

Echoes from Barkmere – May 2016

Here is a resume of the last council meeting held May 14th, 2016.

- Maire Trépanier informed us that the navigational buoys are installed. The landing attendant has already started working on weekends so as to ensure boat decontamination. The town employees are taking up this task during the week days.
- There will be free tree distribution on Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29th at the landing. There are 50% more trees than last year and 20 species available.
- As previously noted, there will be a public discussion on urban planning issues on Saturday June 18th at 10:00 AM at the Community Center. Citizens can exchange with Council concerning urban planning rules and the future of Barkmere (grandfather rights and exterior lighting are among the subjects to be featured).
- Minister Coiteux of the Government of Québec has confirmed in writing the grant for the Municipal Building construction in Barkmere. Good news: we are going to receive the full grant, representing 65% of total admissible costs. We can now apply for another grant through the excise tax (TECQ) for the remaining 35%. Our objective is to obtain total grants representing 95% of the costs (maximum amount permitted).
- Mrs. Donna Florence, from the BLPA, informed us that they will be replacing a dock soon on Goulden Island. The season opener will be held June 25th at 5 PM following the AGM which will take place at 04:00 PM. Their membership package will be mailed this week. They will be again coordinating the large item barge pick-up in August.
- Council adopted a resolution to claim amounts due to the Town under a bid bond. The lowest bidder for the Municipal Building, Tetris Construction from Ste. Adèle, has confirmed its withdrawal for failing to provide a performance bond as required by the tender. The town therefore has chosen the second lowest bidder, "Groupe Laverdure Construction Inc. This lowest compliant bid states a maximum amount of \$ 689 022. The difference of approximately \$ 12 500 in cost between the two bidders is thus paid through the insurance company of Tetris Construction and does not affect the total cost of the building to the Town of Barkmere. Groupe Laverdure is ready to start the project in the coming weeks.

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