



Echoes from Barkmere – May 2019

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, May 11th 2019:

- Mayor Trépanier informs us of the passing away of two important pioneers of Bark Lake, namely **Mrs. Agnes Bruderer**, who died quietly in her house in April, after a long illness. Mrs. Bruderer was often seen at BLPA events and her kindness, her drive and her smile will be missed by many. At her request, there will not be a funeral service. The mayor also regrets the passing of **Mrs. Delia Miller**, last week, following a long illness. Everybody knew Delia who was really a pillar of our community in Barkmere. Her departure leaves a huge hole in Barkmere. A graveside service will take place next Saturday at 11:00 am at the cemetery of Arundel.



Delia Miller



Agnes Bruderer

- Mr. Jake Chadwick, municipal councillor, went to an information session organised by the ministry of Forests, Fauna and Parks, concerning the PAFIO (Planification of wood cuts) where they presented a map showing where the cuts will take place, notably around Barkmere. They are planning **many cuts**, near Silver Bay, South of Cope Bay and North of Green Bay. The town is worried about the width of the roads they will create to pass

machinery, the oil leaks, the release of sedimentation, the erosion, the impact on the forest and whether or not they are going to close these roads again, etc. They are organising a **public consultation on May 29th at 7:00 PM at 850 Lalonde, in Mont-Tremblant**, at the Glissade Aventure-Neige, Room Fusion, 2d floor, entry in the back. See link to document on our website, on the homepage. The mayor invites all citizens, and mostly the BLPA to mobilise its members to come in great number.

- Mrs Léa Hardcastle, President of the BLPA, informs us that their membership package will be coming out soon. She encourages people to become members.
- Ms. Lyne Valois, President of the Local Social Activities Committee, thanks the town for its subsidy to organise a course in First Aid, in French and English this summer. She reminds us that the yoga courses have resumed at the community center every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM and they wish to have more participants. Also, the date for the fishing tournament organised jointly with the BLPA has been set, it will be Saturday July 6. Saturday August 10, there will be a sale of treats and a night of family games and on August 17th, the course in First Aid in French. All the details will follow in the municipal Bulletin.
- Mayor Trépanier thanks all the 25 to 30 or so volunteers who came out on very short notice to fill sand bags to reinforce the lateral embankments of the dam during the State of emergency on the morning of April 27. Although we were following closely the level of the lake, during the two weeks previous to the State of emergency, the rainfalls announced during the weekend of April 26 forced us to be careful. Hydro-Québec, the Public Security of Quebec and the Direction of the Security of dams put a lot of pressure for us to intervene to protect the dam and prevent an overflow in the Rouge River.

The volunteers doing sand bags



- Cadastral reform: the land surveyors that seemed to have accepted our argument stating that the dam existed in 1896 have decided not to revise our request for the submerged lots, except for the islands on the lake. Mr. Trépanier has sent a letter stating our disagreement and is still working on the subject. The town might have to intervene directly at the ministry of Natural Resources level if they don't accept to revise our request. We want to prevent important legal fees to our citizens in order to clarify the titles of deed.
- The town has hired 2 summer students, Mr. Frédéric Desjardins-Filion and Miss Olivia Miller who will be affected to different administrative tasks and boat decontamination up until September 1st.
- The town has adopted a resolution to ask the ministry of Transportation to reduce speed on Barkmere road, for the part located in Barkmere, from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.
- The Town approved the purchase a boat trailer, for its own boat, but also to enforce bylaw 250 and be able to remove boats illegally moored to the

municipal wharves. The Town is also purchasing a utility trailer to carry around material, but mostly to move the items left disrespectfully at the landing and Duncan Road container locations, outside of the two mobile eco-centres events. It can also be used during these two events, to help out residents in the village with large items and no means to get them to the eco-centre site. The next event will be held on June 7th and 8th, at the utility landing site. You can bring large items, as well as hazardous waste to be disposed of safely.

- Don't forget that there will be a container at the landing for big garbage on June 7 and 8 at the landing.

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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