



Spring / Summer Bulletin  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017



## Message from the Mayor



Another summer season is taking off, after a spring time that kept us mostly... wet! The great quantities of snow that we have received, combined with diluvian rains, have raised the level of Bark Lake higher than usual this year. And if the flooding that have affected a great number of Canadians did not reached us in Barkmere, a good number of our residents have suffered damages to docks, boathouses and other installations close to the shore of the Lake and the brook. I hope that the clouds will leave us in peace now, and that the sun will be present very often all summer. Because it will be a

busy summer...

Last summer, what we feared for many years has hit us squarely: the invasive plant species of Eurasian Milfoil was discovered in Bark Lake. This was a strong moment for our community which came together to attack this plague. And now, we must continue our efforts all together, as once this species present in a lake, it will always remain. We will have to counter its expansion every year. The Town has take some measures towards this objective, like the purchase of a pontoon boat and the necessary equipment for the same removal of the plants, the hiring of a person dedicated to the identification and eradication of the plant, the preparation of an action plan for the summer and also getting the authorization from the Ministry of Environment to continue our actions.

But we will have to count on the support of volunteers like last year to help the divers and the municipal staff in the search and removal of the plants. And particularly, we will have to modify some of our habits like pleasure boating close to shore, in order to avoid ripping apart the plants with the propellers or with oars, and then deposit them elsewhere. The practice of wake boarding should also be proscribed as the big waves produced are breaking the plants that can then float to other places in the Lake (the Sûreté du Québec is actually putting together an action plan to control the practice of this harmful activity on our lakes). And to avoid further invasions, we must count on our local contractors to ensure that all boats be decontaminated before they are launched on the Lake, even those of residents, and that since May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our current mandate at the Municipal Council of Barkmere ends this year, since the electoral laws of Quebec sets the municipal elections ever four years. Once again, I was surrounded by amazing councillors, and I wish to highlight their invaluable contributions. Stephen Lloyd handled masterfully the ever controversial urban planning issues and was very involved in maintaining good relationships with all citizens in general. Jake Chadwick devoted his time and that of his family to perform

all water testing and participated actively on many environmental committees. Marc Fredette held the finances of Barkmere with an iron fist, which allowed us to invest in our infrastructures. Tim Kalil has led to its conclusion the formulation of our emergency plan, which has been dragging for years. Bruce MacNab worked with the Town administration to purchase equipment and followed up closely the cadastral reform. Finally, Chantal Raymond transformed our communications with the introduction of the monthly Echoes, the reworking and maintenance of our website, the production of the bulletins, which is quite a challenge with a Mayor who is always submitting his articles past the deadlines!

I wish you all a wonderful summer and hope to see you in our brand new municipal building, which many of you have not visited yet.

Luc Trépanier



## Communities and Municipalities

By Stephen Lloyd

As I write these words, my fingers are crossed in a mixed state of apprehension and pride. The oldest Lloyd teenager has taken over the cottage for the weekend. With friends, but without parents. This is first for her, but it is the third time this ritual has played out. In 1958, 1985 and now 2017, three successive sets of worried parents have given the same speech to the Lloyd teenager in question: “be careful, make sure there is gas in the boat and ... (gulp) have fun!”.

This emotional rite of passage reinforces one thing: it is absolutely UNTHINKABLE that we ever sell this property...

Of course, properties change hands in Barkmere all the time, as in every municipality. However, for a large number of Barkmere residents, our properties are “just a little bit more” than simple real estate assets. That “little bit more” adds up to one thing: a sense of community.

All the 1100 municipalities in Quebec no doubt claim to have “community spirit”. Be we have a lot of it. For example, it is not written in our municipal by-laws that if a boat breaks down in front of your place, you rush out to help – even if the boat is filled with perfect strangers. But we do it. Likewise for these new anti-milfoil measures that we are putting in place. Barkmere residents don’t complain or leave for another municipality – they ENGAGE, knowing that these measures are for the long-term benefit of the community, even though they are inconvenient.

Our community includes three groups: the multi-season group, the summer-only cottagers and the full-time village residents. They have slightly different needs and approaches, but I would like to think that all three groups share a special sentimental attachment to this corner of the Laurentians and their place in it.

The primary role of our little municipality of Barkmere is pretty straightforward: collect the taxes, deal with the Province, keep a close eye on the MRC, protect the Lake and manage our infrastructure – the dam, our few public roads and now our new Town Hall.

But future Councils would do well to remember their REAL JOB. That real job is taking care of our community. I have confidence that our community spirit will continue for many more generations. We will need it.



## Cadastral Reform and Fire Protection

By Bruce MacNab

### FIRE PROTECTION AND SERVICES

A one year inter-municipal agreement with the Régie Incendie Nord-Ouest Laurentides (RINOL) has been in force since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. A new agreement beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 is in signature at this time.

A condition of these agreements includes an obligation for the Town to visit all buildings in the territory to ensure that working smoke detectors are present. Our building inspector will visit all buildings once every 5 years. The inspector will visit 20% of the buildings every year according to a priority list. The Town will also need to launch a fire prevention campaign to educate residents.

Additionally, the Régie (RINOL) will visit all the roads in Barkmere, and will advise if they are deemed adequate for the fire trucks. If it is determined that the roads are not conforming to their minimum requirements, affected properties would need to be serviced by boat, or these roads could be modified to the required standards. We will be working to establish a response plan for boat access properties.

### CADASTRAL RENOVATION – FOLLOW UP

#### Property owners

There have not been any substantial changes since the article in the last bulletin. We still do not have a precise date for the public consultation, but it is still scheduled for the beginning of 2018. The cadastral renovation project should be finalized in April 2018.

Property owners will receive a revised cadastral plan by mail prior to the January 2018 public consultation. Should you not be able to attend this meeting in person, or for any questions following the consultation, survey staff will be available at a toll free number to answer to all questions and concerns.

#### Town land

A technical opinion for Town lands will be submitted around August 2017. The Town will need to analyze the cadastral renovation findings, and to submit any questions or concerns that are justified to the architects.



## Environmental Matters

By Jake Chadwick

### Milfoil Monitoring Programme

As mentioned in the fall bulletin, your council has mobilized resources to be prepared to tackle the potential challenges of Eurasian Milfoil this summer. All taxpayers have contributed to this important effort. The key investments include the purchase of a good condition second-hand pontoon boat that will be customized for the dive team's needs. The Town has also invested in upgrading the boat washing station in the area of the old municipal building. This will improve our ability to exercise "best practices" in washing all boats gaining access to the lake as well as implementing the new "vignette" system for boat identification.

Also of significant news is the hiring of Anne Létourneau as our Environmental Technician for the summer. Anne was a lead diver in last summer's efforts to remove the milfoil and has both the background and experience to lead the effort this summer and allow our Town employees to focus on other services. Anne will be coordinating the overall surveillance of milfoil and its removal process including recruiting and scheduling volunteers. Anne will also help with water testing and other CCE priorities during the summer. Please see Anne's article further down in the Bulletin.

Remember the following "Do's and Don'ts" of Eurasian Milfoil:

#### DO:

- Do educate yourself about milfoil so you can help with surveillance as you enjoy your summer on the lake. There are flyers at the town hall and a live sample in the aquarium. Links for websites providing excellent sources of information are available on the Town's website.
- Do monitor the shoreline in front of your property! All you need is a mask and snorkel and some knowledge of what to look for. If you see something suspect – notify Town management as soon as possible and mark the area with the small marker buoys available upon request at town hall. The team will visit and confirm the presence or not of milfoil and keep you informed.
- Do continue to be vigilant about ensuring no foreign watercraft enters the lake without being washed!

**DON'T:**

- Do not touch or attempt to remove ANY suspected plants from the lake! There is a special technique for the safe removal of milfoil and training and experience is required.
- Don't boat near any sensitive areas of the lake! They will be marked and/or periodic communications will be provided on the locations of these sensitive areas around the lake.
- Do not wakeboard or otherwise create large waves ANYWHERE on the lake!
- Don't encourage any visitors with float planes to come to the lake! We cannot control where a float plane has been and they can easily transport and introduce milfoil and other invasive species to the lake.

**Water Quality**

In addition to the focus on milfoil control we will be gathering and analyzing our seasonal collection of water tests from the lake and its main tributaries. These include transparency tests every two weeks, phosphorus and fecal coliform testing and dissolved oxygen/temperature profiling. For some unknown reason the Quebec government is not supporting the "Réseau de Surveillance Volontaire des Lacs" (RSVL) programme this summer so we will have to rely on our CCE programme to continue to build our database of water quality measurements.

**Shoreline Restoration**

We will also continue our efforts to improve the shorelines of certain properties identified by Biofilia as "highly disturbed". We have been very encouraged lately by the interest and willingness of many property owners to do this remedial work. Leading by example is the best way to encourage others and we intend to showcase several case studies this summer as well as provide updates on prior years' efforts.

**Light pollution**

Finally, as mentioned in previous bulletins, we will double-down on our efforts to counter the growth of light pollution around the lake mainly due to the use of solar powered LED lighting on docks and in the shoreline zone of some properties.



## Mini Echos of Barkmere

By: Chantal Raymond

- Please take note that a **cardiac defibrillator** is available 24/7 in the hallway of the public toilets in the Community Center.

- The town has built a canoe/kayak rack for the benefit of Barkmere citizens that want to have their boat at the marina of the landing. We have six places and the boat can easily be padlocked to the aluminum frame to ensure their security.

- The rope-and-wood games at Goulden Island are almost ready. We only have to level out and put mulch around the



Canoe/kayak rack at landing

game space so that youngsters don't hurt themselves. Thus, we ask you not to use these games before they are completely safe. We will tell you when they are ready to go. Much fun in perspective... With preservation of nature in mind, I have taken a formation by *De ville en Forêt* that teaches the principles of *Sans trace*® to reduce the marks of outdoor activities. It is important that you **limit your activities to the marked trails**. Don't take short cuts between the games. This practice is destructive to the flora and can modify the ecosystems and even threaten biodiversity. Also, walk in a single file in the middle of the paths, even if they are wet or muddy. In trying to bypass these zones, you might cause additional erosion. The 4 rope-and-wood games are linked by a path. Please make sure that the young, and not so young, respect the route and avoid stamping vainly around the games.



The trapeze

- Please take note that polystyrene 6 is recycled by the Laurentian MRC by voluntarily bringing it to the regional ecocentres.

- As the summer season is starting, please take note that no fireworks are allowed on the lake (by-law 136). The 'heavy' metals contained in the sticks drop back in the lake and contaminate fish and water. Moreover, it is a fire hazard.



## Public Security

By: Tim Kalil

Council is currently involved in updating our municipal civil security plan, which is a reference document, meant to outline steps and procedures to take, in the event of any sort of disaster or similar event which could occur within our municipal boundaries. The plan is meant as a guideline for caring and providing for residents who require assistance during such events.

This plan was last updated in the 90's, before the days of internet and email, so the update was required by all stakeholders, including the ministère de la Sécurité publique. Last year we formed a civil security committee to help with input, and ideas. The committee consists of Mayor Trépanier, Chantal Raymond, Bruce Macnab, Steve Deschenes, Stephane Brosseau, Cory Walker, and myself. The committee has completed phase 1 of the exercise, and it will be submitted to the ministère de la Sécurité publique, by resolution at the June council meeting.

Phase 2 of the civil security plan will follow. Phase 1 identifies all the potential risks facing our community, and outlines all the available resources at our disposal. Phase 2 of the plan will complete the directions and steps to take in the event of each different type of disaster, or occurrence. The committee will strive to complete phase 2 by the end of this year.

The civil security plan will, in large part, revolve around our community center. When this building was conceived, it was with the intention of using it as our "base of operations", and/or emergency shelter. The building has a generator hook up in place, so in the event of a long term power failure, a mobile generator will be delivered and installed to power the building, and all public security efforts will be coordinated from there. We also have in place an agreement with the Red Cross, to supply sleeping cots, food and clothing, so the community center can be used to house and feed people who may require assistance.

### Navigation

This season our municipal employees will be replacing the navigational aids in the narrows and at priests' point. The new buoys will be similar to the old one, with solar-powered flashing lights. They

will be located in the same familiar spots, and we are examining how to enhance the anchoring points, to minimize movement. These new markers should provide reliable service for many years.

Near the landing and marina area, there is a “no-wake” zone, delineated by 2 white buoys (there used to be 3). Over the course of time the remaining 2 buoys have changed position, probably due to the ice moving them around. This year the municipal employees will re-install 3 new white buoys, in a line, indicating where the “no-wake” zone begins. The buoys will be installed much closer to the marina and landing, in the hopes that boaters will respect the “smaller” no-wake zone.

The goal is, as with any marina, to reduce the waves, and possible damage to parked boats and docks. There can be quite a bit of boat traffic entering and exiting the landing on busy weekends. Please be considerate of others, and aware of harm your wake can do to parked boats at the landing.

### **Public Installations- Heritage Corner**

We are currently outfitting the new community center with the finishing touches required, and will be forming an informal committee to offer suggestions on decorating both levels of the building. We are sourcing some secure but inexpensive glass display cabinets for installation in the community center. These cabinets will allow us to display some of the historical artifacts that have been donated over the years. We had a similar set up previously in the old town hall, but we are hoping to enhance our capability to archive and display mementos, artifacts, photographs, and pretty much anything that has any historical significance to Barkmere.

Once completed, the “heritage corner” will allow anyone to view and enjoy these objects; we will then solicit community members for their donations of items, or pertinent photos and documents. We wish to establish an inventory system, where items could be inventoried, and documented in detail. As for photos and historical documents, we hope to put in place a system where one could loan these pictures and flat documents to the Town, until they could be digitally scanned and saved for eternity. We are not quite at this point yet, but watch for updates in future bulletins. We have a proud and interesting history in the town of Barkmere, and it is worth preserving for future generations.



## The Milfoil economic impact:

### A 20% decline in your real estate value with higher taxes

By: Marc Fredette

The forest is back to life, the flowers are blooming and the water is warm again. Finally we can enjoy what we love the most and use our canoe for the first time this year. Our newly discovered plant, the milfoil, is also back to life and ready to expand and grow. At the bottom of the lake, the plant is getting its energy again and while we hope we destroyed this plant last year, the odds are that the plant is here to stay. The scientific community is in agreement and it is impossible to get rid of that plant and the damage to the flora, the fish, and the impact on water quality is horrible. It also provides a superb habitat for mosquitoes. There is a scenario where it would be impossible to use your engine to access your dock for the first 25 meters from the shore. Forget swimming, fishing, and scuba diving as we know it. Countless lakes are living this. Milfoil has been labeled in 1990 by Smith and Barko as “among the most troublesome submersed aquatic plants in North America”. So, what is the economic impact of this plant? Well, there are three major buckets: Property value, yearly controlling costs and every citizen’s cost related to infrastructure repair and maintenance.

In a 2003 New Hampshire study on the impact on milfoil on property value, the researchers have estimated that the property value could decline by as much as 42.7% and established a range of 20% to 40%. In a 2010 study by Boyle and Zhang in Vermont, they noted a decline of 16%. In 2014, Olden and Tamayo discovered a 19% drop in property value in infested lakes in King County Washington. In a 2015 study from the University of Idaho, the researchers looked at 614 real estate transactions of which 143 were infested by milfoil and noted a 13% drop in value only attributed to the milfoil invasion. These studies provide a good proxy for the negative impact and using pure math we can derive an average of 20% in property value decline. Even if the value goes down, our tax bill will not come down materially. For non-lakefront properties, the impact should be less but the tax bill could increase over time.

We then face the annual costs of controlling the plant. There are many techniques including the application of herbicide, mechanical harvesting and bottom barriers. Given that most of us drink the water, herbicide is not a real solution. Mechanical harvesting could cost annually as much as \$1,500 per lakeacre based on a New Hampshire study. In a 2006 study by Byterowitz, the annual mechanical costs could be as high as \$7,800 per lakeacre. Barklake has 37 kilometers of shoreline and assuming 15 meters along it and controlling 50%, the town tax would go up by at least 20%. Using a bottom barriers is another solution and according to the Lac à la Truite report done in 2012, the annual cost could be between \$.50 and \$0.85 per square meter or twice the cost of mechanical harvest. Our tax bill could go up significantly.

There is a third component. Based on the experience of citizens of infested lakes, engine repairs will go up, smaller engines need to be purchased to navigate near the shore. Some have reported an increase of thousands of dollars per year in infrastructure repairs such as water pumps and pipes.

It is therefore imperative that we do whatever possible to control the plant before it spreads across the lake. Every dollar that we spend to fight that plant is an investment. In a 2003 study by Boyer, he estimated that improving the water quality has an \$81 per foot impact on property value versus \$141 decline in value in lost water quality. In other words, we will need to spend \$2.74 per dollar to get back to our existing shoreline if we do nothing today.

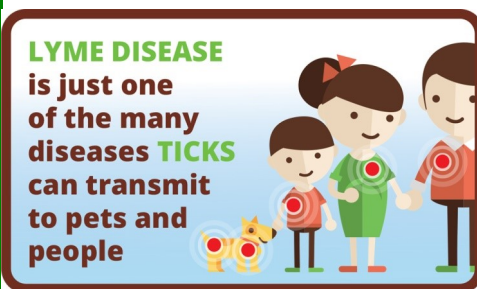
The Town administration is gearing up for a busy summer to fight and control this plant. We can't just depend on the administration and the precious time of volunteers. We must do more every day. The plant needs nutrients and higher water temperatures promote multiple periods of flowering and fragmentation. Water temperature is directly affected by how we respect the shoreline. Cutting grass, even very small trees and small branches in the first 15 meters has a direct consequence on water temperature from the shade provided by the untouched vegetation while roots also prevent nutrients from accessing our lake. **Carefully protect our treasured shoreline.** Waves disturb sediments at the bottom of the lake and feed the plant. **Minimizing waves and respecting the distance from the shoreline are essential.** Canoeing is a good alternative. Take a paddle and cherish what we have been fighting to preserve for more than 90 years. This magnificent scenery could soon become a very expensive memory of the past.

## Tick Talk

By: **Dr. Caroline Desjardins, dvm**  
Vétérinaire

Be aware, prevent your dog from tick bites!

Many years ago as I began my career as a veterinarian, we did not worry much about ticks in Quebec. Prevention and vaccination was only occasionally recommended to dogs who were lucky enough to accompany their owners on hikes in the North Eastern USA. Unfortunately, because of global warming and traveling, the situation is now different. **Ticks are here** and with them, various tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis. Although **Barkmere** has more Dermacentor ticks than Ixodes (those that may carry Lyme disease) both are present in this environment and adequate prevention is strongly recommended! In the latest INSPQ report (Institut National de Santé Publique du Québec), the **Laurentians** have been added to the list of regions touched by Lyme disease.



What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a serious multi-systemic illness caused by a bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks commonly known as deer ticks. Humans can show a multitude of symptoms including fever, headache, fatigue, a characteristic skin rash, joint pain and even urinary and neurological symptoms.

Although dogs are more sensitive to Lyme disease than humans, your dog can also get bitten by disease-carrying ticks and show similar or no symptoms. Your dog can NOT transmit the disease to you directly – the ticks do. A tick infested environment is what puts you both at risk!

## How do I prevent Lyme disease?

The key is to prevent tick bites – on you as well as on your pets. Shorts & flip flops are hot for ticks! Hiking through leaf litter, shrubs, tall grassy meadows, and forests can increase your chances of a tick bite. If you want to prevent tick bites, wear shoes, socks and long pants when you are outside – they crawl! If found, remove any tick quickly by pulling patiently at the base of the tick where it is attached to the skin. Do not crush, nor burn it and do not pull quickly and risk to leave it's mouthpiece embedded under the skin as it may release contagious saliva and create infection.



Studies vary as to how long the tick must be attached in order to transmit Lyme disease. The longer an infected tick is attached, the greater the chance of contracting Lyme disease. Most specialists agree that the first 24 hours is at low risk so, **check your pet** every day to look for ticks especially under your dog's ears, head, neck, underbelly and feet. As small as they may be, remove them as soon as possible. Nymphs, or immature ticks, most often transmit Lyme disease. At less than 2 millimeters, these small ticks are more difficult to spot. Because adult ticks are easier to see, they are often removed before infection



**Use pet tick prevention on your dog** as recommended by your veterinarian. Vaccination is occasionally considered but **prevention** is key. For early detection, have your pet examined by a veterinarian and tested yearly for Lyme and other parasite transmitted diseases.

How about my cat?

Cats are less sensitive to Lyme disease and there is no adequate pharmaceutical prevention. Fortunately they groom frequently and most likely remove ticks themselves. If you do see ticks on your cat remove them ASAP. Feline tick prevention is around the corner – perhaps this fall pharmaceutical companies will have their new products out. **NEVER USE A CANINE PRODUCT AS THEY ARE VERY TOXIC, EVEN LETHAL TO CATS!**

**ACT NOW !**

Spring is “wake-up” time for ticks that have survived the winter, and a reminder for you to start tick control for your dog. Ticks are most active from 4 to 14 °C Celcius so April to December prevention is a must!

Let your veterinarian help you choose a parasite control product that is right for your dog. They carry various products that kill ticks and fleas for 4 weeks, and even one that works for 12 weeks with a single chew. Most also prevent fleas. These products are now part of an appropriate parasite prevention protocol unless you live in the Arctic!

For further information consult the following web sites:

[Dogsandticks.com](http://Dogsandticks.com)

<https://canlyme.com>

[www.lymediseaseassociation.org](http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org)

Enjoy a tick free cottage life!

Dr. Caroline Desjardins, veterinary surgeon  
514 234 9761

## Elections 2017

This year is a municipal election year in Quebec. It is important for you to be registered on the electoral listing of the Town, in order to exercise your right to vote, on the first Sunday of November, which falls on November 5th this year. Here are some important details that you should know in order to be registered.

May be qualified to vote the following persons:

- A natural person who has been domiciled in the territory of the municipality and for at least six months, in Québec;
- The owner for at least 12 months of an immovable property or the occupant of a business establishment, situated in the territory of the Town;

A natural person must also be, on Election Day, of full age (18 years old in Quebec) and a Canadian citizen, and must not be under curatorship.

In the case of non-resident persons but owners of an immovable property, some rules apply.

- Where there are more than one owner for the immovable property, the majority of the co-owners must designate one of the owner by filling and signing a power of attorney;
- If the owner of an immovable property is a legal person (company), it can designate by resolution of its board of directors, a member, an administrator or an employee to vote in its name;

In all cases, the designated natural person must meet the above conditions. Also, a natural person can only vote once and appear only once on the electoral listing, even if that person could be eligible according to more than one of the above categories.

Natural persons residing in Barkmere do not have to register for the electoral listing: the Quebec government is sending the list of these people to the Town, and it will be possible to make some corrections prior to the elections. However, the non-resident persons must register. To ensure your registration on the electoral listing, please contact the Director General of the Town, who will provide you with the appropriate forms, if needed.

*Information pulled from the Act Respecting Elections and Referendums in Municipalities, CQLR c E-2.2. For more information, please verify with the Director General of the Town.*

## Update on Eurasian Water-milfoil

**By: Anne Létourneau  
Environmental Technician**

Following its discovery in a few areas of Bark Lake in 2016, the city has taken steps to eradicate this invasive plant. A group of trained divers, biologists and volunteers searched and inspected the lake to remove the plants according to a procedure approved by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change. Beginning on June 20, 2017, divers will once again inspect the lake in search of plants that could have survived or spread. We ask for your cooperation to help them. Here's how you could actively participate:

- Never touch plants that you suspect are water milfoil.
- Avoid boating within 50 meters of divers or marked areas (with ropes or a red and white buoy).
- Register as a volunteer kayaker to assist divers when required.
- Mark where you believe the invasive plant may be present. Divers are able to differentiate Eurasian Milfoil (which is invasive) from native water milfoil (which is useful for breeding fish) and other plant species. They will inspect with particular attention the places that have been marked. If you need to mark a spot, buoys will be available upon request.

Eurasian Watermilfoil is an extremely stubborn and invasive plant. Even a tiny tip of the plant could replant and cause new outbreaks of infestation. An aquarium was installed in the entrance of the town hall with a small water-milfoil plant. Even small, this plant has the capacity to become a formidable invader if it is not removed early in growth. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Anne Létourneau by leaving a message at 514-512-8005 or in person at town hall.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016**

A public notice is hereby given by the undersigned, secretary-treasurer of the Town of Barkmere,

**THAT** at the regular meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center, the Town of Barkmere file the financial statements and the report of the external auditor for the year ending December 31, 2016.

**GIVEN AT Barkmere, QC, this 2<sup>d</sup> day of June 2017**

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*Steve Deschenes*

*Secretary-treasurer*

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**TOWN OF BARKMERE RATEPAYERS**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **ENTRY INTO FORCE OF BYLAW 244**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given by the undersigned, Director General and Secretary-Treasurer of the Town of Barkmere,

**THAT** at the special meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Council of the Town of Barkmere adopted the Bylaw 244 amending Bylaw 134 respecting offenses associated with the triggering of fire alarms.

**THAT** the original Bylaw 244 is preserved in the municipal archives, the Town Hall is located at 199, Barkmere road, where it can be viewed in normal days and hours of operation.

**THAT** the Bylaw 244 enter into force the day of its publication.

**GIVEN AT Barkmere, QC, this 2<sup>d</sup> day of June 2017.**

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*Steve Deschenes*  
*Director General and Secretary-Treasurer*

## Boat Identification Labels

Hello boat owners of Barkmere,

Following the adoption of by-law 243 regarding the requirement to install an identification label on certain boats by your municipal council and the implementation of its application, we received several questions on the merits of that regulation. So here are some of the reasons that led to this regulation. The main reason for this is the health and ecological sustainability of Bark Lake, your lake. In the summer of 2016 an invasive exotic species was found, namely the Eurasian Milfoil. Following this episode, the council considered the origin and provenance of this aquatic plant in order to minimize any other risk of contamination of this aquatic plant or by any other species. We came to the conclusion that we had to ensure that all boats entering and navigating on the lake were decontaminated and that the boat was identified by the addition of a sticker which informed us of the source of the vessel and of their decontamination. This by-law is complementary to the regulations governing access to Bark Lake. More than ever, we would like to work with you to carry out this identification project by applying identification labels on your boats.

Here are the mechanics of the identification label acquisition: you will find the information on our website in the SERVICES tab along with the form to be completed as well as the papers that you will need for the identification of your boat. This information is also available at your City Hall or at the decontamination center. Once you have completed the form, you only have to go to the decontamination center with your vouchers and the attendant will validate and apply the sticker on your boat (s). You have until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to obtain your sticker.

I thank you for your cooperation and wish you an excellent summer!

Steve Deschênes,  
Director General

### INFORMATION ON CITY HALL

#### OPENING HOURS

June to October  
Tuesday to Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM

Telephone 819-687-3373  
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Building inspector  
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