

# Echoes from Barkmere – June 2017

Here is a summary of the last council meeting held Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- Mayor Trépanier mentioned some good news related to the high speed internet service. FILAU has begun the installation of antennas and equipment to service Barkmere. Already, an antenna can be seen on the side of Miller Bay, which will be used to cover the eastern side of the Lake. The Village will be covered by an antenna located in Arundel, which should currently be installed also. For the western part of the Lake, FILAU is still looking for an agreement with one of the owners of the lands located on Duncan Road East or West. We are therefore expecting the service to be available sometime this summer; we will notify the population as soon as we get more news.
- Works will also start soon on the Grand-Brulé electrical line. Let us remember that this new line will pass in Barkmere or very close to it, along the existing line at the inlet of the Lake. As promised during the meetings of the consultative committee, Hydro-Québec has given assurance that they will minimize the environmental impacts of the works and the visual impact of the additional pylons. Mayor Trépanier will be meeting with Hydro-Québec on that subject on June 20<sup>th</sup>, to get the list of measures that will be taken during the works to protect this eco sensitive area of our municipality.
- The two lots at the entrance of the village were sold by auction last week for non-payment of taxes.
- The Municipal Court of Ste-Agathe-des-Monts has rendered a decision this past week in favour of the Town of Barkmere in a case of illegal tree cutting. According to the Town bylaws, not only a fine must be paid for the infraction, but the owner of the lot must also proceed to replant trees. Judge Michel Lalande has given a court order in accordance with the bylaws. The Mayor reminds the assembly that it is possible to cut trees that are dead and/or dangerous, simply by applying for a certificate of authorization with the Town. This certificate can be obtained for free.
- The Town has purchased and installed additional rental docks (see picture below), which are located between the Miller boathouses. We now need to build an access ramp, and a resolution to that effect is voted.

- The Mayor informs us that in case of gas spill, absorbent pads are available right now at the Municipal Garage. We want to move them so that they may be available 24h a day, 7 days a week.
- We are asking a grant for the program PAARM of the Ministry of Transports in order to redo the asphalt damaged last fall in front of the Town Hall, also to repair damages caused by water on the asphalt near the lake and redo the reservoirs that catch the water before it gets in the lake, where cars run over grids, because one of the basin is blocked by accumulation of earth and sand.
- We have adopted the public security plan for the Town of Barkmere. It will be published in part on our website.

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

New rental docks

