



Echoes from Barkmere – June 2022

Here is a summary of the last Council meeting held Saturday, June 11th 2022:

- ✓ The May 21st storm caused a lot of damage in the Laurentians, and sadly this type of event will become more and more frequent in the future. Most public services have now been restored, except for the internet service by Centre TESS. The mayor contacted the company at the beginning of last week, and it seems that the service will only be restored towards the end of June. The tower servicing Barkmere was severely damaged, and it is difficult to reach it with the fallen trees blocking the access trail.
- ✓ The Town's administrative assistant, Jessica Miller, had surgery on her shoulder and is currently on medical leave. We wish her a quick and complete recovery.
- ✓ The Town saw an increase in requests for dock rentals, and the administration was forced to reserve three spots in the 6-hour wharf to accommodate the residents. Therefore, they are busier than usual. The town will try to purchase an additional wharf for dock section "A", but the delivery times are quite long. The council thanks you for your patience and comprehension.
- ✓ The Town administration purchased the necessary equipment to allow the town to broadcast interactively its Council meetings and other public meetings.
- ✓ The MRC des Laurentides adopted a resolution to support the Town of Barkmere in its request to close the Felix Forest Road, near Silver Bay, which was opened two years ago. We now need to get the request moving along with the Ministry. The mayor would like to remind everyone that Scierie Carrière will not oppose this road closure, which constitutes an important argument.
- ✓ **By-law 268** - The process to modify the Zoning by-law to limit short-term rental in Barkmere was initiated by the filing of a notice of motion and the presentation of by-law 268. This was made necessary following the adoption of section 21.1 of the Act Respecting Tourist Accommodation Establishments (c. E-14.2) which would render the current provisions of our regulations not applicable. This draft regulation is available on request at dg@barkmere.ca.

LAST COUNCIL OF THE MRC des LAURENTIDES

- ✓ The MRC des Laurentides, with the help of the Sûreté du Québec, prepared 5 draft bylaws to be adopted by the municipalities on its territory. The goal is to standardize regulations and facilitate their enforcement by the police. The subjects of the bylaws are: nuisances (1), security, peace and order in public places (2), traffic and parking (3), horse carriage traffic (4) and alarm systems (5). Municipalities will be allowed to remove some articles, but it could prove difficult to add. These bylaws will replace those currently in force in Barkmere. The town has put together a small committee composed of Councillors Ken Mann and Stephen Lloyd, the Town Director General and the mayor, to revise the drafts and adapt them specifically to Barkmere.
- ✓ On May 30th, the Mayors of the MRC met for a full day to discuss and reflect on actions to take in the next 5 years. The main subjects of discussion were the protection of the territory and adaptation

to climate change, employment, social structures and the pressure put on them with the population influx coming from bigger cities, which also modifies the social fabric of the MRC.

NOTICE TO THE OWNER WHO LOST IS RAFT

An errant raft has been discovered in Cope Bay (see picture below). If you believe this is your raft, please either pick it up or contact the town for assistance.



Figure 1: Errant Raft in Cope Bay



Figure 2: A beautiful afternoon in Barkmere

MOBILE ECOCENTRE

We take this opportunity to remind you that the next mobile ecocentre will be held on June 18th and 19th on Labrasse landing (near docks “C” and “D”).

For more information see the rules for large garbage at :
<https://traindeviedurable.com/tableau-de-bord-barkmere/>

FINAL NOTICE

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.