



Echoes from Barkmere – July 2021

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, July 10th 2021:

- We are finally back to our Council meetings at the Community Centre. However, the Mayor insists on continuing to abide by the rules set by Public Health and recommends to take the vaccine and the 2^d shot. This is the only way to prevent a 4th wave. The virtual meetings have nevertheless given us a few ideas for the future. Along with the administration, council will look for technical tools that would allow us to stream the meetings on the Internet.
- The mayor informs us of the passing of Judy Walsh, wife of Chris Walsh, residents of Patry Bay, after a long illness. All of our thoughts are with the Walsh family during this hardship.
- The mayor informs us of the passing of Robin de Schulthess, ex-President of the BLPA. He was from this generation of Barklakers that did not accept any compromise over the protection of Bark Lake, and who fought to put in place legal means, to protect us all from the urbanization of our corner of paradise. We are all sitting here, as Council members, as heirs to his work. Listening to the dynamite blasts behind Green Bay yesterday, the mayor had a thought for Robin, Bruce Henderson and the others who have gone: there is still work to be done, and we will continue to do it. The mayor offers, in the name of the Council, his most sincere condolences to his wife Susan, to his daughter Heidi, her husband Brian and their children Briana and Mitchell. Heidi lost both a brother and a father within the same year.

- The mayor informs us that our summer employee, Kirstin Lachance, takes pictures in front of your properties. This is not a “police” exercise to look for infractions. Kirsten is updating our data on the state of the shoreline of Bark Lake, which were initially collected by the Biofilia firm many years ago. The goal is to see if the situation improved or deteriorated since then.

- The company Gilbert Miller and Sons are working under contract from the forestry operator Scieries Carrières, and with the blessing and grants from the MFFP, to widen enormously the forest road which leads towards Green Bay and Silver Bay. The mayor asks if you may have heard the noise of heavy machinery, chainsaws, and even dynamite blasting. This is the sound of Barkmere being wounded in its most precious assets.

- Ms. Lyne Valois, President of the Local Social Activities Committee, informs us that yoga has resumed, Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM at the Community Center. Places are limited, so to reserve, please contact Marlene at yogaetcetra@gmail.com. It is \$15 without reservations, if there is room. They are also organising a **Ping Pong Tournament and Game Night – August 7th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm.** Also **Crafts for kids – August 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.** Reserve your place at lynevalois62@gmail.com.
July 24th, **Lake sketching with Pepa**, \$40 from 10 – 12:00, materials included.
July 31, there will be **Pain with Pepa**, \$50, from 06:30 to 10:00 PM, materials included.
You will find all the details of the activities on our website at www.barkmere.ca under ‘Services’.

- Mr. Jake Chadwick, councillor, informs us that we have found milfoil at the inlet (at the end of Silver Bay) and asks everybody to stay clear of this area and above all, not to paddle there. He has sent the team of Anne Létourneau and Sylvain Miller this week to remove this new cluster. See picture below:



- Mr. Chadwick also asks that you survey (by snorkeling or canoe / kayak) your property to spot invasive species (in your forest also). Please fill out the form that we sent you from the CEAC and put the results on google form. He thanks everybody for their efforts. Here is the [link](#) .
- The property on which is set the resident's park has been sold. The lease is still good for 2 more years. The Town is trying to reach the proprietor to discuss the renewal of the lease.
- The Town has approved the purchase of a used pickup so that the town employees can use a vehicle other than theirs, as before, to transport all sorts of material and garbage.
- The mayor informs us that the urban planning department of the MRC has rejected our request to keep the current definition of boat shelters identical in the new proposed zoning plan. The next battle will be at the Mayors Council of August where he will try to convince his colleagues of the importance of this article for the Barkmere residents.
- The mayor informs us of the sale of FILAU to Centre TESS, a company based in Ste-Agathe-des-Monts. As the FILAU customers can confirm, the transition was difficult, but already, Centre TESS is proceeding to improvements to the network and is promising higher speeds, with the

replacement of outdated equipment or their reconfiguration. He takes this opportunity to thank two of our residents, members of the board of FILA, who have worked very hard, surrounded by black flies, to reconnect the service: Charles Huot and Steven Larose.

- Finally, the police service of the Town of Mont-Tremblant was officially transferred to the Sûreté du Québec, which takes over the Mont-Tremblant station. We were assured that the coverage of our sector would therefore be improved.

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.



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