



Barkmere Echo – September 2025

The following is a summary of the last Town Council meeting held on Saturday, September 13th, 2025:

ANNOUCEMENTS

At the end of August, a former Barklaker and member of the Jack family clan passed away. Peter Mitchell, son of Cicely Jack and nephew of Rupert Jack, built a house near Cairncliff, on Duncan Road in the mid 1970s. He served on Council and the BLPA but will be mostly remembered for his passion for birds, organizing walks every year in the forest to watch and identify the flying and singing creatures. His renown as an ornithologist went beyond the limits of Barkmere. Council sends its deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

FIRST RESPONDERS

The Town has renewed its agreement with the Mont-Tremblant Fire Department to provide first responder services for another year. The Town of Mont-Tremblant has reached an agreement with its firefighters, allowing it to continue along the same path. Discussions are underway with that Town to renew fire protection services as well.

LAST COUNCIL OF THE MRC

The August meeting of the MRC was very short, perhaps due to the convalescence of Director Nancy Pelletier, who suffered a serious health issue earlier this summer. The Council sends her its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER

There will not be a Council meeting for the month of October, since 2025 is an election year for municipalities. The next meeting will be held on November 8th when a new Council will be sworn in.

TOWN HALL OPENING HOURS

Please note that the Town Hall is open from Monday to Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will also be open during the weekend of October 4th- 5th and 10th-11th.

If you need the gate opened for boat removal only, and that the Town hall is closed, please contact Shayne O'Shaughnessy. His phone number is posted on the Town Hall door.

BARKMERE'S 100TH – HISTORICAL HOME VISIT



By now you might have heard about the celebration next summer (2026) of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Barkmere. Activities are planned throughout 2026. One of them is visits to some of the original and iconic homes and cottages in Barkmere.

The committee is actively looking for families who would be interested in offering their home/cottage for the tour. The criteria for consideration would be the age and original integrity of the structure. It can be in the village or on the lake. We have contacted several owners and have had an enthusiastic response. But we are still looking for people we may have missed.

The tours will be on July 18th, 2026. Owners who have agreed to be part of the house tour would be asked to write a short history of their property. Any memorabilia /photos would be a welcome addition. Volunteers would assist in tying up boats and helping the owner with the tour. One group would visit at a time.

In the spring, a list of homes on the tour will be sent to all residents of Barkmere. You will be given an opportunity to sign up for the visits.

We want these visits to be accessible to all citizens. To that end, we will also be looking for volunteers with a boat who would be willing to provide tour transportation to those who do not have a boat.

As part of the centennial, we wish to invite former residents to celebrate with us. Please pass this information on to those you have contact with. They can contact us, and we will send them the information.

If you have suggestions, questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact the committee below. We would appreciate hearing from those interested as soon as possible.

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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.



Picture of a loon taken early in the morning
Photo taken by: Marc Frédette