

Echoes from Barkmere – September 2016

Here is a resume of the last council meeting held Saturday, September 10th, 2016.

- Mayor Trépanier informs Barkmere citizens of the passing of Mr. Manfred P. Jansen, a member of the German community that had a cottage in Silver Bay and asks for a minute of silence.
- The mayor mentions how much we appreciated the incredible help from the many volunteers that helped in the removal of Milfoil and is sorry if he has omitted anyone in his previous information letters. The assessment and removal of Milfoil has cost around \$8,500 that had to be taken within this year's budget. For the future years, though, we need a plan in the budget to control this invasive species. 5,000 stems of milfoil were removed from Cope and Silver bays with a few specimens in Wentworth bay. Contrary to the rumor, there was no milfoil found in the narrows, it was an indigenous species with no consequences to the environment Biofilia has not found any milfoil in Hart and Pike lakes, nor in the incoming streams at the head of the lake which is good news, so that we can consider controlling it in the future. Biofilia is 99% sure that milfoil came in the lake by boats or seaplanes. Next year, the town will probably block the access to a few strategic places near the inlet of Silver Bay so that no fishermen nor boats can go and stir the bottom of the lake in these key-sensitive areas.
- As planned, the town has used its long term deposits to pay the general contractor for the municipal building. The town now has to open a line of credit as budgeted, and the interest will be reimbursed by our grant. Mr. Trépanier has mentioned the good work done to finance the project by Mr. Marc Fredette and Mr. Steve Deschênes. They have obtained prime rate (2,7%) + 0%
- Municipal building: work is going according to schedule and should be finished at the end of September. It is therefore possible that the next town council of October will be held in the new building.
- The town has given a contract for the construction at the landing of a rack for canoes and kayaks for residents of Barkmere to Soudure Luc Provost SENC from Arundel for \$3,500 + taxes. Money comes from the Pacte Rural.

- At the Laurentian Mayor's meeting, Mr. Trépanier was informed of the possibility to close a road on public land near a residential property. The ministry might accept to emit a permit for an owner to put a barrier, *if this barrier is located very near the property and does not prevent public access to the forest.*

We recommend that you go on the town's website at www.barkmere.ca to watch a very interesting video on the home page concerning Milfoil. It has been made by the Lake Louisa Property Owners Association. Although it lasts 32 minutes, you will find it very informative.

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