

Echoes from Barkmere – December 2016

Here is a summary of the last council meeting held Saturday, December 10th 2016.

- Mayor Luc Trépanier held a minute of silence in memory of Mr. Ron Thompson who passed away in November after a very courageous battle with cancer. Mr. Thompson, whose cottage was in Miller Bay, was a long-time resident of Barkmere for more than 40 years . He was very passionate about not only his love for the lake, but his commitment to protecting the lake. There is a Guest Book available at the Beechwood Cemetery (Ottawa) website .
- Annual Budget 2017 was adopted, with the three-year Capital expenditures program and the 2017 taxation rates in an Extraordinary Meeting prior to regular council meeting.
- For those interested, there will be an official «political» opening of the town hall on Monday, December 19th 2016 at 02:30 PM. Mr. Yves St-Denis, M.N.A. for Argenteuil will be present. Mr. St-Denis helped us greatly in obtaining a grant for the Municipal Building. Also present will be Mr. David Graham, M.P. for Laurentides-Labelle. Thanks to the Federal Government, we have been able to access funds from the excise tax for the construction of the Municipal Building. Also invited are mayors, prefects and councillors, from the nearby municipalities and journalists. Please confirm your presence with Mr. Steve Deschenes, our General Director, at dg@barkmere.ca .
- Mr. Marc-Olivier Duchesne, newly appointed on the board of the BLPA, informed us that the BLPA journal will be published in January. The BLPA has transmitted to the town of list of suggested improvements for Goulden Island and the town voted a resolution to affect part of the Parks and Playgrounds fund to this effect. Among some suggestions they made: redo the public toilet on the island and the shed.
- Follow up on work done on Municipal building: the demolition of old town hall will be finalised shortly. A new electrical panel has been installed in the future garage. The landing has been fixed, with added concrete blocks near the water, with asphalt and gravel to stabilise it. The Priest's road has been repaired near

the rental docks and rocks have been installed near the shoreline to protect plants that were replanted near the shoreline last summer. New street signs have been put up on Patry road.

- The town authorized the signature of the contract for the fire protection services with the Régie incendie Nord Ouest Laurentides.
- Public call for help: Would you have any old pictures pertaining to the history of Barkmere. We would like to copy them and use them to decorate the walls of the new town Hall and community center. You can send them over to our General Inspector, Mr. David Williams Roy, at inspecteur@barkmere.ca .
- Please note that the Town Hall administration will be closed from Monday, December 26th to January 8th 2017.
- Please also take note that the address for the new Town Hall is now 199, chemin Barkmere, Barkmere, J0T 1A0.

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

The Mayor and the councilors wish you a very happy Holliday Season.

