



Echoes from Barkmere – August 2019

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, August 10th 2019:

- Mayor Trépanier thanks once again the BLPA and Mr. Dick O'Shaughnessy, his son Shane, and the volunteers for organising the big item pick up on the lake that was held this week end.
- Regarding the cadastral reform, the Town will be asking the Dam Safety Division to officially change the construction date of the dam according to the earliest document found which mentions the existence of the dam, being a lease dating from 1896. This should help us to have the decision of creating underwater lots reversed, which was based on a date of 1932 (according to a document of the Centre Hydrique) or of 1942 (according to the Dam Safety Division).
- Meanwhile, the municipal administration is revising the taxation roll of the Town, and will proceed with mailing invoices or credit notes for the new lots and the lots modified. The evaluation service of the MRC assigned a value of \$100 to the underwater lots.
- The Town confirms the summer employment of Miss Erica Dubois who replaces one of our students that had to leave.
- Mr. Jake Chadwick, councillor with the Environment portfolio, informs us that the milfoil operation has been going well with only 140 plants removed so far, compared to 500 last year, which represents a decrease of 70%. There have been no large colonies and only a few plants here and there. Most were found in Silver Bay as expected. Despite the encouraging progress, we will have to pursue our efforts every year because it is nearly impossible to completely eradicate. Mr. Chadwick encourages residents to survey their own shoreline and advise the Town if you find anything

suspect. Do not touch any suspect plants as they become very brittle around August 15 of each year.

- The Town held a public meeting after municipal council to discuss reinforcing bylaws concerning boathouses (building materials, appearance, style and colour) and lighting on docks and on shoreline. We will therefore proceed in writing a draft by-law now that we have had your input.

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.

Sunset taken on June 25 in Cope Bay, courtesy of Mr. Greg Hoskins (picture not retouched)





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