



Echoes from Barkmere – August 2020

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

- The Council session is finally held at the Community Center and attended by residents in accordance with covid-19 sanitary measures: mandatory mask, hand sanitizer and social distancing.
- **The Town will hold a Public Meeting on Saturday, August 29, at 10:00 AM at the Community Center** on the amendment of by-law 201 concerning exterior lighting. We will also take advantage of the meeting to discuss the future by-law 258 concerning exterior structure and materials allowed for boathouses. The mayor reminds us the procedure for an amendment: last month we announced our intention of modifying the by-law. Today we have adopted the first draft of the by-law (257) after having consulted with citizens last year. We will now proceed with a public consultation. Following your comments, there will be a 2^d draft by-law. We could have an additional optional consultation, or if there is no request for a referendum, the by-law takes effect and is adopted.
- The administration is working on a reconfiguration plan of the buoys at the landing. Wake developed by acceleration or deceleration of boats is a real problem, particularly in front of the docks and boathouses at the landing. A communication plan will be set with posters and information in the Bulletin and the Echoes, to explain the new navigation rules with the new buoys expected this fall. New buoys will also be installed at the far end of Silver Bay to reduce boat traffic in the area where milfoil has been found.

- The Town has met this week with the MFFP and Scierie Carrière who plans important wood cuts and the opening and refection of forest roads in the vicinity of Bark Lake. The mayor is satisfied with this meeting and Scierie Carrière has agreed to many recommendations of the town : to avoid opening new roads where it was not necessary and also, they agreed to have town personnel come on sight, after the cuts that will take place in fall 2021 and 2022, to make sure they close down these skidder paths. Construction and renovation of these roads will take place at the end of September of this year.
- The town has hired a consultant in Environment to help with the environmental program. Ms. Kirstin Lachance, a resident of Barkmere and a member of the CCE, will work part time until October 30th 2020.
- Mr. Jake Chadwick, municipal councillor Environment, reports that the diving team of Anne Létourneau and Sylvain Miller has removed 115 milfoil plants, confined to Silver Bay only. We have almost a 50% reduction compared to last year. Mr. Chadwick thanks Ms Létourneau and Mr. Miller for their efforts and great dedication with this program.
- Project CEAP (Community Environment Action Patrol) is well under way. Although we believe that a majority of the lake has been covered, many volunteers have not yet filled the Google Document form.
- The Town has noticed an increase of fireworks this summer at the lake. Please be advised that the use of fireworks is forbidden in Barkmere: they bring heavy metals into the lake that are very toxic and polluting to the environment.
- Solar panels have been installed on the new building on Goulden Island and the electricians will come next Monday to install 2 charging stations for electrical cars near the garage at the landing. Invoicing procedures will be set up a little later though.
- The Town has renewed the mandates of the following members of the CCU for another year: Luc Trépanier, Mayor, Stephen Lloyd, councillor; Marc Frédette, councillor, Susan de Schultess, resident, Ken Mann, resident,

Sandra Matteau, resident, Marie-France Émard, resident, Barbara Pope, resident, Serge Thibault, resident.

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.

A regatta of the Barklake Sailing Club:





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