



## Echoes from Barkmere – April 2020

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, April 11 14<sup>th</sup> 2020:

- Due to the pandemic of Covid-19 and by decree of the government of Quebec, our council meeting of April 11th was closed to the public and held via video-conferencing.
- Mayor Trépanier reminds the citizens that this decree prohibits unnecessary travels between regions, which includes accessing the secondary residences. Please respect this decision. As to the local residents, the Town and the surrounding municipalities are ready to intervene if you need help to get provisions, or for any other emergency situation. Even though the Town Hall and the Community Centre are closed, the municipal administration continues with its work and is maintaining a permanent presence in the Town.
- Eco centres are now considered essential services and are now opened, but the attendants will not be authorized to help you sort or unload your heavy articles, social separation rules being applied.
- The Town will continue to offer the service of boat cleaning. The administration will issue directives related to rules to be followed, not to put our employees and visitors at risk of contamination.
- The Local Social Activities Committee has suspended its events for the time being (yoga included) and will reconsider its calendar as events develop.
- In these difficult times, and to help people who have lost their jobs, the town will adopt a by-law (256-1) to postpone by 2 months the tax payments for

2020, for those paying in 3 installments. The installment of June 1<sup>st</sup> is reported to August 1<sup>st</sup> and the third installment is postponed from August 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> and the interest rates will be nulled (0%) starting April 11<sup>th</sup> till October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 for people who are late. Moreover, the penalty is still valid but will be reduced. We will be able to assume this financial impact on our budget because we have enough cash flow to sustain the demand. A notice in that sense was given during council meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the projected by-law is available on our website.

- The Town of Mont-Tremblant has decided to give back the responsibility of the 9-1-1 calling center to the MRC des Laurentides. They will start a tendering process to subcontract the calling centre to a specialized firm. We hope that the service in English will be improved. Please note that Mont-Tremblant will continue to provide the 9-1-1- service until the new provider takes over.
- The Town has rehired Ms. Jessica Miller for the summer period to assist the municipal inspector and the director general.
- The Mayor invites the renters of Town wharves to contact the administration regarding the payment of the rents, in the case where the use would be delayed.
- Jake Chadwick informs us that our watershed organization (OBV) was refused for financing with the PSREE (Programme de soutien régional aux enjeux de l'eau) to characterize 5 catchment basins, Barkmere being one of them, due to a misunderstanding of the project. The good news though is that the OBV will submit a second request.

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 of the billboard from the Local Leisure Committee*



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