



## Barkmere Echo – April 2025

The following is a summary of the last ordinary Town Council meeting held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2025:

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We learned about the passing of Mr. André Huot, father of Charles Huot, spouse of Councillor Kim Lamoureux. Also, Mrs. Monique Gauthier, mother of Marie-Hélène Gauthier, spouse of Councillor Stephen Lloyd passed at the end of February. We offer our most sincere condolences to the family of Charles and Marie-Hélène.

The Ministry of Forests is holding another public consultation during the month of April on the planned forest cuts. The cut planned for the Peninsula is not on the agenda as the consultation was already completed two years ago. On the website of the current consultation, one can find a map showing the works planned for this year and it does not display anything for the Peninsula. We still have to remain vigilant since the cut is still in the files of the Ministry.

We remind the residents of the Lake that lights at night on the shore of Bark Lake is prohibited and that we must ignore the Spring sales of garden solar lights. Council congratulates the community of which the great majority of members are respecting the directive and the right of their facing neighbours to have a natural view of the Lake. We invite the reticent gents to have the same respect and to avoid the fines included in the bylaw.

### **FOLLOW-UP ON THE LAST MEETING**

Our resolution of last month aiming to exercise our pre-emptive right on the sale of the underwater lots at the landing made some waves. The Ministry of Revenue contacted the Ministry of Environment (the former section of the Water Expertise Centre), who in turn contacted us. They also have land surveyors working for them, who are also contesting the existence of these lots. They will study the possibility of having them cancelled for the whole Lake.

### **SUPPORT TO THE TOWN OF BLAINVILLE**

The Council adopted a resolution to support the Town of Blainville in its effort to protect a wetland on its territory. Recently, the Quebec government adopted a law to expropriate the lots in that conservation area of Blainville, to allow the exploitation of a hazardous waste disposal centre by the Stalex company.

Even if the consequence of our bylaw is probably very minimal, we believe it is important to denounce this violation of the powers of municipalities to decide the zoning on their own territory and to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

## BYLAW ON DEMOLITIONS

The bylaw regarding demolitions was adopted adding a precision that it only applies to heritage buildings. The procedure defined in the Act on Urban Planning was deemed too complicated by the members of the Council to be applied to less sensitive demolitions. The zoning bylaw of Barkmere already covers the demolition of main and accessory buildings.

## LAST COUNCIL OF THE MRC

The MRC confirmed that the recent changes to the urban planning bylaws of the Town of Barkmere were conforming to the regional zoning plan. The modifications to the bylaws therefore came into effect on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

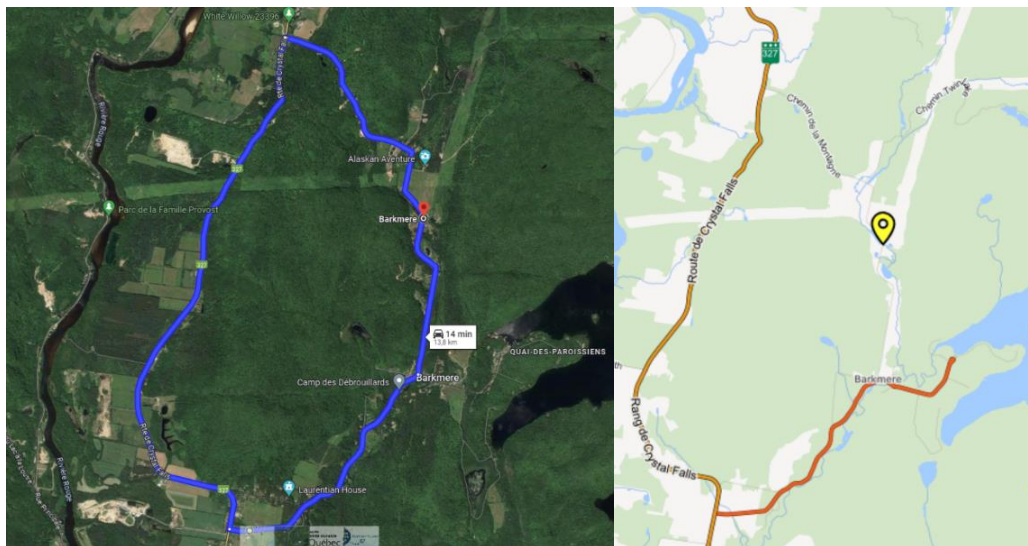
The MRC will hire some professionals, namely a civil engineer and an IT technician, who will be available to support the municipalities in their infrastructure projects and their needs in terms of information technology. This should allow us some savings, as the service will be less costly than resorting to the private sector.

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE – DE LA MONTAGNE ROAD

Please note that a portion of Chemin de la Montagne will be closed to traffic for a period of 10 days, from April 28 to May 8 inclusive, due to work done on a bridge (precise location shown below).

During this time, to access Barkmere, you will need to use Crystal Falls Road (R-327) and Chemin de Barkmere.

We'll keep you informed if we receive any updates from the *Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable*. The images below show where the work will take place.



## NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Interested in learning more about municipal politics? On May 12 and June 2, an information session will be held, in the form of a webinar, for those of you who might be tempted to take the plunge! It's the perfect opportunity to learn more about the role of municipalities, ask all your questions and get ready to apply.

To register:

- [Registration to the information session, on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 7PM](#)
- [Registration to the information session on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, at 7PM](#)

The [Laval and Laurentides Regional Office](#) of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is available to answer any questions from prospective candidates.

## REMINDER – ELECTORAL LIST

Don't forget to register on the electoral list if you haven't done so yet. To exercise your right to vote, you must be registered on the electoral list. If you have already voted in the Town of Barkmere in the past, your registration remains valid and no further action is required on your part.

Here are the forms for registering on the list:

- SMRC-9.2 - If you are the [only owner](#).
- SMRC-9.1 - If you are a [co-owner](#).

Please send us your completed form to [dg@barkmere.ca](mailto:dg@barkmere.ca).



Picture taken from the landing on April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Photo by: Shanny Larose

*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.*