

Here is a resume of the last council meeting held March 12 2016.

- The mayor informed us that Gordon Miller's garage collapsed the day before council. It is a big loss for Mr. Miller who spent a lot of time in his garage. The Municipal Inspector, Mr. Dave Williams, took rapid measures to avoid environmental risks and to secure the premises (electrical wires had fallen in the middle of the road). The town worked jointly with Mr. Miller so that the debris could be evacuated in an environmentally safe manner. The event made the front page on the *Information du Nord de Mont-Tremblant*: http://www..ca/faits-divers/2016/3/9/un-garage-s_effondre-sous-le-poids-de-neige.html



- The boathouse of the Del Torchio's collapsed the same day. Mr. Williams enquired from the family as to whether there were any dangerous products in the boathouse that could affect the quality of the water from the lake. Fortunately, the family had apparently stored away all toxic products, gas, oil, fuel, in the fall, fearing such an event. The family started to burn the boathouse on the ice, but

Mr. Williams promptly stopped them in account of possible toxic ashes reaching the lake. He will continue to monitor closely the evacuation of the debris.



- Concerning FILAU, the mayor is on the board of this company with the mayor from Montcalm. They are pushing to accelerate the development of high speed internet to ensure a coverage in 2016. FILAU is presently studying locations to put two antennas. The best sites would have been on public land but the government of Quebec has decided to charge a high rent, so they had to abandon that idea. They must therefore find sites from private owners in a place accessible at all times and supplied with electricity. The site must also be elevated. There will be an antenna near the Town Hall to cover the village and the east side of the lake. A second antenna will probably be near Duncan road to cover the other part of the lake. Some people will never have access to the internet, because a line of sight is needed for it to work.
- We have received 8 bids concerning the construction of the Town Hall / Community Centre. The bids had a large range, from \$600,000 to \$1 million. The \$600,000 had to be rejected because it was non-conforming. The company

had forgotten to add the GST and TVQ. We verified with our lawyer to see if they had the obligation to respect their bid, but the answer was no. We are therefore waiting for the results of the selection committee. The second lowest bidder was *Construction Tétris* from Ste-Adèle. We cannot proceed though before we have the approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (takes about 45 days). We will be putting pressure to have this approval before the council of April, so that the first ground-turning can take place in May.

- We have received a letter from a resident concerning the 'cadastral reform'. There are many questions concerning this process. You are not obliged to send the required documents, but if a property line is contested, it would be important to do so. Indeed at the lake, there is a lot of problematic property situations. They also might want to combine small lots into bigger ones that would correspond to the same matricule number. We do not know if one can refuse the combining, because it could reduce the value of properties in certain cases. Nevertheless, concerning the town of Barkmere, the Province has asked us if we were interested in combining the mini lots that we have scattered about. The council has refused because it will be easier to use these lots individually if need be.
- As to the improvement of the installations on Goulden Island, Mrs. Susan De Schulthess informed us that work has been slower as *Techno Pieux* had trouble getting to the Island this winter.
- Concerning the project of renovation of the website, councillor Chantal Raymond explained that the site is well advanced. It will be a lot more interactive and we will finally have a Welcome page that will have room to publish the recent news. To see the rough outline of the site, go to: www.temp.barkmere.ca
- The bookkeeper Monique Bibeau has resigned. Council has decided to hire Mrs. Louise Sanderson as administrative assistant and bookkeeper for the town of Barkmere starting March 15, 2016 conditional that future references are positive.

Once again, for more details, consult the minutes of the council meeting that will be on our website next month.