



## Echoes from Barkmere – May 2021

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021:

- Once again, the Mayor encourages all residents to get the covid vaccine as soon as possible. The end of this pandemic will come, if we continue our efforts.
- It is with much sadness that we learned about the passing of Mr. Paul Florence, husband of Donna Florence, a former Town Councillor and highly active member of the BLPA executive board. Paul has been a passionate defender of the protection of Bark Lake and of our community life, to which he participated and help as a volunteer for many years. We will remember his straight talk and if he was sometimes very “direct”, it was due to his deep love for the Lake. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor offers his most sincere condolences to Donna and all her family. It is a great loss for our community, but mostly for them. The Mayor invites the assembly to hold a minute of silence in memory of Paul.
- The Mayor reminds everyone that there will be a **free distribution of small trees** for planting on your lands and on the shore next weekend, May 15 and 16, in collaboration with the Watershed Organization – Rouge, Petite Nation and Saumon. The trees are in the town garage and quantities are limited. They will be distributed on a « first come, first served» basis.
- The Mayor informs us that the old boathouses that the town has recovered from Mr. Gordon Miller and that are temporarily closed, will be repaired. A building inspector found many important and dangerous structural defects. It was therefore decided to repair the boathouse urgently in order to stabilise the building. Later this summer, the Landing Committee will take a decision as to its future.
- Regarding the new fire services that will replace the RINOL, we are still waiting for the Town of Mont-Tremblant to send us a formal agreement proposal.
- Concerning the summer jobs for 2021
  - a) We have re-hired Ms. Kirstin Lachance to continue her work on environment, namely for the water quality. We will increase her hours to do other tasks like the protection of the shoreline and nautical security.
  - b) Mr. Frederic Desjardins-Filion has been re-hired. He will be in charge of maintenance, of access to the lake, and will have powers of designated officer to assist the inspector correctly.

- c) Mr. Jake Erickson will be hired part-time to help as landing attendant and help with nautical stickers.
- Mr. Marc-Olivier Duchesne, municipal councillor, informs us that as voiced during the last Citizen's Forum concerning worries about the speed of cars on Barkmere road and the worries of pedestrians who are very close to the road, the town buys an Educational radar to sensitize car drivers.
  - At the suggestion of Ms. Kim Lamoureux, councillor, this summer divers from the company Aqua-Plein Air will clean the bottom of the lake from plastic waste, rubber and old batteries. The divers will be there for 3 weeks.
  - Few interesting subjects last month at the MRC Council, apart from the presentation of the 2020 financial statements by the external auditor Christian Gélinas. The MRC is still in good financial health, but the state of the surplus is thin given the important expenditures that will arrive in 2022 and later.

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: Kim Lamoureux



Charming Holiday Retreat, Bark Lake, P.Q.



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