



## Echoes from Barkmere – April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- Mr. Bob Palo, President of the B.L.P.A, announced that the AGM will be held on June 23<sup>d</sup> at 4:00 PM on Goulden Island, followed by the Season Opener.
- Mr. Peter Grou and Mrs. Carole Anne Michaelsen mentioned that a moose (female) was seen in Cope Bay and started charging their dog while they were walking on the lake. This is bizarre behavior, so please be careful.
- The Quebec Government is forcing all MRCs in Quebec to prepare a study concerning subterranean waters. A large portion is financed by the Ministry of Environment (MDDELCC), but the MRCs must also contribute. Mayor Trépanier thinks that this measure is taken so that the Government of Québec may start charging water taxes to people who use wells...
- Considering the prolonged and indeterminate absence of the Director General and Secretary-Treasurer and the need to perform some clerical work in the urban planning department, the town voted a resolution to hire a temporary employee. Ms. Sonya Wynans will work 14 hours per week, retroactively from April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018, until May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- The town invites everyone present to the Citizen's Forum that will be held at 01:00 PM.
- The Town hired two summer employees to perform various tasks and works (vignettes, decontamination, clerical and cleaning tasks). Ms. Olivia Miller will be joining us again and Ms. Jade Swail, a future architect student from the Huberdeau area.

- The town has hired for the position of intern Mr. David Castonguay. He will be assisting Mr. Dave Williams Roy in his inspection duties. Mr. Castonguay is studying to be an engineer. He will work full time, as of April 23<sup>th</sup> 2018, until Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- In order to improve cleaning at the Town Hall/Community Centre, the town has hired *Ménage Tremblant net* on a trial basis. **If you know of anybody interested in these tasks, please communicate with Mr. Dave Williams Roy to give us a quote.**
- The Town denounces the fact that there has been a substantial cost increase from the fire protection services with the RINOL since during the negotiations to join the RINOL, no indications were given to Barkmere as to a possible increase for 2018 after the signature last December.
- As for the RIMRO (garbage pickup), we have only a «service agreement» with them because it is not a financially good decision to be part of the Régie.
- Please take note that there is still dock space to rent on both sides of the landing at \$519. Please contact Dave Williams Roy to reserve at 819-681-3374.

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.

Here a 2 pictures of the lake taken Saturday. Unfortunately, the ice is still so thick that cars can go on the lake. Pffff!! Also, the moose in question.



