

# Mayor's Message

>>> Maria Tutino



The summer months are when the beautiful grounds of the *Fritz Farm* are most appreciated by the citizens and the many visitors to the Town. In one week in August, the Fritz was an outdoor amphitheatre for the *Shakespeare-in-the-Park* all female production of Shakespeare's "**The Tragedy of Julius Caesar**", an outdoor concert hall for the performance by the "Big Band Club" and an outdoor showroom for the Town's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual *Antique Car Show*.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Herb Pidcock for continuing to run our free Outdoor Summer Concerts (his 17<sup>th</sup> year of doing so). This year's program highlighted eleven musical groups over the period of June 17 through to August 28. Many thanks, Herb, for your relentless dedication to the Town and your tremendous generosity to your fellow citizens. Special thanks to Keith Fyckes and Louise Otmar who assisted Herb this year.

The *Rescue Squad* also deserves the Town's heartfelt appreciation for putting on another great *Antique Car Show*. It has become a must-go-to-event for many citizens and visitors alike. Thanks also go to the Town's vCOPs and Scout Group, who were there the whole time, ensuring that the traffic and activities ran smoothly.

## Gifts from the Junior Council in honour of the Town's tenth year anniversary of its demerger

The youth's gifts were on display this summer starting with the unveiling of eighteen banners in June, eight at the Morgan entrance to the Town and ten at the *Red Barn*, created by ten juniors under the inspired mentorship of local artist Ralph Allison.

More junior artwork sprung up throughout the Town during the summer months, the realization of which was made possible thanks to the *Citizens' Association* executive Carmen Rinfret, who generously offered to oversee the youths' efforts.

Many of you have commented on the colourful and delightful artwork on the Town's banners and fire hydrants. A big thank you goes to all the youth and adults involved in these two Town beautification projects.

The third gift was donated in August. Two majestic Heron sculptures created by Senneville artist Maryanne Hartley now live in the pond next to Town Hall (one Heron was bought at an silent auction for the *West Island Palliative Care Residence*; the other specifically created by



the artist for the Town). The artist had named her sculpture the "Sentry Heron". A sentry is defined as a person (like a soldier) on duty as a guard. How appropriate that the Town's youth has donated two

Sentry Herons to guard the pond that was created by the last pre-merger Council to honour its volunteers... recalling the battle cry of their elders during the anti-merger fight "HANDS OFF MY CITY".

## Town resident Katheryn Kastner's Tour du Canada passage through Town



August brought former *Junior Councilor* Katheryn Kastner to Baie-D'Urfé as she and her fellow *Tour du Canada 2016* teammates cycled through Town on their cross-Canada tour, which started in Vancouver on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and is expected to end in St. John's Newfoundland on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Katheryn was among the first elected *Junior Council*, 10 youth who were elected by the junior population in 2011, in honour

of the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> year of its incorporation. From her election to her last year as a member of the *Junior Council*, Katheryn played a key leadership role within the group. It was a great pleasure for the Town to join Katheryn's family and friends to warmly welcome her and the *Tour du Canada* group as they passed through her hometown, a place where she played an important role in the evolution of the Town's *Junior Council*.

**Canada's Women's Soccer Team wins the BRONZE medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Warmest congratulations to Baie-D'Urfé's Rhian Wilkinson and the Canadian Team!**

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# JOURNÉE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

Le samedi 1<sup>er</sup> octobre



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<sup>er</sup> choix assuré pour les 250 premiers appelants**.

*Ensemble pour une ville plus VERTE!*

**Du 19 au 21 septembre, réservez votre arbre auprès de :**

**Sarah Mailhot**, coordonnatrice du dossier environnemental  
Tél. : 514 457-7604 ou par courriel : [smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca)

**Samedi le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre**, de **9 h 30 à 13 h** au bâtiment des Travaux publics au 300 rue Surrey, venez chercher votre arbre ainsi que des copeaux et du compost gratuit! Apportez vos contenants.

*Le comité de l'environnement*

# ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>

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 **1<sup>st</sup> choice guaranteed for the first 250 callers**.



*Together for a Greener TOWN!*

**From September 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, make sure to reserve your tree with:**

**Sarah Mailhot**, Environmental Coordinator  
Tél. : 514 457-7604 or by email : [smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca](mailto:smailhot@baie-durfe.qc.ca)

**Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>**, from **9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Public Works building, 300 rue Surrey, come and pick-up your tree and serve yourself with free wood chips and compost! Bring your containers.

*The Environmental Committee*

# Fiche descriptive des arbres | *Tree Chart*

Sapin de Fraser  
*Fraser Fir*

H : 12 | L : 5



Robinier « Purple Robe »  
*Purple Robe Locust*

H : 9 | L : 7



Bouleau noir héritage  
*Heritage River Birch*

H : 13 | L : 10



Alisier (Viorne lentago)  
*Nannyberry Viburnum*

H : 6 | L : 3



Génévrier de Virginie « Blue Arrow »  
*"Blue Arrow" Juniper*

H : 4 | L : 1



Érable rouge Morgan  
*Morgan Red Maple*

H : 15 | L : 10



Lilas commun  
*Common Lilac*

H : 3,5 | L : 2,5



Chicot du Canada  
*Kentucky Coffeetree*

H : 20 | L : 14



Pometier Thunderchild  
*Thunderchild Crabapple*

H : 6 | L : 5



Ostryer de Virginie  
*American Hophornbeam*

H : 12 | L : 8





So much is written to citizens in the *News and Views* about projects, reminders of seasonal by-laws, updates of the current affairs in town. Mayor Tutino does a great job of giving information that is pertinent to citizens, and my fellow council members that sit on the Town's committees also give updates of their respective field.

I have decided to write about citizens that have participated in our vast community of volunteers, so that we can get to know them. Since there are hundreds of citizens that qualify in this group, I have begun with those that have contributed decades of community service.

**Douglas Lightfoot** began his volunteer career as a Cubmaster in 1954 while working in Beauharnois. He and his family chose to move to Baie-D'Urfé in 1969 because they liked the large lots and nearby train transportation to the downtown area. (He also likes the low taxes and good governance. Thank-you Doug!) Since then Baie-D'Urfé and the West Island have greatly profited with Doug's generous contributions of his time. This is a man that walks the talk, always calm and with a welcoming smile.

The list of committees he has served on is so long, that I can only give a short summary of his activities. In his words, the education system has been his "over-riding interest", proven by serving on seven different school committees, including the *Lakeshore School board (Lester B. Pearson today)* Other groups that have benefited from Doug's time are the Elder, *St. Giles* and *Briarwood* churches, member and treasurer of the *Presbyterian College of Montreal*. At the Liaison Centre of *Ste. Anne's Veteran's Hospital*, since 1996 to present, he has taught veterans how to use computers. He starts teaching the veterans by asking them to play *Fifty solitaire* games, which they do gladly, and in the process they learn how to use the mouse and familiarize themselves with the machine.

Doug's service in Baie-D'Urfé includes Parade Marshall for *Baie-D'Urfé Days*, Town swimming pool maintenance, Treasurer of the *Whiteside Taylor Building Committee* and for the last twenty years to present, member of the *Town's Building Committee*.

Although the above list is impressive, there is still more to come. This retired Mechanical Engineer, with an MBA, managed to incorporate his love of chemistry into his career. He has been a business analyst, design engineer, has started up chemical plants, and conducted economic studies in the Pulp and Paper field. Between 1971 and 1989 he wrote 39 research papers (18 with co-authors). He has given over 50 presentations, to Members of Parliament, *House of Commons*, Ottawa, *Institute for Engineering and Technology* in London, England, also to numerous Universities and Institutes that study energy resources. Why? In his words, "How can we use more energy and reduce carbon emissions when world fuel supply is 85% fossil fuel?"



In his retirement years Doug continues his work in energy fuel as "a service to the community to guide people to understand the importance of energy to our society and to making good decisions to ensure an adequate and reliable energy supply". For Doug, the answer to this situation is Nuclear Fission Fuel.

For those who would need more information, I would urge you to visit **[nobodysfuel.com](http://nobodysfuel.com)**.

As I mentioned earlier in this article, Doug "walks the talk". How many of us do that?

Thank-you Doug.

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# What's New

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN

We would like to welcome **Mr. Christian Bernier**, Director of Public Works and **Mr. Alexandre Ranger**, Municipal Technician - Town Planning. They both joined the Town August 15. We are delighted to have them on board!

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Designated date for the next Hazardous Waste Collection pick-up is **Sunday September 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the Public Works building.

## IMPROVEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE ASH TREES

You can now submit your **invoice for the second treatment** of your Ash trees larger than 25 cm in diameter in order to benefit from the 50% reimbursement of its cost. Limits of \$250 per tree. During the summer of 2016, the Town has treated **70 trees** on its public property.

## REMINDER

Autumn leaves and green waste pick-up are now joined in the **Organic Waste Collection pick-up every Thursdays**. Be careful! Paper bags only! Plastic bags are prohibited and will not be collected.



## CLARIFICATION OF FACTS

### Tennis Renovation

“ I wish to bring some clarifications as to the drainage issues near the Churchill Park area. We commissioned an engineering firm to study the problem. Soil studies showed that over the years, the surface of the ground has become totally waterproof. Furthermore, drainage pipes are completely blocked for several reasons and are ineffective. The water then makes its way through the ground where visible consequences can be easily observed, such as beneath the parking lot of the *Curling Club*, the fence foundation, the net poles and the main lighting post. Bumps can be observed in the parking lot along the tennis courts, accumulation of puddles creating uneven colors to the surface, the poles holding the nets are coming out of the ground and the main lighting post is tilting increasingly should we not bring any solution. But one of the greater concerns is the fact that a large area of the impervious surface of the four tennis courts, located underneath other equipments, allows water to seep into the ground and cause significant damage to surrounding infrastructures. It is a combination of all of these factors that motivate us, municipal officials to act quickly.”

*The Office of the Director General*

## 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.

## NEW SIGNS FOR OUR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

After the identification of our parks, now comes the turn of our municipal buildings to be identified or revamped. You certainly have noticed new wooden signs at the entrance of some of our Town buildings and Clubs. The final phase of this project will be completed by fall.

