



This is my last *Mayor's message* for this mandate. There will be an election for Mayor and Council on November 5th so there will be no further Mayor's message until after the election.

2017: A good year for grants

The Town is always looking for ways to reduce municipal spending. One way that we have been able to do that is to apply for any and all grants that become available in the areas of relevance to the Town's Work Program.

1. We were successful in attaining two out of the five applications submitted to the *Québec Government's New Building Canada Fund-Québec, Small Communities Fund*. Beneficiaries receive 2/3 of the funding needed to finance the project with the Québec and Federal Governments equally sharing the cost of the grant.

The winning project entries were:

- 1) Replacement of the *Curling Club* playing surface refrigeration system (system in place since 1960)
- 2) Construction of a multi-purpose recreational surface at the *Red Barn*

Also we have received a \$1500 grant from the provincial government to support our Town's *Junior Council* activities (a third of these funds were used to purchase a piano to be placed in the *Red Barn* for use by the Youth groups in Town). We also benefited of a \$1076 grant from the *Government of Canada* for summer student employment as Urban Forestry Assistant position.

The Town has recently been advised that the provincial government has received positively my and Dr. Maureen Rose's joint request for some financial support for this year's newly formed and already highly successful and well-attended "Lunch and Learn" series.

Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers

You may be aware that certain members of Council have had complaints filed with the Government of Québec's Municipal Commission for possible violation of the Town's Code of Ethics. Following is a status report.

Case 1: 2016 Complaint to the *Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire (MAMOT)*

Subject of the complaint: The mayor and 5 councillors from the 2009-2013 Council

In a letter dated **April 20, 2016**, we were informed by the *MAMOT's Bureau du commissaire aux plaintes*, that the office had received a request to review some *"*allegations of breach of the Code of Ethics and Conduct (code) applicable to you as an elected representative of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé. This request concerns conflict of interest rules of the Code*".

In the same letter we were advised that their office had already reviewed the documentation and was **rejecting** the plaignant's request that the file be forwarded to the *Municipal Commission* for further investigation.

Case 2: September 30, 2016 Complaint to the *Québec Municipal Commission*

Subject of the complaint: Same individuals as Case 1

January 17: We were informed by the *Municipal Commission* that they had received a request to review *"*allegations of breaches of rules provided for in the Code of Ethics and Professional Ethics applicable to the elected representatives of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé and concerning conflicts of interest*".

In the same letter we were advised that a commission lawyer would be assigned to the case and an investigation would be done to determine if we had *"*committed a breach of a rule provided for in the Town's code of Ethics and Conduct*".

April 13: A letter from the *Municipal Commission* informed us that the investigation continues and that a decision would be given by July 27, 2017.



May 30: The Commission's own lawyer presented a motion at a judicial hearing requesting that the complaints against us be dismissed because she felt that there was no evidence of wrongdoing.

In the motion the commission's lawyer stated that:
* *"It appears that the applicant's suspicions and impressions are not based on any facts. On the contrary, the document's evidence demonstrates that Landcare is not favored compared to other bidders since there was a tendering process, that the tendering process is not called into question by the request for investigation and that Landcare is the lowest bidder, both in 2009 and in 2013. In addition, it is in the interest of the Town to save and award the contract to the lowest bidder".*

July 26: A letter from the *Municipal Commission* informed us that the investigation continues and that a decision would be given by January 30, 2018.

Case 3: 2017 complaint to the *Municipal Commission*

Subject of the complaint: Councillor Brian Manning

At the June 13th Council Meeting, a resolution was adopted by the majority of Council to address the conduct of Councillor Brian Manning as contrary to the rules of the *Town's Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for Elected Municipal Officers* and that a mandate be given to the Town's attorneys to prepare, in the Town's name, a complaint to the *Québec Municipal Commission* against Councillor Manning.

You will find the complete version of the resolution that was sent to the *Municipal Commission* in the minutes of the June Council meeting, a copy of which can be found on the Town's website (click on *Democratic Life*, then click on *Council Minutes*).

The Town will keep you informed of any future developments regarding Cases 2 and 3.

* *Translated from the French correspondance provided by the offices of the MAMOT and the Québec Municipal Commission.*

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Municipal elections will be held province-wide **November 5, 2017**. Candidates interested in the position of mayor or councillor are invited to contact the Returning Officer at 514 457-5436 to pick up their nomination forms. Each potential candidate may take an appointment with the Returning officer to discuss the nomination process.

Applications can only be submitted between **9 a.m. September 22th and October 6th at 4:30 p.m.**

It is strongly suggested to submit applications prior to the 4:30 p.m. deadline to ensure that the applications are filled out correctly. It is important to ensure that the seat number for which the candidate is vying is correctly identified in both designated locations. Please note that the seat number cannot be crossed out and replaced by another one either before or after submission. It is also recommended to obtain more signatures than required. The required proofs of identification must be presented with the nomination forms.

The deadline for submitting applications is **4:30 p.m. sharp October 6th**. The digital clock which will be placed in the Council Chamber will serve as the official time. At that time, all applications which have not been validated will be picked up. The Returning Officer will then go over each application with the candidate to confirm that it is valid. If any discrepancies are identified at that time, **they cannot be corrected**. As a result, incomplete applications will unfortunately be rejected.

Candidacies will become public only once the nomination forms are officially submitted during the aforementioned period. A list of candidates will be posted at the Town Hall reception as well as on the Election page of the Town's website. It will be updated as new candidates come forward.

A compulsory information session will take place in October at date and time that has yet to be determined, for all candidates.

Cassandra Comin Bergonzi
Returning Officer





Are we a town divided or a town united? There are a few “hot button” issues around our town being discussed, with many rumours attached to them. Consequently, citizens have many opposing views not necessarily

based on facts.

However, it appears that many of us agree on the following:

- We are proud and happy citizens of our unique, small community;
- We like to brag about the lowest mil rate on the Island of Montréal;
- Volunteerism is our community’s heart and soul;
- We want security of our property against disasters and vandalism;
- Improved drainage, beautifully paved roads, well maintained parks, and biodiversity are important to us;
- Our home and property are our most important investments. Maintaining and increasing their value is expected;
- Public transportation needs to improve for our town and for our Industrial Park;
- We value our fireplaces.

Going forward, your next town council will deal with many “hot button” topics. Public consultation will be critical. So will a healthy dose of respectable comportment and an acceptance of a majority decision. Once a decision is made, it is my opinion that trying to change that decision or complaining is non-productive and drains energy.

One “hot button” issue is that of containing dogs in an enclosed area. Presently they run at *Bertold Park*, often off leash. Some dog owners do not respect the rules posted on our sign. Council has been made aware that the authorization issued for *Bertold Park* for the dog run contravenes our **By-Law 803**. We have no choice but to abide by this law immediately. This regulation, adopted at the regular meeting of council on March 10, 1981, provides “*that the presence, at any time of the year, of a dog not restrained by a leash less than 8 feet in length, outside a lot fenced to retain the*

dog is prohibited.” Also prohibited is the following, “*the presence of dogs in public playgrounds, parks, or schools, churches, synagogues, shopping centers and restaurants.*”[Unrestrained]

This by-law will be reviewed by our *Town Planning Committee* to update it to the reality of today; however the notion of creating an enclosed dog run area has become an urgent safety matter and was expressed by many citizens at a recent public consultation. We are making changes now, rather than wait for the next council. This is why a temporary fence will be installed at the *Bertold Park* where dogs may run off leash. This area also gives access for the dogs to the lake. Time will tell us how acceptable this area is for the majority of our citizens.

The beehives on *Pointe-Claire’s Library* roof intrigued a citizen to write to us about doing this on *Town* buildings. Unfortunately, our *Library’s* roof is neither flat nor easy to access. Our employees are not trained nor are we set-up to undertake this type of operation. But I would like to point out that any citizen may set-up their own hives. There have been many hobby bee-keepers in town, just ask *Chuck Colomb*.

Baie-D’Urfé’s street signs are long overdue for replacement. Our *Director of Communications, Valérie Fortin*, has completed her work on the designing and ordering of new *Baie-D’Urfé* street signs. At this moment they are in the production stage. We will start seeing them displayed at our street corners in November.

By the time the October issue of the *News and Views* is delivered, we will be in the period designated by Québec for Municipal Elections. There will be no Council communiqué in October or November.

My last written words to you, as a member of this council is, **everyone has a vote, please make it count!**



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Journée de l'environnement

Le samedi 7 octobre

Ensemble pour une ville plus VERTE!

Dans le cadre de la *Journée de l'environnement* et de la *Stratégie contre l'Agrile du Frêne*, la Ville procédera à la deuxième distribution annuelle de **250 arbres** à l'ensemble des propriétaires résidentiels, institutionnels, commerciaux et industriels.



Un maximum de 2 arbres par adresse de résidence sera donné avec le 1^{er} choix assuré pour les 250 premiers appelants.



Du **25 au 27 septembre**, réservez votre arbre par téléphone entre **8 h et 16 h 30** auprès de Sarah Mailhot, coordonnatrice du dossier environnemental.
Tél. : 514 457-7604



Samedi le 7 octobre, venez chercher votre arbre entre **9 h 30 - 13 h** au bâtiment des Travaux publics au 300 rue Surrey. Apportez vos contenants pour du compost et des copeaux gratuits!

Environment Day

Saturday October 7th

Together for a GREENER Town!

In the context of the *Environmental Day and the Strategy Against the Emerald Ash Borer*, the Town will proceed to its second annual distribution of **250 trees** to all homeowners and institutional properties including the commercial and industrial sector.



A maximum of 2 trees per residential address will be available with a 1st choice guaranteed for the first 250 callers.



From **September 25th to 27th**, you can reserve your tree between **8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** with: Sarah Mailhot, Environmental Coordinator.
Tel. : 514 457-7604



Saturday October 7th, come and pick-up your tree at the Public Works building, 300 Surrey, from **9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Bring your containers for free wood chips and compost!



Sélection d'automne 2017 | 2017 Autumn Selection

Prunier Européen Mont-Royal
European Plum Mont Royal

H : 5m | L : 4m



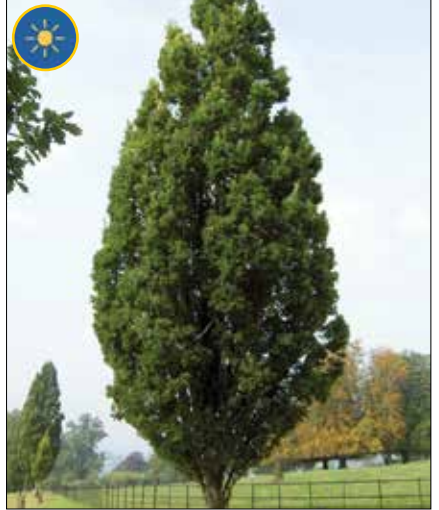
Févier d'Amérique inerme
Thornless Common Honey-Locust

H : 18m | L : 16m



Chêne pédonculé fastigié
Fastigate English Oak

H : 15m | L : 5m



Érable Autumn Blaze
Autumn Blaze Maple

H : 17m | L : 13m



Peuplier deltoïde "Siouxland"
Eastern Cottonwood "Siouxland"

H : 16m | L : 9m



Micocoulier occidental
Common Hackberry

H : 15m | L : 8m



Sapin baumier
Balsam Fir

H : 20m | L : 7m



Pometier "Royal raindrops"
Royal raindrops Crabapple

H : 6m | L : 4,5m



Sureau du Canada
American Elder

H : 3m | L : 2m



Mélèze laricin
Eastern Larch

H : 20m | L : 10m



What's New

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPLACEMENTS



We are pleased to welcome Mrs. **Cassandra Comin Bergonzi** as Town Clerk, Mrs. **Lucille Angers** as Assistant Town Clerk and Mr. **Vincent Carrier** as Assistant Director of Public Works. Cassandra joined the Administrative team on July 4th, Lucille on August 21st whereas Vincent joined the Public Works team on July 17th.

We wish them a warm welcome to our Town!

COLLECTIONS

Branch Pick-Up | Fall 2017

The spring branch pick-up has resumed service for the fall period **until November 13**.

Branches should be placed by the roadside the night before pick-up day or the day of the collection before 7 a.m. They will be picked-up during the week.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Designated date for the next Hazardous Waste Collection pick-up is **Sunday September 10th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the Public Works building.

Green Waste Deposit | Compost Bin

It is important not to **OVERLOAD** your organic bin on pick-up day and to properly **CLOSE** the lid to ensure it will be properly emptied.

Note that no green waste should be deposited loose at the curb.

GREENING OF MY ENVIRONMENT!



Do you wish to add value to your residence by having a **free tree planted** on Town property?

Support tree planting by contacting **Sarah Mailhot** at 514 457-7604 for all details.

BAIE-D'URFÉ MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2017



The Town of Baie D'Urfé is currently looking for people interested to be part of the electoral staff in the next election.

Several positions are available to work on advance polling day (**Sunday, October 29, 2017**) and on polling day (**Sunday, November 5, 2017**). Staff will also be required to sit on the Revision Board. The list of positions is available on the City's website: www.baie-durfe.qc.ca under **2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS / Recruitment of electoral staff**.

Applicants are invited to submit their application by filling the **ELECTORAL STAFF RECRUITMENT FORM**, which can be downloaded from the City's website. You can also pick up the form at the office the Returning Officer located at 20 410 Lakeshore Road, Baie D'Urfé, (Quebec) H9X 1P7.



Pour finir la saison...

Merci à Frans Lecluse pour ces très beaux clichés!



To end the season...

Thank you to Frans Lecluse for these great shots!

