



Echoes from Barkmere – February 2020

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, February 8th 2020:

- Mayor Trépanier asks for a minute of silence in memory of Jason Gillette who passed away last month from the ravaging cancer that he had been fighting for more than three years, despite all the treatments that he undertook. Our thoughts are going to him, to his courage, his determination to heal, his joy to be in Barkmere as often as possible.
- The mayor announces to the permanent residents, that the members of the Council wish to hold a second Forum of the citizens, on **Saturday April 11th** in the afternoon of the Council meeting. It will be the time to review the progress in our actions, the difficulties encountered, and also to talk about new challenges in the services, as was alluded to in the last Bulletin.
- The town will attempt to discuss the terms of the agreement with the RINOL (Fire department). Some residents have reported some abuse in the processing of false alarms, amongst other issues, on top of the inflated invoices received by the Town for some interventions. This, in the context where the RINOL is telling us that they cannot cover our territory...
- Finally, regarding the underwater lots created by the cadastral reform, the land surveying firm Bérard-Tremblay is holding to their position, and maintains the creation of these lots. The Town will retain the services of a lawyer to give us advice on our next steps. While the creation of these lots does not grant any ownership rights, the evaluation service of the MRC still allocated them a value and the name of the last owner, according to the file presented by the land surveyors. It also seems that the Quebec Government still consider itself the owner of these lots, as it has occupied them for more than 100 years. The saga continues, and I invite once again

the population to be prudent and not to launch themselves in real estate transactions over them before the situation is clarified.

- Mrs. Lyne Valois, President of the Local Social Activities Committee, thanks the participants who came to the Holiday party last December. The Committee is presently working on its 2020 calendar and Mrs. Valois states that yoga will start again at the beginning of April.
- Tricentris has published a press release to review the situation of waste recycling in order to reassure citizens that use one of their three waste sorting center. Click on this link for more information (French only):
https://www.tricentris.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Communique_TRICENTRIS-FAIT-LE-POINT-POUR-RASSURER-LES-CITOYENS.pdf

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.

Picture taken on council day, after Friday's snow storm:





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