



Echoes from Barkmere – December 2017

- Here is a summary of the last council meeting held Saturday, December 9th 2017.
- The 3 councillors newly elected, Jake Chadwick, Marc Fredette and Stephen Lloyd, were sworn in by Mr. Steve Deschênes in order to be able to sit at council.
- Mayor Trépanier congratulated all elected councillors, the ones that ran for office again and the new councillors, Mr. Marc-Oliver Duchesne and Mrs. Andrea Leber. He also thanked the other candidates that ran for office and stated that this shows that municipal life is healthy in Barkmere.
- Because of the delays of the elections in Barkmere this year, the budgetary process is delayed. Even if the law requires that the budget be deposited until January 31st 2018, the town will ask for an extension and the budget will be presented for adoption February 3rd. The taxation by-law will be adopted at the council of February 10th, which means that the first installment of taxes will be payable April 1st instead of the usual March 1st.
- Following the municipal council meeting of September, the town has sent a letter to Mr. Gordon Miller concerning the boathouses. The town has agreed to postpone the end of the lease until May 2018 for the five-door boathouse, in order to allow Mr. Miller to prepare a proposal for the renovation of the seven-door boathouse. It is therefore status quo for the 2018 season. Two meetings took place with Mr. & Mrs. Miller but no definitive proposals were presented.

- Concerning the results of the elections: Mr. Steve Deschênes gave the following results:

. councillor no 1	Jake Chadwick	101	vs Peter Grou	59
. councillor no 3	Marc Fredette	106	vs Pierre Beaudin	56
. councillor no 4	Stephen Lloyd	98	vs Carol-Anne Michaelsen	63

197 voters were on the electoral list with a participation rate of 82,7%.

On October 6, Mr. Luc Trépanier and Mrs. Andrea Leber were elected unopposed.

On November 3rd, Mrs. Chantal Raymond and Mr. Marc-Olivier Duchesne were elected unopposed.

As President of the Elections, Mr. Steve Deschênes states that he acted according to the current rules and by-laws and acted with transparency. Mr. Trépanier explained that the electoral law obliges the Secretary-Treasurer to be President of the elections and that this puts him in a very difficult position to exercise his duty during the elections in small municipalities like ours. We wish personally that the government will revise this law.

- The council adopted a resolution to adopt the report from the Duncan Road Consultative Committee for a sum of \$20,000 to be set as the special tax for Duncan road for the year 2018 for snow removal, maintenance and repair of the roads and the agreement with Montcalm.
- The resolution for the 2018 Schedule of Council meetings was adopted. As usual, the council meetings will be held the second Saturday of every month.
- Following meetings with the mayors of the MRC from October, November and December, mayor Trépanier informs us that the shares of the municipalities of the MRC des Laurentides will increase to 2,7% contrary to 2% that was agreed upon by the MRC. This increase is due to the related organisations (linear park, public transportation and RIDR) that have increased substantially. However, for Barkmere, the share will remain at 2% as proposed because our assessment value did not change.

Once again, for more details, consult the minutes of the council meeting that will be posted on the town's website once they are ratified at next council meeting. Have a happy Holiday Season!

Picture taken during the Holiday Luncheon at Community Center last week

