

Echoes from Barkmere – November 12th 2016

Here is a resume of the last council meeting held Saturday, November 12th 2016.

- Mayor Luc Trépanier describes how happy Council is to hold its first meeting in the new Municipal Building. There will be a «semi-official» opening at our Holiday Party next Saturday, December 10th and everyone is invited for a light luncheon, refreshments, wine and beer. There will be a more official opening next summer when summer residents are more likely to be present.
- Mayor Trépanier informed Barkmere citizens that once again, the two properties located at 3 and 5 Heidi road are going to be auctioned by Sheriff in order to recover municipal and school taxes. The auction will be held on December 6th 2016 at 10:00 AM at 110 rue de Martigny Ouest, in Saint-Jérôme (Québec) J7Y 2G0. The starting price is \$110,000. For more information, contact our Director General, Mr. Steve Deschênes.
- There were many questions concerning the intentions of the town of Barkmere concerning existing roads in Barkmere. Mr. Trépanier explained that the council is trying to better define grey areas in our 2009 by-laws and is thus currently working on a draft by-law to establish minimum criteria in order to ensure safe roads for the security of the citizens and for the environment.
- The new calendar for 2017 council meetings was adopted. Council meetings will be held on the 2^d Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM, except in October 2017 since there will be an election in November and no council meeting shall be held the month prior to an election. The calendar will be published in the next Town Bulletin.
- The town has hired Service Vertex for its bookkeeping. With a turnover of book keepers in the last few years, the books need to be rearranged and the new chartered accountant will certainly prove an asset in reorganising everything, for a salary of \$687.50 monthly. Marc Fredette refrained from voting the resolution as Sylvie Bouchard, CPA, from Service Vertex, is his better half.

- Finally, on council day, Saturday, landscaping was under way around the municipal building to completely terminate the project. It looks great!

The new room in the Community Center



- Minutes of October's council were not approved and won't therefore be published on the website before December council meeting where they will be approved. The councillors did not have the minutes in time to review them.

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