



Barkmere Echo – August 2025

The following is a summary of the last Town Council meeting held on Saturday, August 9th, 2025:

ANNOUCEMENTS

Following the public consultation on boat shelters held on July 26th, the Council decided to withdraw draft bylaw 293. The purpose of the consultation, it should be noted, was to initiate a discussion on boat shelters and to obtain the public's opinion on the matter.

FLOWERPOTS AND PLANTERS ON THE SHORE AND ALONG THE COASTLINE

In 2019, Ms. Anne Létourneau wrote an article that appeared in the municipal newsletter at the time about the negative consequences that flower boxes and pots on docks and boathouses can have on the health of the lake, its shores and coastline, as well as water quality. It should be noted that these planters and pots are filled with fertilisers that leach directly into the lake when it rains or when they are watered. This article is also published on our website. You can access it by clicking on [this link](#).

Despite these educational efforts, the municipal administration has noted that there are still many of these pots and planters present. The Council will therefore add an article to Bylaw 250 on the protection of water bodies against non-native species and invasive alien species, to prohibit flowerpots and planters on docks, boat shelters and boathouses.

PUBLIC WASHROOMS AT GOULDEN ISLAND

After too many years, the installation of the Goulden Island washroom facility is finally complete. Although the final costs are far from the original estimate, the result was well worth it and greatly appreciated by participants in the BLPA's annual regatta. It should be noted that the cost of these toilets is fully subsidized by the TECQ 2025-2029 program, at no cost to taxpayers. The Council would like to thank Cory Walker and Chris Uchwat for their dedication to completing this project, as well as Richard and Shayne O'Shaughnessy and Charles Huot for their work.

“WILD” CAMPGROUNDS

Once again, this year, illegal campers have been spotted in the Silver and Green Bay area, despite the closure of the forest road upstream from Silver Bay. These individuals are taking advantage of the recently

new or renovated forest roads to bring in caravans, without the sanitary facilities and other necessities required for legal campsites.

The Town therefore awarded a contract to Gilbert Miller et fils. to repair the road barrier in Silver Bay and block the edges of the forest road behind Green Bay, where a large clearing for timber trucks to turn around has become very inviting to these illegal campers.

REMINDER – MILFOIL

We encourage all residents to survey their (and their adjacent neighbours') properties for anything unusual. We'd like to remind you that you can report to us using the CEAP Google reporting form which can be found [here](#).

REMINDER – CONTAINERS AT THE LANDING

We have noticed that some people continue to leave bags of garbage or other items on the ground near the containers. Our camera surveillance has enabled us to issue several notices of violation. We remind you that the minimum fine is \$300.

We also would like to remind you that it is strictly forbidden to leave anything on the ground near the containers. If a container is full, please use another one. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

REMINDER – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

In preparation for the upcoming municipal elections on November 2nd, please ensure that your name is on the electoral list. Registration on the electoral list is not automatic in the case of second homes.

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](#).

You can send us your completed form to dg@barkmere.ca.

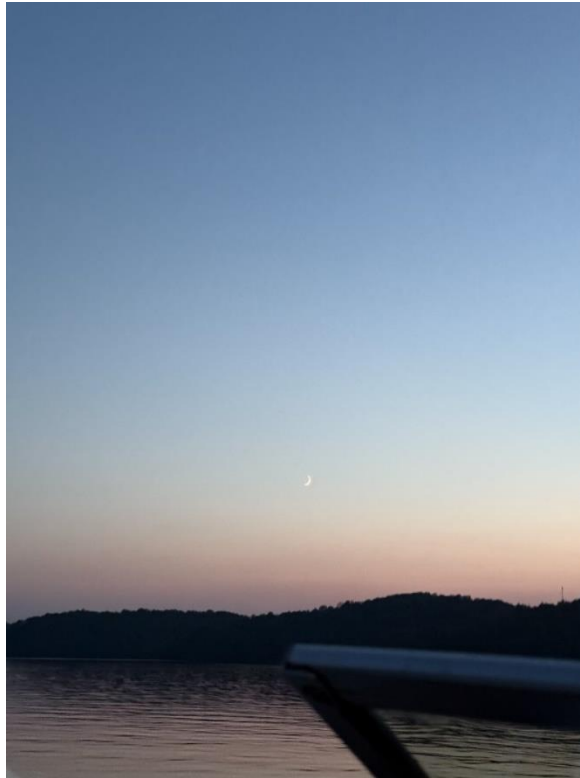


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For more details, please consult the minutes of the Council meeting that will be posted on the Town's website once they are ratified, generally at the next council meeting.