

Mayor's Message

>>> Maria Tutino



In his coverage of the inauguration of the *Rhian-Wilkinson Park* in the *West Island Gazette* of June 15, 2016, Bill Tierney (fellow demergerite and former mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue) had these kind words to say about our Town:

“Baie-D’Urfé once again demonstrated why that little lakeside town is such a coherent, charming and inspiring place. The local MP, Francis Scarpaleggia, and MNA Geoffrey Kelley both spoke at the event and both noted that reviving Baie-D’Urfé after the Merger – 10 years ago now as Mayor Maria Tutino mentioned several times – was to defend the type of citizen-run, volunteer-fuelled community which could pull off events like this one, the naming of *Dorset Park* after Baie-D’Urfé top athlete, Rhian Wilkinson”.

The renaming of *Dorset Park* to honour Olympian athlete Rhian Wilkinson is one of the many ways our Town, with the help of our wonderful citizenry, both young and old, is celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Town’s demerger.

It is heart-warming to see that our youth (our future community leaders) appreciate our uniqueness and embrace the Town’s volunteer culture.

Following are the pictures of the celebratory events that occurred just in the past month.



Congratulations, Rhian and good luck in Rio!



Our youth show their appreciation of our demerger through two colourful, creative projects - and the Town becomes their gallery showcasing their artwork, their vitality and their very visible presence in the demerged Baie-D’Urfé!



Bravo to our Junior Council and youth involved with the *Kay-O-Tik X-Plo-Shun of Awesomeness* Project and thanks to Ralph Allison, Peter Alves and Wanda Lowensteyn Riordon, without whom this extraordinary project would not have been possible!



Huge thank you to Junior Council members and to Baie-D’Urfé *Citizens’ Association* Executive Carmen Rinfret for bringing select streets (Morgan and Lakeshore) to life with their youthful, colourful fire hydrant artwork!

Huge applause goes to the Baie-D’Urfé *Citizens’ Association’s* Executive for another exceptional *Baie-D’Urfé Days Festival* (with special thanks to Linda Tait, this year’s coordinator). and to *Maxwell Residence* for the impressive laser light show!



Thank you to Valérie Fortin, member of our Administration, for the artistic and distinctive signs that now identify our parks and welcome people to our Town.

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* Photos provided by Frans Lecluse and Peter Alves



Environmental Review

BROWN BIN TO ARRIVE SHORTLY!

1st Pick-up Date

Thursday September 8

In order to reduce the amount of garbage that goes into landfills, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé will offer the Organic Waste Collection Program **starting Thursday September 8**. **Every Thursdays, you will now be able to dispose of your green waste and food waste** all together so they can be turned into compost. This new program applies to all residences, institutions and municipal buildings.

In mid-August, you will receive a free starter kit including:

- One brown bin;
- One small disposable bin for the kitchen;
- 10 large bags for both leaves and yard waste;
- 10 small bags to fit into your small bin.

You will receive an Organic Waste Collection Guide to help you with all accepted and refused materials and practical information to apply good practices. Furthermore, you will find all Organic Waste Collection

info's on our Town's website under our [Household Collection](#) tab.

You feel you need further explanation?

Attend a workshop at the *Red Barn*:

- In French, Tuesday August 16 at 7 p.m.
- In English, Tuesday August 23rd at 7 p.m.



Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions!

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NEW COLLECTION BY APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC APPLIANCES CONTAINING HALOCARBON SUBSTANCES

STARTING JULY 1ST

Halocarbons gases contained in refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc., are a real threat to the ozone layer and climate changes. It was decided that the Town of Baie-D'Urfé would offer residents a collection **by appointment** in order to dispose of them ecologically.

Planning a pick-up of your domestic appliances?

Contact the **Public Works** department at **514 457-2877** at least **24 hours in advance** and be sure to **place them at the curbside the day of the collection**.

We also encourage citizens to bring them to the Public Works building **during business hours**.





As Chair of the *Demolition review Committee*, I've had a busy spring season.

As of the end of May, the town has received six permit applications for demolitions of: 4 Willowdale, 21 Beechwood, 106 Bedford, 20733 Lakeshore, 40 Lakeview and 20301 Lakeshore. At this rate, we could surpass our record of nine permits in the year.

Even though change to our beautiful town is seldom appreciated, and current mini-mansion styles are not everyone's choice, these demolitions are a healthy sign. Our Town is renewing itself. Of the six homes being demolished, five are in need of significant repair, which is seldom justified when the land value is very high and the building value low. There are many modest homes in our Town, made valuable by the large green lots on which they are built. This renewal process is a necessary one, without which the Town would slowly die. If you doubt me, ask someone who lives beside a house that has been vacant for two years or more.

The new homes will seem quite raw at first, but a few years' growth of vegetation and weathering helps them blend with existing homes. Size, placement and style all impact the neighbourhood. Similarity of style has never been a criteria in our by-laws; indeed they encourage diversity. Size and placement are carefully controlled by our by-laws, but in extreme cases where the impact on a built neighbourhood is high they need careful consideration.

The role of the *Demolition Review Committee* is to provide the Town a measure of control over this replacement process and to allow residents to provide input regarding the demolition/construction process and the replacement structure. The demolition permit is approved or rejected at a public meeting of the committee. Residents can provide comments in written form before this meeting, or come to the meeting and speak to the committee.

The Committee (which consists of 3 councillors) considers residents' input, and other factors such as:

- **The condition and appearance of the existing building;**
- **The aesthetic character of the neighbourhood;**
- **The cost of restoration;**
- **The proposed replacement;**
- **Any other pertinent criteria.**

When the Committee approves issuance of a permit, it is subject to various conditions which form part of the permit. Common examples of conditions would include timing of demolition and construction, safety fencing and traffic flow, but the Committee can attach any condition. I recall one case where we prohibited work during the weekend of a neighbouring outdoors wedding reception.

The Committee's decisions must be reasonable and just to all. To help ensure this, there is an appeal process. Any person may appeal a committee decision. The appeal must be made within 30 days, in writing to Council, and is ruled on by Council as a whole. The Committee's ruling may be confirmed by Council, or Council may "render the decision that the Committee should have rendered" (either overturning the decision or modifying the conditions).

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What's New

FINANCIAL AID FOR TREATMENT OF PRIVATE ASH TREES

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé will once again provide a **50%** reimbursement of the cost for the **2nd treatment** against the Emerald Ash Borer for ash trees larger than 25 cm in diameter.

NEW SIGNAGE FOR TOWN PARKS!



You must have noticed new wooden signs at the entrance of our parks! Each of them has been designed in respect of Baie-D'Urfé's unique character and personalized with animals of our local wildlife such as the **fox**, the **mallard**, the **monarch butterfly**, the **squirrel** and the **cardinal**. The signs were thought out and designed by **Valérie Fortin**, Communications Agent at Town Hall.

As for the beautiful execution, we owe it to the firm **Effigie Art** who captured wonderfully well the charm and beauty of our Town.

TOBACCO CONTROL ACT



NEW MEASURES IN EFFECT AS OF MAY 26, 2016

The Town wishes to remind residents that the provincial *Tobacco Control Act* has been strengthened.

In addition to other changes, fines have been increased for anyone who contravenes the Act and the use of **electronic cigarettes is now subject to the same rules** as those of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

In addition to existing prohibitions, smoking is now also banned:

- in outdoor play areas intended for children and open to the public, including pools and skating rinks, as well as within a **9 meter perimeter of said areas**;
- on sports fields and playgrounds, including areas reserved for spectators;
- on the grounds of summer camps, grounds of daycare centres and schools.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF SHORT FILM AT THE MAXWELL

JULY 6 AT 7 P.M.

Due to popular demand and in honour of Baie-D'Urfé's 10th year of demerger, the Town will present at the *Maxwell* a wonderful short film created by photographer and videographer **Peter Alves** presenting the progression over a three weeks period of a joint artistic project executed by Youth Council members of all ages, artist **Ralph Allison** with the contribution of **Wanda Lowensteyn Riordon** and volunteer members.

Over the last couple of weeks, for our greatest pleasure, this abstract artistic project is presented in the form of unique and colourful banners along Morgan and at the *Red Barn*.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK



Family Summer Theater presents

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar

by the *Repercussion Theater*

This political drama investigates, with a modern approach, the fine line between personal ambition and the general good, and —with a cast of only women— explores the relationship between gender and power. The production includes a high level of stage combat, live drumming, and as always a strong aesthetic style.

Wednesday August 3rd at 7 p.m. at Fritz Park
(bring your own chair)

In case of rain the performance will take place at the *Red Barn*.

