



Barkmere Echo – May 2025

The following is a summary of the last Town Council meeting held on Saturday, May 10th 2025:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The representatives of the Ministry of Environment that we met last month have decided to register a declaration of ownership for the underwater lots that are distinct. These are lots that are entirely underwater and not part of a lot which is located on firm land. Article 19 of the Act respecting the Lands in the Domain of the State allows them to proceed in that manner. These lots will automatically become part of public land, like the rest of the Lake.

For the other lots, the situation is not completely resolved. Of course, if the underwater part of a lot is only facing this same lot on the shore, there are no difficulties. But if the underwater part extends to facing other lots with different owners, this could create difficult situations. The Town would still wish to sort it out, with the view to facilitate the emission of permits and certificates for wharves and boathouses.

The new video cameras were installed in the landing area, with a view on the public and rental wharves, as well as the waste container area. The administration can now have access to images, day and night, to monitor suspicious activities in these places. Already, some people having deposited illicit waste were identified and received fines.

One of our own was rewarded for his long-lasting efforts in environment protection, receiving the prestigious King Charles III Coronation Medal. It is Councillor Stephen Lloyd who thus recognized for his exceptional contribution to the protection of Angell Wood in the West Island of Montreal, his years as a member of the board of Nature Conservancy Canada as well as his fifteen years as Councillor for the Town of Barkmere. Congratulations to Stephen!

SUMMER EMPLOYEES AND AVAILABILITIES AT THE LANDING

The Town rehired the same five students who worked last summer, as landing attendants and for other related tasks. Once again, we ask you to remain polite with these young people who are starting in life, and who are only following the instructions of the administration to enforce our bylaws.

The students will be available on Saturdays and Sundays until mid-June, and then every day throughout the summer until the end of August.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements verified by the external auditor were presented and will be transmitted to the Ministry of municipal affairs. The Town remains in excellent financial health and able to limit the tax increases or even decrease them as it is the case this year.

FIRST AID CLASSES

The Town retained the services of an organisation specialised in first aid classes. A class will be offered on June 21st, from 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m, to anyone who is interested. This is part of the action plan put together by Council and the administration to improve the security of our citizens living in an area difficult or long to access for the first response service, which is basically everybody in Barkmere. If you're interested, we invite you to contact the municipal administration at communications@barkmere.ca.

2025 MILFOIL CAMPAIGN

The Town is looking for volunteers to learn about and participate in the removal of milfoil plants this year. We must ensure the succession of Ms. Anne Létourneau and Mr. Sylvain Miller. A training in diving is necessary. Please contact the municipal administration at communications@barkmere.ca for more information.

The population is also required to avoid the Silver Bay area passed the small island in that part of the Lake, whether by boat or in a canoe or kayak. The presence of crafts tends to spread the nefarious plants which then become difficult to locate and remove.

PURCHASE OF THE RESIDENT PARK

The Town and the owner of the lot where the Resident Park is located agreed on a selling price, and the Town will acquire the park for an amount of \$70,000 avoiding continuing the expropriation process. This purchase will allow to make the Park permanent.

NATURE TRAILS ON THE PENINSULA

The Town rehired the forestry engineer to revise the plan of the trails, considering the comments expressed this winter, and to prepare the official request to be presented to the Ministry of natural resources and forests. Before this presentation, a last public consultation will be held to allow all residents to express their point of view.

LAST COUNCIL OF THE MRC DES LAURENTIDES

Not much to report from the last MRC Council: they also presented their verified financial statements.

The MRC Council voted a resolution to present a brief document to the PAFIO consultation of the Ministry of natural resources and forests. The goal is to demand from the Ministry and the forestry companies that they identify in advance the roads that will be used for the transportation of logs, the forestry interventions, the percentage of trees taken and the volume and number of trips required. The MRC also demands a report from a biologist for activities near wetlands identified on its regional plan.

While we are on that subject, the Ministry indicated that they will proceed to ground preparation works on the sites of the Felix and Goulden cuts, to favour the regrowth of species. These works should be light but will still bring machinery in our surrounding forests this spring. However, there are no works planned on the peninsula.

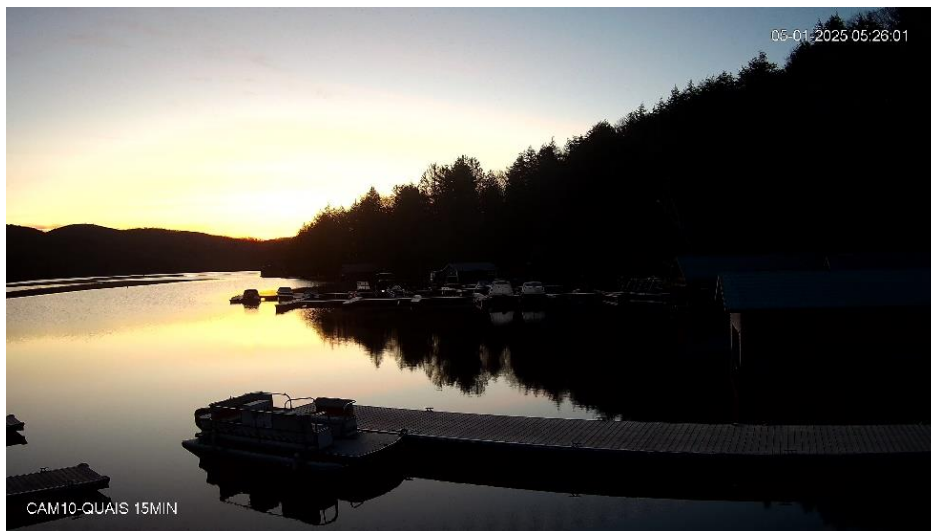
CONTAINER SITE CLEANLINESS

We would like to remind you that the Town has invested considerable sums in improving the container site. Now that the work has been completed, it's up to all of us to keep the site clean.

We would like to remind you that any deposit of any kind of object on the site is strictly forbidden and punishable by severe fines. For example, on Monday evening at 8.00 pm, an armchair was deposited near the containers. Our new surveillance camera system has clearly identified the lady who made this illegal deposit. We would like to reiterate that it is forbidden to deposit anything on the ground.

If the item you want to get rid of doesn't fit in the containers, it must be taken to the eco-center! Not on the ground.

It's up to all of us to keep this place clean. Please note that the same remarks apply to the Duncan sector container site.



Picture taken early during the morning of May 1st

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.