



## Echoes from Barkmere – July 2018

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

- The Municipal Council has confirmed the hiring of Mr. Martin Paul Gélinas as Director general and secretary-treasurer. Mr. Gélinas will now work 3 days per week at the Town Hall, from Monday to Wednesday.
- As Mr. Gélinas also assumes the same responsibilities at the municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord, the Council had to modify the schedule of its meetings for the rest of the year:
  - August 11th 2018, at 2:00 PM;
  - September 8th 2018, at 2:00 PM;
  - October 13th, at 10:00 AM;
  - November 17th 2018, at 10:00 AM;
  - December 15th 2018, at 10:00 AM.
- Mr. Gélinas as well as our intern in urban planning, Mr. David Castonguay, have been appointed designated officers under bylaw 204, to have the authorities and responsibilities of municipal inspector. In particular, Mr. Castonguay will soon begin to verify the presence and working of smoke detectors in our residences. Therefore, please make sure that you have at least one, in good working order.
- While still looking for a permanent building inspector, the Town continues to work with Urba+ to review permit requests and issue the permits and certificates.
- Ms. Kirstin Lachance was appointed to the Consultative committee on environment. Ms. Lachance is a biology student and is specialized in invasive species, and is therefore a great addition to the CCE, while being part of the next generation of concerned Bark Lakers.
- On the subject of invasive species, Ms. Anne Létourneau and her team of divers are beginning their operations of collecting the Eurasian milfoil for 2018. They will visit all the sites where the plant was present last year. Already, the first observations are showing a decrease of the number of visible plants compared to last year. We have to remain watchful, and you should make sure to look for the

milfoil near your property. If you have any doubt or suspicion, please immediately contact the Town Hall so that the site is identified with a buoy and the divers are advised.

- A notice of motion was given to introduce a draft bylaw aiming to update and replace bylaw 162 on boat decontamination, to harmonize it with the decision of the Courts of Appeals of Quebec in a case involving the municipality of St-Adolphe-d'Howard. A copy of the [draft bylaw number 250](#) is available on the website of the Town. Council envisions adopting this bylaw at its August meeting, please send us your questions and comments rapidly.
- Another notice of motion was given to introduce a draft bylaw modifying zoning bylaw 201 to amend the permitted dimensions of docks and provide clarification as to the scope of repairs and demolition permitted to be carried out to non-conforming crib docks which benefit from "grandfather" rights. The first draft bylaw will be adopted at the August meeting and will be the subject of a public consultation soon after. The first version of [draft bylaw number 251](#) is also available on the website of the Town.
- The Council gave the green light to the Mayor and the Director general to renew the lease with Mr. Gordon Miller for his 5 bay boathouse. Mr. Miller had already advised the Town back in May that he did not intend to renew the lease for his 7 bay boathouse (closest to the landing) which will expire in 2019.

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.

On Saturday July 14th also, the volunteers of the local activities committee held an evening of board games. Given the success of the event, they have decided to repeat it during the month of August. They will also have a sale of cookies, cakes, etc. to finance their activities after the Council meeting of August..

Do not forget the annual BLPA regatta on Saturday August 4th at Goulden Island.

### **Wondering why Barkmere has so many flies?**

The Laurentian MRC wants to reassure the population concerning the presence of red-tailed flesh flies in certain sectors of the Laurentian. The presence of these flies is directly linked to the infestation of the forest-tent caterpillar, a natural predator to these caterpillars. For more information, click on this link (in French only) <https://mrclaurentides.qc.ca/presence-accrue-de-mouches-sarcophages-sur-le-territoire/>

