



## Echoes from Barkmere – March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- We learned about the passing of a former resident of Barkmere, Mr. Gerald Abelson, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Mr. Abelson sold his property to Tim and Karen Anderson. Also, a well-known person, the land surveyor Christian Murray, who worked many times for the Town of Barkmere, passed away on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The assembly holds a minute of silence in their memory.
- Council could not adopt the minutes from February, the minutes not being ready in time.
- With the hour change this week end, Mayor Luc Trépanier reminds citizens that it is a good time to verify the batteries in their smoke detectors.
- A resolution is adopted to grant a contract to evaluate the positions of Director General and of Secretary-Treasurer to Mr. Jacques Lemieux, an independent consultant that will also evaluate the workload of the current holder of the positions and his abilities to perform the tasks and responsibilities defined by the *Cities and Town's Act*.
- As mentioned before, resolution 247 is finally adopted to permit the publication of public notices electronically, on the town's newsletters, website and by e-mail to citizens, in conformity with the new adopted law from the Government of Québec.
- A notice of motion is given in order to adopt at a later meeting a by-law establishing a taxation rate (3%) as stipulated in the new Law 122 of the Province of Quebec for duties on the transfers of immovables for the portion of the sale that is above \$500,000.
- A resolution is passed to raise Dave W. Roy's salary who has who has gone beyond the call of duty in 2017, in particular for the excellent services to the

citizens and his expertise in public facilities. Mr. Roy is also being appointed Supervisor of Infrastructures and Equipment and is being given a bonus.

- A few resolutions on working committees have been adopted:
  - Working committee on the reconfiguration of the municipal parking;
  - Working committee on the reconfiguration and replacement of the facilities on Goulden Island;
  - Working committee on the renovation of the landing shelter;
  - Working committee on the construction of wharves.
  
- A resolution is passed to hire an intern in Inspection (temporary work) that would help the inspector in its various duties.
  
- The first **Citizens' Forum** will take place Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Community Centre. 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](mailto: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, generally at the next council meeting.