

# Echoes from Barkmere – September 2017

Here is a summary of the last council meeting held Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- Mayor Trépanier invites citizens to participate **to an event organised by the Aerobic Corridor Linear Park next Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**. As part of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confederation, there will be historical animation throughout the Park. You can relive the history of the old railway line transformed into a cycling path and discover the municipalities of Amherst, Huberdeau, Arundel and Montcalm. A free shuttle service will be offered to participants with or without bicycles between the different activity stations, until 6:00 PM. For more information, go to [www.mrclaurentides.qc.ca/celebrons-lhistoire-parc-corridor-aerobique-16-septembre-2017/](http://www.mrclaurentides.qc.ca/celebrons-lhistoire-parc-corridor-aerobique-16-septembre-2017/) (French only).
- Mayor Trépanier informs citizens that FILAU (high speed internet) is now available on parts of Barkmere's territory. Registration forms are available at Town Hall in Barkmere or on FILAU's website at <http://www.filau.com/images/contrat-client-2017.pdf> (French only). Mr. Trépanier reminds us that the town of Barkmere is not responsible for FILAU which is an independent service. You must thus contact FILAU directly if you have any problems. With the actual tower, only the village and the north-east part of the lake is covered. But once the south-west tower is installed, they will be able to put repeating relays in order to cover sites that don't have a direct line of sight to the tower.
- The work of the new Grand-Brûlé/Saint-Sauveur supply line has started this week. The work will start in Barkmere shortly. There will be a meeting this week with the contractor to ensure that he respects all the environmental norms. For more information on the work, go to our home page on our website at [www.barkmere.ca](http://www.barkmere.ca)
- There was much discussion at the meeting regarding the status of the leases for the two commercial boathouse rental units owned by Gordon Miller and located on land owned by the Town. Some Barkmere residents were concerned about not having continued access to rental boathouses. The Mayor explained that the primary concern of the Council is ensuring a long-term solution, for the benefit of the citizens. Much of the delay in resolving

the issue has been based on the difficult interpretation of the provincial, MRC and Town rules regarding grandfather rights to renovate crib-based commercial docks. Negotiations continue and Council is confident that a positive solution will result.

- Reminder that **you have until October 1<sup>st</sup>** to ask for your **boat identification label**. This year, we were in a transitory period, but starting spring 2018, we will have to apply the by-law and refuse access to the water to boats that do not have their labels.
- Concerning the Eurasian Milfoil, Mr. Jake Chadwick informs us that the team of divers went back to dive in Silver Bay and found more plants. However, this year, there was a big diminution in the number of plants found, which is good news and this confirms the fact that we have started *controlling* the proliferation of milfoil. This reinforces the idea that we have to continue monitoring the lake closely.
- Mayor Trépanier informs us that the electoral law requests that there be no council meeting 35 to 40 days prior to an election. The date of municipal elections, if there is one, would be **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Therefore, there is no council meeting in October.
- At the mayor's meeting, Mr. Trépanier suggested to join forces with other municipalities to make a collective purchase of small domestic compost bins. The town has until 2020 to conform to provincial legislation concerning the disposal of organic matter.

Once again, for more details, consult the minutes of the council meeting that will be posted **in November only** on our website.

For those who have not noticed, here is a picture of the newly installed garage door to the old community center that has regained its original vocation of municipal garage.

