

Here are the Echoes, following the last meeting of the Town Council of Barkmere held on August 11th.

- The Council adopted bylaw 250 n the Protection of Watercourses against non-indigenous species and invasive exotic species. This bylaw replaces bylaws 99 and 162, and their various amendments, and harmonizes our regulations with the decision of the Quebec Court of Appeal in the case that involved the municipality of St-Adolphe-d'Howard.
- Ms. Anne Létourneau, whose services have been retained again this year for the campaign against the Eurasian Milfoil, present a verbal report to the members of the Council and people present. Ms. Létourneau is very encouraged by the results. Already in 2017, le number of milfoil plants removed was about only 10% of the number found in 2016, when the problem was discovered. And until now, after visiting all the sites most affected in the past, her team and herself have found about 10% of the number found in 2017, that is 1% of the 2016 number. She remains somewhat hopeful that Bark Lake might become the first lake in Quebec where that invasive plant could be eradicated.

She has congratulated the Municipal Council who acted rapidly and with strength to counter the proliferation.

She reminded people that it is very important to avoid navigating in the identified sectors, even in canoe or kayak or a plank, not to break the plants and propagating again that invasive species. Also, some corridors were marked to allow the residents of these sectors to access their residence safely. She asks these residents to respect the corridors. The problem is not gone, and we need to continue to be careful and to remind our neighbours to avoid activities which contributes to the infestation.

- The Council adopted the first draft bylaw to modify the zoning bylaw, regarding repairs of existing cribs protected by acquired rights and the possibility to extend a dock beyond the allowed limit of 15 metres, if the lake is not deep enough to access by boat. A public consultation on the draft bylaw will be held before the Council meeting of September 8th. A notice will be published to that effect.
- The Finance department of the Town reminds the taxpayers that the last installment of the taxes was due on August 1st. To avoid the penalty of 10% over unpaid taxes as of September 1st, it is important that the Town receives your full payment of the 2018 taxes before August 31st.

Replacing Chantal again this month...

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