. Their comments and suggestions pointed us towards warmer (less blue) lighting, and voltage controllers which allow fine-tuning of each light. The most frequent complaint was excessive glare, especially on hills or where a pole is not vertical. Diffused lenses are becoming available to reduce the glare and will be included in our specification.

We expect to receive the final tender documents by mid-June. The tender process takes 6 weeks, so lighting replacement should start in September.

Paving Program (2 years in one)

2016 - Last year's paving was delayed, so this catch-up project is being done first. It includes the south service road of Highway 40 in our Industrial Park and parking areas at the *Fritz*, the *Boat Club* and *Rhian Wilkinson Park*. Start of work is estimated as July end.

2017 - Includes paving and a pedestrian pathway on *Victoria* from *Morgan* to *Lakeview*, and parking areas at the *Curling Club*, *Bertold Park* and the *Whiteside-Taylor Centre*. Start of work is projected in August.

Berm on Highway 20

On a different note, I am quite puzzled by Councillor Manning's remarks in the June Council Communiqué. I as well attended the two public consultation meetings. At the first meeting, residents clearly requested that we formally request the Minister of Transport (MTQ) to provide funding for a sound barrier, which we did. The request process includes a sound study as per the MTQ's standard.

At the second meeting, representatives of the MTQ presented the study results and explained that our Town is not eligible for any subsidy for two reasons: Highway 20 traffic noise is not quite loud enough to qualify, and too few homes are affected. Once again, residents asked the Town to examine available options and costs.

Proposals to date have been concepts only, leaving some of the hard questions about the site unanswered. The Town has committed up to \$45,000 (call it a feasibility study for lack of a better description) to answer such questions as:

- What are the implications of the *Bell Canada* right-of-way under the current berm?
- At what depth are the Bell fiber-optic cables buried and how are they protected?
- Is the current berm material useable for any purpose?
- What height of wall can be supported by the berm and what type of support is needed?

This information will help us choose viable options.

Councillor Manning writes... "Some serious cost sharing negotiations between the Town of Baie-D'Urfé and the MTQ need to take place." The Town has an impressive record of obtaining subsidies in recent years, and I would expect us to explore all possibilities, but one must first have a proposal ready for discussion, and this is what we're working on.



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Environmental Review

Fight Against the Common Buckthorn!

Glossy buckthorn and cathartic buckthorn (*Rhamnus carthartica*) are small shrubs that can reach nearly 6 meters in height and produces black berries that are very purgative.



Glossy buckthorn

Both species originated in Europe, were introduced for ornamental purposes. Considered as attractive decorative shrubs, these species are very invasive and are presently destabilizing the regeneration of some wooded areas in the southern Québec particularly in Montréal.

Why are they so invasive?

- Very fast growth;
- Establishes oneself in a wide variety of environment;
- Large fruit production;
- Seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to three (3) years;
- Extremely high germination rate (over 90%);
- Roots can resprout from the base;

Long-term effort to restore wooded areas!

Control of common buckthorn requires enormous effort. Once it is planted, the removing of small seedlings and stump sprouts are essential, during a 4 to 5 years period, in order to avoid dispersal. Eliminating trees that bear fruits is also important.

Alternatives to Buckthorn!

Spreading of the common buckthorn occurs mainly because of the birds feeding off the fruits and seeds, which then disperses them to the four winds. Several native fruit shrubs (originating from Québec) can represent good alternatives to the buckthorn while still providing a good food source for the birds.

So fight against buckthorn!

http://nature-action.qc.ca/site/publications/nerprun_bourdaine

News from the Industrial Park

Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec - Celebrating 50 years!

“Atautsikut:

Together – working to develop as a people, leaving none behind.”

Last May the FCNQ celebrated its **50th anniversary** with more than 400 people: Inuit and Cree, cooperative boards, delegates and employees from Northern Québec, FCNQ employees and partners gathered to celebrate this historic moment of great importance highlighting the progress and the triumph of the co-op philosophy of working together and the hard work of the cooperating communities.

La *Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec* serves a network of 14 member co-ops located in the Nunavik communities in Québec. The FCNQ was established to provide the rapidly growing cooperative movement with more effective powers and services to help them attain their vision: *“Atautsikut: Together – working to develop as a people, leaving none behind.”*

The first "Eskimo" cooperative in Canada was formed by the Inuit of Kangiqsualujuaq (George River) in 1959. They obtained a loan of \$12,500 from the federal government that was used to buy fishing equipment. Within two years, cooperatives were operating in Kuujuaq (Fort Chimo), Kangirsuk (Payne Bay), Puvirnituq (Povungnituk) and Kuujuarapik (Great Whale River). The federal government provided the impetus and guidance during these early days. Business carried out by the cooperative movement in Nunavik each year has grown from \$1.1M in 1967, year the FCNQ was established, to \$259M in 2015 with \$12M being returned to its members that year.

The co-operatives are owned by Inuit and Cree members, are managed exclusively by Inuit and Cree staff, which ensure that knowledge and experience is passed on within the community.

Today, the cooperative movement is a major force in Nunavik that allows Inuit to get involved in their own development and demonstrates that there are business enterprises managed by Inuit and Cree that are sustainable and well established in Northern Québec.



What's New

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REMINDER

No person shall perform any landscaping, construction, repair, modification, renovation or demolition work in the Town **before 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and all day on Sunday** except for emergency situations.

No person shall use or operate a lawn mower **before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. on any Sunday or statutory or public holiday.**

No person shall use or operate a chain-saw, leaf blower, grass trimmer, hedge trimmer or other similar devices **before 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. on any Sunday or statutory or public holiday.**

CYCLISTS, USE YOUR REFLECTORS!



The return of the summer season is back and so is the frenzy of cycling. Whether for recreation or utilitarian ends, today's enthusiasm for cycling requires extra caution especially on busy arteries. As our roads are not meant to be race tracks, it is essential to respect regulations and alert motorists of your presence at all times, especially if you are riding with a child. Adding reflectors and lights to your bike or wearing proper cycling clothing with reflective strips can prevent serious accidents and even save lives! While not mandatory in Québec, it has been proven that properly fitted helmets can reduce by 85% the risk of serious head and brain injuries. Never forget, regulations target both drivers and cyclists! **Learn to share the road and good cycling season!**

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Residents may make an appointment to meet with a Town official authorized to receive oaths and to sign forms that must be completed and signed before a commissioner of oaths.

This service is offered at Town Hall free of charge. Please call Town Clerk Department to **make an appointment at 514 457-5436.**

UNADDRESSED MAILING FROM THE TOWN DELIVERED BY CANADA POST



If you have a sticker on your mailbox stating that you do not wish to receive any unaddressed mailing or "junk mail" from *Canada Post*, chances are you will not receive any mailings from the Town either since municipal service notices are

considered part of the banned unaddressed advertising category as per the *Canada Post Corporation Act*.

If such is the case, we invite you to pick-up a copy of any undelivered communications or notices at Town Hall or call 514 457-5324 for more information.

Please note that information mailed to our residents by *Canada Post* are regularly announced by means of our *News & Views*, billboard, Electronic News Updates and website.

What can you do to reverse Canada Post policy?

If you agree that municipal service notices should be delivered to all households and exempt from the list of banned unaddressed advertising from *Canada Post*, please contact your local MP directly to state your concerns.

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SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Thursday July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Fritz Park

Family Summer Theater presents:

Much Ado About Nothing

by the Repercussion Theater

Bring your chair! In case of rain the performance will take place at the *Red Barn*.

