

## Echoes from Barkmere – October 2018

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- Mayor Trépanier announced that Mr. Martin-Paul Gélinas, our General Director, has left his functions as General Director for the municipality of Lac Tremblant Nord and will be able to focus more his efforts on the town of Barkmere. We can therefore return to our regular schedule of council meetings, namely November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.
- Mayor Trépanier announced that FILAU (high speed internet) did not get as many subscribers in Barkmere as projected. It is however the best internet service of quality available. The mayor mentioned that the more subscribers they have, the faster they may reimburse the loan that the Town of Barkmere lent them.
- Concerning the underwater lots, the mayor, and Councillor Marc Fredette, have contacted the land surveyors that did the work for Barkmere and that had based their survey on the dam existing only as of 1931. In fact, the dam existed well before. We have found a lease dating from 1896 mentioning the dam. If they agree with the proof we will provide, they have agreed to redo the cadastral process which created these awkward underwater lots.
- Mrs. Lyne Valois, from the Leisure and Recreation Local Committee, thanks the city for the new ping pong table. She also announces that courses of yoga will continue every Sunday at 10:00 AM and that you can participate for \$15 a session or buy a booklet for 10 courses for \$120. For information, contact the Committee.
- The Town made a notice of motion for by-law 253 in order to create a financial reserve for Priest road, as we did for Duncan road. This financial reserve is only for repairs and maintenance of the road and not used for general expenses of the Town. Users of the road will be required to pay into the reserve.

- The organisation *Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale* has contacted the town to raise awareness of the problem of domestic violence. Council passed a support resolution.
  
- The town has adopted a **pilot project to reimburse** subscription fees for leisure activities for permanent residents of Barkmere. The town will reimburse the difference between the resident price and the non-resident price for a municipal activity or an organisation under the municipal umbrella.
  
- Mr. Jake Chadsick presented the results for the water quality testing for this year and here are a few results:
  - Transparency/transparence – average/moyenne 5.8m (vs. 5.9m past 10 year average/moyenne des 10 années précédentes)
  - Phosphorous/Phosphore – 2.2ug/l (vs. 3.2ug/l)
  - Organic carbon/Carbone organique dessous – 3.3mg/l (vs. 3.1mg/l)
  - Chlorophyll a/Chlorophylle a – 1.1ug/l (vs. 1.6 ug/l)
  - pH – 7.1 (vs. 7.2)
  - Phosphorous/Phosphore tributaries – 25 to 30 ug/l Cope Bay, 5 to 7ug/l inlet

So, all results in line or better than prior averages. To be corroborated with RSVL data in due course.

- By-law 251 for docks and cribs is now presumed accepted by the population. Next step: a conformity notice from the MRC des Laurentides. We will therefore be able to repair cribs in about a month's time,
  
- There is money left from the **TECQ grant**. The town has therefore decided to redo the toilets in Goulden Island, build a shed and implant a solar light system. It will be compost toilets, very modern, that necessitate a minimum of water and a small electric pump.

- Legal affairs: the trial to enforce municipal by-laws on public land that was scheduled for October 26 will probably be postponed, at the request of the judge.
- At the mayors' council, we learned that there is a project to create a fiber optic web on the territory of the MRC. In the amount of \$ 28.5 million, this project will be made, provided we obtain grants. This service would only be offered where infrastructures (telephone poles) exist. So, for us that means the town center, Duncan Road, Patry Road and Priest Road could be covered, but for the rest, FILAU and cellular phones are the only choices.
- The mayor informs us also of a Project of trail and tower (Treetop) on the site of the Eco-touristic Park in St. Faustin/Lac Carré. There is a proposal from a private company (from Europe) to make a trail at the level of the tree tops that would end in a tower with a 360 degrees look out. Here is a link for this quite extraordinary project. It is in German (for once, German friends), but the images of the video speak for themselves [www.eak-ag.de/eakag/](http://www.eak-ag.de/eakag/)
- Also at the mayors council the upgrading of eco-centers was discussed and the administration of the eco-centers. The MDDELCC wants to review the role and obligations of the eco-centres, and the rules to follow for their creation. So, it is proposed to upgrade the two regional eco-centers (Mont-Tremblant and Ste. Agathe) and the 3 local eco-centres, namely Huberdeau that would be improved and would have more opening hours. For the other four (4), they would be transformed into mobile eco-centres (point of collecting, like us) or moved on other sites.

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.



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