



Echoes from Barkmere – February 2018

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, February 10th 2018.

- The Mayor Luc Trépanier informed the citizens that since January 2018, Bill 122 has changed and there is no need to hold a special session for the budget and that it is now part of the regular municipal council. Thus, the budget was adopted today during council.
- Mayor Luc Trépanier reports that there has been many requests for information and questions regarding the cadastral reform. First, he confirmed that it is a process of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, for which the services of consulting land surveyors have been retained. Neither the Town nor the MRC are directly involved in this process. It is impossible to say at this point what will be the effect of the grouping of lots on the municipal evaluations. These are established by a rather complex calculation with many variables, like the size of lots, but also the location, the access to services, etc. If a landowner owns more than one lot that are being grouped, it is possible to contest this grouping, if, for example, the landowner wishes to sell the lots separately one day. If you want to contest a decision or request more information on a decision that affects you, it is very important to be at the two information sessions of **February 14th and 15th**, at the Montcalm Community Centre. Do not forget to bring any pertinent document supporting your request.
- Municipal Councillor for Finance, Mr. Marc Frédette, presented the 2018 budget and the triennial plan 2018-2020. As stated in the municipal Bulletin of January, the general tax rate increases by slightly more than 2% in 2018, compared to 2017.
- Considering the size and the administration of the Town of Barkmere do not justify the presence of two employees dedicated to administrative tasks and that

they must be accomplished by the Secretary-Treasurer, the Town of Barkmere abolishes the position of administrative assistant as of February 12th 2018.

- TheTown of Barkmere is happy to hire again Ms. Anne Létourneau as an Environmental Technician for the period May 14th to August 24th 2018. Ms. Létourneau will take care, amongst other things, of the managing of milfoil.

- The Town of Barkmere establishes the applicable rates for the rental of the municipal wharfs to the residents for the period from May 15th, 2018 to October 31st, 2018 as the sum of \$ 519.00 for a regular size mooring and \$ 286.00 for a small mooring.

- A notice of motion is given to adopt at a later meeting a by-law allowing the publication of public notices on the town's website and by e-mail to citizens. Effectively, the law permits to use these Medias instead of newspapers, which will permit the town to reach more people and to save on fees.

- The first **Citizens' Forum** will take place Saturday, April 14th, the same day as the municipal council. The time is yet to determine. Councillor Marc-Olivier Duchesne explains that this first Forum addresses particularly the residents from Barkmere-Village. Please try to inform us of the subjects you want to discuss through communications@barkmere.ca in order to organise the discussions by order of importance to you.

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.

Here are a few winter pictures:

The Town Hall / Community Center



The Jésuites Road:

