



## Echoes from Barkmere – July 2019

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

- Mayor Trépanier informs us of the passing away of Mrs. Helga Kümmel, last June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Kümmels had a cottage in Cope Bay on the 'German Strip' for 40 years. They sold last winter. Helga was a real Bark Laker and adored the lake. When she would leave for Germany, she would swim in the lake and try to keep the water on her skin for as long as possible. She came to Barkmere for many years without missing a summer. When she bought their cottage in 1979, she taught herself to speak English in order to be able to communicate. She leaves in mourning her husband Werner, their daughter Tanja and husband Udo, and their grand-child Kim.
- The Mayor Trépanier welcomes Ms. Kim Lamoureux, our new municipal councillor, elected by acclamation.
- The Town will hold a **Public Consultation Meeting** to discuss reinforcing the bylaws concerning boathouses (building materials, appearance, style and colour), as well as the lighting on docks and on the shore of the lake. **The meeting will take place Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> after the council meeting.**
- The mayor congratulates the Local Social Activities Committee of Barkmere for its organisation of the fishing tournament on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the BBQ that followed. The committee members worked hard for the organisation of this event, as could be seen by the remaining decoration of the community center. For a 1<sup>st</sup> event, it was a great success. The mayor is personally very happy to see that friendship and exchanges are increasing between permanent residents and cottagers.
- During council, the mayor greeted the MNA for Argenteuil riding, Mrs. Agnès Grondin. Mrs. Grondin, was very involved in environment matters before

her election with the CAQ in 2017, will be an important ally for Barkmere in our initiatives for environmental protection and preservation of our natural sites.

- The mayor of Montcalm informed Mr. Trépanier this week that Bell Canada technicians went to the telecommunications tower, to oversee the installation of a flashing strobe that disturbed residents from Barkmere and Montcalm. It appears the flashing light has stopped since Thursday. We will keep you posted.
- We have received the **domestic composters**. We invite you to come and get yours. If you have it already, please advise the administration, so that we can keep our registry up to date because we will be delivering those remaining at your residence or on your dock. We must prove to the Government of Quebec, that all composters were distributed to all the population. Also, we have received containers for the recuperation of Styrofoam (plastic no 6) at the landing. It is important to separate the matters by type, as instructed on the containers.
- Concerning the cadastral reform and the submerged lots, the direction of surveying of the ministry of Energy and Natural Resources has advised us that they are aware of our request and are taking it very seriously. We encourage citizens in this situation to file a revision request form with the ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, if you have documents that show that you should not have a submerged lot in front of your property, if the lots have been attributed after 1896. If the Ministry receives a large number of requests, we hope that it will put pressure on the Government to eliminate this annoying situation. This affects about **90%** of citizens around the lake. If the Government acts to address these evident surveying errors, it would prevent each property owner from incurring costly lawyer fees and surveying fees in order to clear the titles of their property. The website of the Greffe des Arpenteurs Géomètre du Québec, which resembles **Info lot** but gives out the lot numbers that was given by the surveyors, will give you the lot number of the submerged property in front of your property if pertinent :  
<https://appli.mern.gouv.qc.ca/gaqq/> To file an application: **please send an e-mail** to [integrite.cadastre@mern.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:integrite.cadastre@mern.gouv.qc.ca) or write to:

**Service de l'intégrité du cadastre,**  
Direction de l'enregistrement cadastral,  
Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles  
Ligne sans frais: 1-866-451-6375 (option 1 - option 4, poste 2882)

Anyhow, please find attached a few documents to help you out in carrying this task.

- The ministry of Transportation has advised us very briefly that they were rejecting our request to limit speed on Barkmere road to 40 km/h, stating that there were only two speed limits acceptable on provincial roads, be it 50 km/h and 90 km/h. We will explore other possible venues, such as installation of bollards.
- Mrs. Clara Lloyd, President of the Junior BLPA, informs us that the walk around Goulden island was well attended and that they had more participants than usual. She invites the juniors to participate in a triathlon that will take place Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact her : [clar.lloyd@yahoo.ca](mailto:clar.lloyd@yahoo.ca).
- Mrs. Lyne Valois, President of the Local Social Activities Committee, thanks the members that participated in the fishing tournament and the numerous sponsors that were very generous. (See pictures of winners below). She invites anyone who wants to offer prizes for next year's tournament, which will be on the first Saturday of July, to communicate with her. She invites citizens on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, after council, to a bake sale and a game night at 07:00 PM where there will also be crafts for the kids and a ping pong tournament. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a First Aid course in French. There is still room remaining.
- The Municipal Council has approved the hiring of an administrative assistant for 28 hours/week, after 18 months of search, to help with accounting and administration. We welcome Ms. Pierrette Cyr.
- The Municipal Council has named Councillor Kimberley Lamoureux on the Civil Security Committee. Members of the Committee include: Mayor Luc Trépanier, Kim Lamoureux as President, Chantal Raymond, Stéphane Brosseau, Corey Walker and a representative of the administration.
- The public information session on milfoil that took place last Saturday was well attended in spite of bad weather. Ms. Anne Létourneau, our chief diver, and Sylvain Miller showed us how to identify milfoil and differentiate it from indigenous milfoil. She mentioned that we are the only lake in the Laurentians to have a chance to eliminate milfoil thanks to the rapid action of the administration. **She asks each citizen to survey their shoreline and that of their right and left neighbour** by using a diving mask, a canoe or kayak or a paddle board. If you see a suspicious plant, put a red marker (available in the shelter or at Town Hall). This would help them tremendously in their work as the lake is huge to survey.

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.

***Children, from left to right: Audrey Rintoul, Thomas Fredette, Justin Walker***



***Adults, from left to right: Liam Miller, Dean Robinson and Alexis Dubois.***



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