



It was an honour and privilege for me to award **Vanessa Knight** a certificate of recognition for her remarkable work with **War Amps Canada**.

These are the words, which I read at the April Council meeting, in front of her immediate family.

“**Vanessa Knight**, a 24-year old Baie-D’Urfé resident, is a member of the *CHAMP Program for child amputees*. Her involvement goes beyond the hours she has put in as volunteer over many years and is reflected in her support of all child amputees and her efforts in communicating important messages in the Laurentian area.

Vanessa was born with a partial left arm. For more than 10 years and in her role as safety ambassador, she ensures that the PLAYSAFE message is transmitted to all children by encouraging them to locate danger before starting to play, within school presentations and as a passenger on the *War Amps* parade float. She is well positioned to communicate the PLAYSAFE message as she has met several children amputated following a preventable accident.

Vanessa became a Junior Councillor in 2007, a role that she fulfilled brilliantly during regional seminars. As a mentor to younger CHAMPS, she offers advice, shares her experiences and illustrates in a positive manner how challenges can be met.

Growing up within the *CHAMPS program of the War Amps*, Vanessa had the privilege to meet veterans over the years. Since 2008 through *Operation Legacy*, she provides proper recognition by transmitting their message of *Remembrance Day* during local commemorative ceremonies or by distributing DVDs about the Canadian military legacy at her local library.

She is a wonderful reflection of the War Amps philosophy – amputees helping amputees – and has a positive impact in the Montréal area as well as everywhere in Québec.”

Congratulations, Vanessa ... we are all so very proud of you!!!

Jodie Baillie to receive the Québec Lieutenant Governor Award

Only one *Lieutenant Governor* Youth medal is awarded each year to a student at the secondary school level

(with the educational establishment having to submit the nomination). The award recognizes a student who has “demonstrated a sustained voluntary action at the community and social levels or has showed an aspiring attitude, a positive influence inside a group or community”. No surprise that **Jodie Baillie** was nominated for the award by *Beaconsfield High School* and for those of us who know Jodie well, no surprise that she is being so honoured!

Jodie is a very active community-oriented youth leader. She has been a member of the Baie-D’Urfé Junior Council since 2011.

Soon after she moved to Town at the age of 11, she involved herself in various volunteering activities and over the years, her involvement in our community has grown constantly. She has and still takes part in many community projects such as *Baie-D’Urfé Days*, *Great Shoreline Cleanup*, painting of fire hydrants, *Winterfest*, Scouting, annual food drives and cooking for 90 fathers at the *Father’s Day Brunch*.

Jodie has also been accepted to the *Community Recreation and Leadership Training Program* at Dawson.

Congratulations, Jodie!!! The Town applauds you and thanks you for your tremendous community service!



Volunteer Squad to the Rescue during April deluge

Record rainfall from April 4 through April 7 caused havoc in many a home in southern Québec.

Weather statistics for the past 25 years show that the normal rainfall for the entire month of April is about 68mm. This year *Trudeau Airport* recorded over 84mm for that same period.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteer *Rescue Squad* who put in over 160 man-hours, with even one member (Wayne Belvedere) working 24 hours straight, 15 households received vital assistance while dealing with their flooded basements. A huge thank you goes to our *Rescue Squad* on behalf of the Town Council, Administration and citizens!!!

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As I write, we are just at the end of a week of record-breaking rainfall. I hope, by the time you read this, that we will be enjoying some sunshine and drier weather! In recent days, as well as the inevitable mud and grit that we always see at this time of year, I have noticed dog “poop” on some of our roads and pathways. It is a very unattractive sight. If you own a dog, please pick up after him or her. Please also remember that your dog should not be allowed to run loose on the streets.

As you are aware, the Town tried out new LED streetlights over the winter, with different models and intensities on various streets. A number of citizens provided us with comments and feedback as to which model they liked or didn’t like. Council will review the results of this pilot project and will soon be making a decision on how to proceed.



I also want to make a brief mention of wood-burning stoves and fireplaces. You may recall that a public consultation was held on this

topic last November, at which citizens were invited to comment on the recommendations which the wood-burning committee had made to Council. Following further discussion and expert advice, a by-law amendment to introduce new controls on wood-burning appliances will be voted on at the May Council meeting. Please watch future issues of *News & Views* for more information.

This will be my last Council Communiqué before the municipal election in November. As I approach the end of my third mandate as Councillor, I would like to thank you all for your support. Being a Councillor is very challenging at times, but always rewarding,

and I would encourage anyone who is interested in the wellbeing of our Town to consider running for office in November.



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Culvert or Ditch

If you have a culvert or a ditch in front of your property, spring is a good time to verify if there is any accumulated dirt, leaves, or other residues at the entrance or exit of the culvert pipe. In addition, make sure to mow the grass shorter in front of its entrance in order to ensure proper water flow in the ditch which comes from surface runoff of the land.

Accumulation of residues can lead to a blockage in the pipe and thereby prevent the free flow of water that will eventually overflow the ditch.



Environmental Review

Working on your spring cleanup?
Wish to get rid of your green waste the proper way?

Here's a quick reminder:

When cleaning your lawn, remember to place your organic waste bin on **Tuesday** at the curbside (leaves, twigs, small branches, waste from stubble working) should be deposited in:

- **Brown bin;**
- **Empty garbage can (maximum 25 kg – 55 pounds);**
- **Cardboard box;**
- **Paper bag.**

This will ensure your wheeled bin is properly emptied. Note that wood logs are prohibited. They must be deposited at the roadside with the **Bulky items Collection**. At all time, **plastic bags** are prohibited to dispose of your organic waste even biodegradable and compostable bags!

How do we characterize Bulky Items?

Every **second Monday of the month**, the Town provides a **Bulky Items Collection pick-up**.

You can now place either:

- **Electronic wastes;**
- **Construction, renovation and demolition materials;**
- **Bulky Items** (as listed in your *Recycling User Guide*).

You can put out a **maximum of TEN items**. Every article must not weight more than 100kg (220 pounds) and measure no more than 1,8 m x 1,2 m (6 ft x 4 ft). Too many items? Take advantage of a special pick-up service with the Public Works department! (fees applicable): 514 457-2877.

Cleaning your garage and your cupboards?

Saturday May 20th, bring your **hazardous waste** items such as empty paint cans, solvents, glue, car batteries, cleaning products, pool chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers, aerosols, propane bottles, compact fluorescent bulbs and fluorescent tubes, etc. to the **Public Works building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Tires must always be brought to a tire centre.

News From The Industrial Park

AN OVERVIEW



Following the arrival of the *TransCanada Highway* in 1954, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé started to see an increase in construction in the 60's as well as the development of commercial establishments and the preparation of the industrial zone in the northern

section of town. The Industrial Park was established in the 70's with the intention of maintaining a physical division between existing and future residential districts.

This division now allows the Town of Baie-D'Urfé to have an Industrial Park that offers a quiet environment with many green spaces and where the majority of lots are limited to a 40% footprint.

The Industrial Park continued to expand in the 80's, welcoming other companies such as *Les aliments Spectra /Texstyrene Canada /CM securities/Rehau/Boulangerie Lanthier* which are still established in our park.

Today, our Park is experiencing continued growth and generates a workforce of about 4500 employees. With a current combined real estate worth of \$322 M, our Industrial Park is home to about 85 companies and has a vacancy rate of 2%, one of the lowest compared to other industrial sectors on the Island of Montréal.

In the last 2 years, new companies have moved to the park while others have grown and expanded. The Baie-D'Urfé Industrial Park has a diversified industrial base that is regional, national and international in scope, operating in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, food, aerospace, chemical, transport/logistics, advanced manufacturing and technology. We can be proud of our high quality park in Baie-D'Urfé and this is why 3 of our businesses qualify as the *West Island of Montreal Chamber of Commerce Accolades 2017* finalists and we congratulate them!

- **Provigo** for B2C
- **Intersac** for Distribution
- **Kamek Precision Tools** for Export and for Manufacturing



What's New

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Get rid of your household hazardous waste in a safe manner on **Saturday May 20th between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Municipal Garage** of the Public Works building, 300, rue Surrey.

For further information on accepted and refused waste, visit our website at www.baie-durfe.qc.ca under the *Hazardous Waste Collection* tab to view the attached flyer or consult recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca.



RESPONSABILITY OF OWNING A PET



Owning a dog or a cat means accepting certain basic rules of common-courtesy for the good of the population. **In all cases**, when your

pet is outdoors or on a walk, **you must immediately clean up after your pet and throw it in the nearest garbage**. Bags with animal waste must not be discarded anywhere other than a garbage bin.

SECOND MUNICIPAL TAXES INSTALLMENT

REMINDER

Please note that the **deadline** for the second municipal tax installment is on **May 25th**. You will not be sent a reminder notice.

VICTORIA DAY

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be closed on **May 22, 2017** for *Victoria Day*.



WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Week of May 29th to June 16th



The Town will proceed with the inspection, testing and flushing of its fire hydrants as part of the regular maintenance program of our water distribution system.

While this work is done, you may experience low water pressure as well as a slight coloration (red) of the water. Although this is

not dangerous, we recommend that you verify to ensure that your water is not colored before using it. If it should be colored, simply let the cold water run until it becomes clear.

REMINDER GREEN WASTE

With your spring cleaning, do not forget that green waste, leaves, twigs and grass clippings must be placed at the curbside on **Tuesday** in either: **the brown bin, an empty garbage (maximum 25 kg - 55 pounds), cardboard boxes or paper bags**. This will ensure your green waste collection will be picked up.

Note that logs are prohibited. They must be deposited during **Bulky Items Collection** day.

