

Echoes from Barkmere – November 2018

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

- Director General Martin-Paul Gélinas informs citizens that the Town Hall phone numbers have changed. The new phone number is: **819-681-3374**. We are letting go of the other one (819-687-3373). As stated last month, we are saving a substantial amount of money by using the MRC des Laurentides service.
- The town reinstated an old tradition of buying a wreath on Remembrance Day to encourage Arundel's Legion. Councillors Stephen Lloyd and Jake Chadwick represented the town.
- Mme Lyne Valois, from the Leisure and Recreation committee, informs the citizens that she is replacing Jessica Miller as President, as Mrs. Miller has resumed her studies and does not have time to assume her duties. She invites citizens to a *Holiday Celebration and Game night*, at Barkmere's Community Centre on Saturday, December 1st, from 7 PM to 9H30 PM. There will be board games, ping-pong, sweet treats, beverages, and more...
- Legal affairs: the trial to enforce municipal by-laws on public land that was scheduled for October 26 has been postponed, at the request of the judge and will be rescheduled after the Court of Appeal of Québec has rendered its decision on a similar case. Probably after March 2019.
- Concerning cadastral reform for the lots under water, the town has given the land surveyors a few documents proving the existence of the dam, already mentioned in sale deeds dating back to 1896. We are waiting for their response.

- The town adopts by-law 253, to create a financial reserve for Jésuites road. The road goes from the parking at the landing up to Mr. Marc-Olivier Duchesne's property. This reserve is solely paid for by people using Jésuites road and will serve to maintain and repair the road.
- At the mayor's council, the MRC Laurentides presented his budget and they are increasing it by 8%, but will seek out grants to help. The quota-shares will increase by about 6 % For Barkmere, with the new evaluation role, it represents an increase of 0.5%.
- The town is still looking for an Accounting Clerk for about 21 to 28 hours a week. The person will also assume administrative duties to help out Mr. Gélinas, our General Director. If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact him at 819-681-3374.
- Also, we are looking for someone to clean out the town hall and community center. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Martin-Paul Gélinas at the above-mentioned phone number.
- The Town invites you to its annual Holiday Luncheon, Sunday December 8th after the council meeting, around 12:00. Welcome to all!

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.





Picture taken last Saturday. Winter is well under way:





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