



## Echoes from Barkmere – March 2021

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2021:

- The Mayor reminds that we must continue to respect the directives of Public Health. The situation is improving, and it must continue. We need a better summer than that of last year, and for this to happen, vaccination must progress rapidly, and we must continue to avoid spreading the virus. On this subject, the Sûreté du Québec advised us that they will continue to remain very vigilant and has already distributed heavy fines on the territory of the MRC, to people who did not respect the directives for gatherings. Most of the people involved were from Ontario or Montreal.
- The Town has opened positions for summer jobs. The Mayor invites the younger members of our community who want to spend a summer working for the Town and our community, to send their candidacy to the Town Hall. For more details, visit the homepage of the Town at [www.barkmere.ca](http://www.barkmere.ca) .
- This week, the town received a certificate of authorisation emitted by the Ministry of Environment authorising the spreading of B.t.i. based bio-pesticides for the biological control of biting insects in the territory of Mont-Tremblant and its surrounding municipalities, including the town of Barkmere. The town votes a resolution to get its name off this certificate and to inform the City of Mont-Tremblant that we have never authorised this procedure. The goal here is not to debate this cause for the moment. Mayor Trépanier has asked that this issue be discussed during the next pre-meeting of the Mayors' council next week, particularly with the mayors of a few municipalities included in this certificate.

- The Town has voted a resolution to approve new boat parking and decontamination fees for 2021 summer season. A sub-committee was formed and came up with the following changes: there will only be daily rates, no more weekly, seasonal or renter's rates. The new fees are as follows:

	<b>DAILY RATES</b>
Boats without motors (canoes, kayaks)	\$30.00
Boats with motors of 25 hp or less, including electric motors	\$100.00
Boats with motors of 26 hp to 75 hp	\$250.00
Boats with motors of 76 hp to 140 hp	\$500.00

Please note that permanent residents of Arundel, Huberdeau and Montcalm benefit from a 50% discount on *rates for motor 25 hp or less (save and except for pontoons)*, upon presentation of a proof of residency.

- At the last Mayor's Council of the MRC, the longest discussion was regarding a zoning bylaw change requested by Saint-Faustin to allow the Mont-Blanc station to implement a seasonal "parking" for recreational vehicles for the "snowbirds". This bylaw had been rejected for non-conformity to the MRC zoning plan, which does not allow for this type of installation or development.
- Next month, the Mayor will report back on the discussion regarding the inclusion of other municipalities without their consent on the certificate of authorization to spread insecticide by the City of Mont-Tremblant.

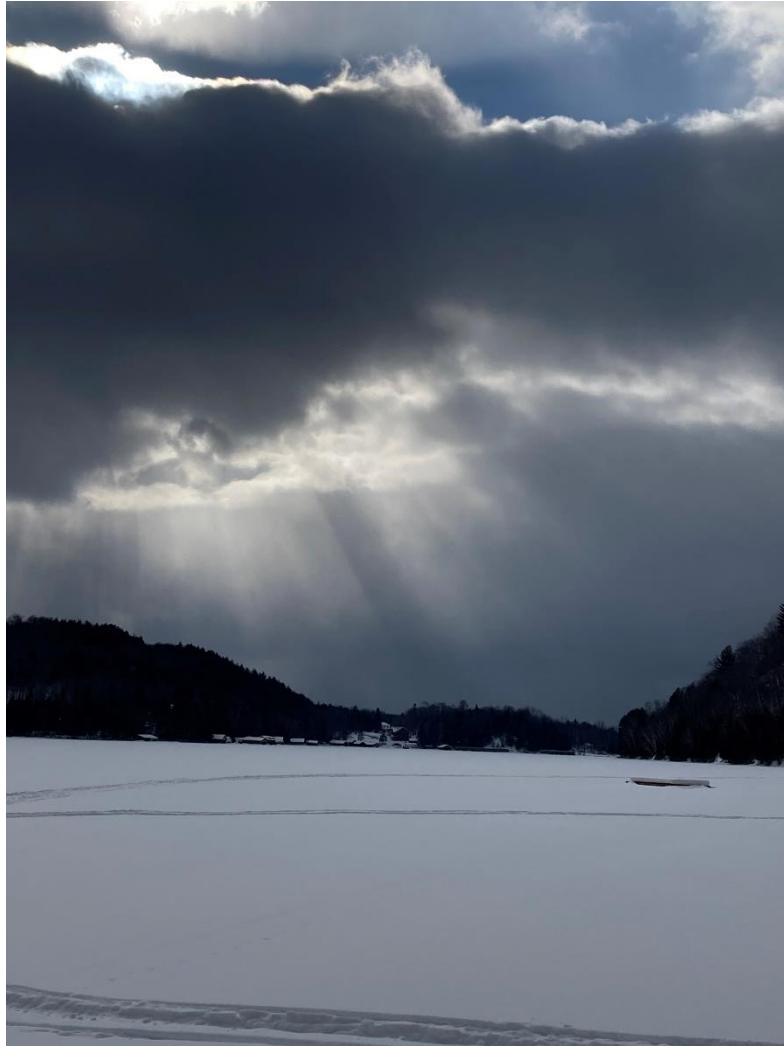
Once again, for more details, consult the minutes of the council meeting that will be posted on the town's website once they are ratified, generally at the next council meeting.



*Picture: Male Pine Grosbeak, D'Arcy Bruderer*



*Picture: Red Squirrel, D'Arcy Bruderer*



*Picture: Dick O'Shaughnessy*



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