



## Echoes from Barkmere – April 2019

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2019:

- The Town received a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, reminding us that we are responsible for public security and with spring coming forward, there might be roads flooded or blocked. As Mayor, Mr. Trépanier informs us that if we see flooded roads or any other situation caused by rising water, we must call 911 whom, in turn, will dispatch the proper emergency services as well as notify Quebec Public Security, who will then call the Mayor and the Director General.
- Ms. Lyne Valois, President of the Local Social Activities Committee, informs us that they are organising a course in First Aid (in French) this summer. The Town will subsidize part of the cost of the teacher. We will keep you posted as to the development of this event. The BLPA is working on a plan to give the First Aid Course in English.
- The lease of the five-door boathouse with Gordon Miller has been signed for a ten-year duration. The tenants of this structure are therefore ensured to have rental space next summer.
- The Town will conduct a survey to see if people feel there is enough boathouses or dock space at the landing and how much they would be willing to pay if we built new ones. Other open questions will pertain to how you feel we could improve the landing, what services or infrastructure would you like to have available.
- The Council passed a notice of motion to introduce By-law 255 concerning demolition with the goal of ensuring that there will not be any more

demolition permits given, without the knowledge of the Town Council and the citizens. A committee would be formed of 3 members of the Council **and** the permit request would be made public to all citizens who, in turn, would be able to express their opinions to the committee. The Town Council revisits its regulation on account of what happened last fall with the demolition of the Jésuites chapel. The Town also wants to make sure that construction materials are properly disposed of, and that strict conditions to the authorizations are enforced.

- In 2020, it will be forbidden for municipalities throughout Quebec to bury organic waste. Being a small municipality, the Town had 2 choices: domestic collection or to provide domestic composters to all lodgings. The Town Council has opted for the latter solution, as it is more appropriate for the particularities of the Town, and also because it is a lot less expensive than door-to-door collection, for the same results. We have a rebate being part of the MRC group purchase and **we will distribute your composter this summer at your door.**
- The Town is hiring again this summer an intern to help with more difficult tasks and who has more capabilities than regular summer students. Jessica Miller will therefore be hired and will also help the Director General and the Inspector. The mandate is from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Following a request formulated during last year's Citizen Forum, the Town has started to look into ways to slow down the speed on Barkmere road. We are in contact with the ministry of Transport.
- At last Mayors' Council of the MRC, there were two points of interest for Barkmere: - The RINOL (regional fire services) may have to acquire their own boat to cover lakes on the territory they are covering. Also, last year's pilot project on recuperation of Styrofoam and plastic # 6 was successful and **there will now be a bin at the landing this summer to drop them.** You may also continue to bring them at the Eco-centers.

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.

*We are not there, yet:*





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