



## Barkmere Echo – May 2023

The following is a summary of the last Town Council meeting held on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

### LOGGING ON THE PENINSULA LET'S SAVE THE PENINSULA!

- ✓ Given the importance of the subject, we would like to quote at length the intervention of Mayor Trépanier presented at the beginning of the council meeting:

*“there is a much more urgent and immediate threat. The same Ministry of Natural Resources became once again responsible for the forestry activities since last Fall. They planned a forest cut on the peninsula right in the middle of our municipality. They are since Friday May 12th, doing a public consultation on this operation. The administration will quickly send you a link to participate in this consultation. Of course, the Town will oppose this tree cut, which will come with the savage and severe bulldozing of the forest to open a wide road and enormous tree piling areas, like those that were opened in the past three years behind Silver Bay and Green Bay. We will adopt a resolution to do so during this meeting.*

*If you believe in protection the natural heritage of Barkmere, to leave a most reduced footprint possible for the future generations, you must oppose this forest cut. And if you think that a road may be beneficial and practical, I invite you to discuss with people in Silver Bay and Green Bay who see their properties being invaded by unwanted visitors and who are being robbed repeatedly. You are probably in Barkmere much for the tranquility of life in nature; these roads are compromising all of that, while promoting development.*

*And if you want to understand even better what these roads represent, the mayor invites you to go and see for yourself these “new” forest roads, that the Ministry calls “multi-purpose roads”, taking a walk (you could damage your vehicle on the rocks and the holes). You will see a devastated forest, great sections stripped naked to the earth, allowing unprecedented ground erosion.*

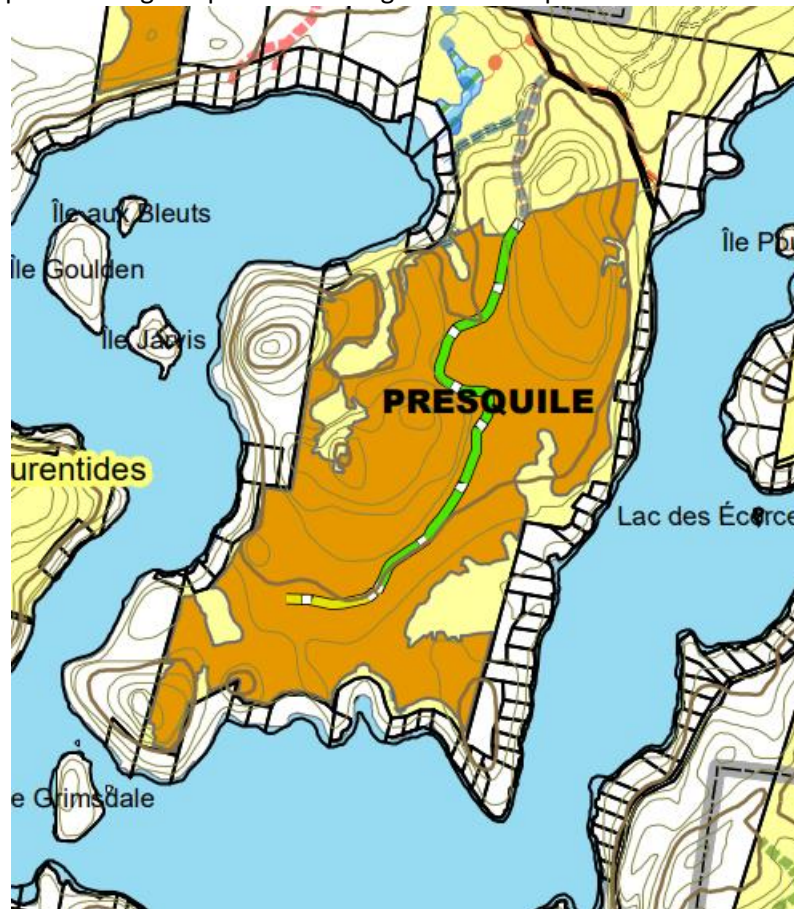
*There is no economical justification for this planned destruction. The government is distributing subsidies to open these roads with OUR tax money (which is why they call it “multi-purpose” because they cannot subsidize the forest industry directly). But since the quantity and the quality of the trees being reaped is minimal (sick and small trees), the government once again uses our taxes to pay the forest industry to come and take them. From the mouth of the local contractor himself, these cuts are*

*not profitable. This is why the Ministry calls them “gardening operations” or “arrangement and planning”, and not forest cuts. Must arranging a garden mean to destroy OUR public forests as they do?*

*More than ever, Bark Lake needs you to defend itself. You must protest in great numbers against this plan, by participating massively to this consultation. We do not have wood reindeers in Barkmere. But we have a strong community who must stand up.*

*And if it was not sufficient, the Ministry is proposing to create an intensive zone of forestry cuts on the peninsula and in the area where we are working jointly with the Municipality of Montcalm to create a protected area of biodiversity. This would entail more intense and more frequent cuts, right in the middle of our residences. Barkmere is assailed, we must defend ourselves. **LET'S SAVE THE PENINSULA!***

See the map illustrating the planned cutting area on the peninsula.



Therefore, you are invited to attend in large number to this popular consultation. Here is the link to participate: (NOTA: This document is only available in French language. Do not hesitate to communicate with us if you need more help.)

<https://www.mrcal.ca/participation-citoyenne>

## MINING ACTIVITY – PARTICIPATION IN PROGRESS

- ✓ Another important topic: mining activity on the territory of Barkmere! Mayor Trépanier strongly encourages all citizens to respond and express their opinion during the public consultation currently underway. According to the Mayor, "we can imagine the disaster if a mine or quarry would be opened on public land in the northern part of Barkmere. It should not be forgotten that 'mining claims' that give the holder the right to explore are also very damaging." We remind you that there is little time left to participate in the consultation on the development of mining activity held by the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) from April 24 to May 19, 2023.

You are invited to participate online in this process by accessing the platform set up by the government: <https://consultation.quebec.ca/processes/developpement-harmonieux>

## SALON DU LIVRE DES TROIS-VALLÉES

- ✓ We are pleased to announce the 5th edition of the Salon du livre des Trois-Vallées from May 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is made possible thanks to partnerships with the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides, the Partners for Educational Success in the Laurentians (PREL), the six municipalities that make up the western portion of the territory and the Carpe Diem bookstore in Mont-Tremblant. This year, the Municipality of Amherst will be the emeritus host.

Therefore, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, authors will be meeting students in their school. The official Salon will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the former church of Saint-Rémi, where citizens of participating municipalities are invited. More than a dozen workshops and conferences will be offered. For more information:

<https://des3vallees.wixsite.com/salonlaurentides> or: (819)-681-3372 Ext. 5207 or: [loisirs@municipalite.amherst.qc.ca](mailto:loisirs@municipalite.amherst.qc.ca)



The poster for the 5th edition of the Salon du livre des Trois-Vallées Laurentides is set against a light blue background. On the left, a stack of colorful books is shown. In the center, a stylized logo of an open book with flowing lines in blue and green is positioned above the text '5e édition' and 'Les 26 et 27 mai 2023'. Below this, the slogan 'La lecture, un allié sûr!' is written in a cursive font. To the right, an illustration depicts a woman with long, curly red hair lying on her back, reading a book. She is wearing a yellow and purple striped shirt and purple pants. A white teacup with a saucer sits on a stack of books near her feet. The top right corner features the Amherst logo. The bottom of the poster is filled with logos of sponsors and partners, including ArriMages distribution, ARUNDEL, BARKMERE, BREBAY, HERBIDEAU, MONTCALM, MRC DES LAURENTIDES, and the Centre de services scolaire des Laurentides. Contact information is provided at the bottom center.

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## RETURN OF THE NAVIGATION

- ✓ Now that the Lake is reopened, we are reminding you of some safety and courtesy rules. Please make sure to drive your boat safely, leave a large space to the boats coming towards you or going in the same direction or that are stopped. Do not stop in the narrow passages. Pass to the right (yours) of the boats you encounter, and not to the left. Slow down near the shoreline and avoid making great waves or wake. Pay attention to the buoys indicating a danger or a zone where navigation is restricted, as in Silver Bay.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BARKMERE – REMINDER

- ✓ We thank those who have already expressed their interest in participating in the Barkmere Centennial Committee. If you are interested, there is always time to let us know by sending an email to [dg@barkmere.ca](mailto:dg@barkmere.ca).

Once again, for more details, please 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.