



Barkmere Echo – November 2026

The following is a summary of the last Town Council meeting held on Saturday, November 8th, 2026:

ANNOUCEMENTS

Mayor Luc Trépanier thanked the entire Barkmere community for placing their trust in him for a fifth term in office serving his fellow citizens. He hopes to continue to live up to that trust.

He warmly thanked the councillors who are leaving and congratulated them on their excellent work. They are Mr. Ken Mann, who spent four years on the Council, Ms. Kim Lamoureux, who spent seven years on the Council, Mr. Jake Chadwick and Mr. Marc Frédette. The latter two have been part of the Mayor's team since 2009.

The Mayor welcomed the four people who have decided to join the Council. First, Ms. Chantal Baron, who has long been a cottager in the village but has now decided with her partner to move to Barkmere permanently. Chantal will take over the municipal finance portfolio, while also getting involved in public safety and social activities. She has been appointed Deputy Mayor of the Town.

Mr. Charles Morgan, who recently moved to the area and, like all of us, fell in love with the lake to the point of trying to live here year-round. Charles will be responsible for municipal infrastructure and services, in addition to assisting Stephen Lloyd with urban planning.

Mr. Grant Elliot, who practically grew up on the lake, has served as president-commodore of the sailing club for several years. Grant will work to improve our municipal communications, particularly on social media, and will also be responsible for social activities with Ms. Baron, while involving himself with navigational safety.

Mr. David Castonguay, who is becoming the youngest municipal councillor in Barkmere since the Town was founded, has already worked for the Town as a student and is considered a leader by his generation of Barklakers. David will be responsible for public safety, an important issue in the context of climate change, the effects of which we are already experiencing with droughts, highly unstable lake levels, violent windstorms, etc.

Finally, the Mayor thanked the two councillors who re-enlisted: Mr. Stephen Lloyd, in urban planning, also a member of his team since 2009, and Ms. Marie-Hélène Lemarbre, who is taking over the important environment portfolio.

DEATH NOTICES

We learned of the passing on October 14th of a former resident of Patry Bay in Barkmere, Mr. Paul Tully Fleming. He was the son of Mr. Robert Percival Fleming, a former Mayor of Barkmere, and brother of Leo Fleming, who served as commodore of the sailing club.

Also, in late September, a tragic accident claimed the life of Mr. Daryl Erickson, father of Jason and Joel Erickson, residents of Wentworth Bay. Mr. Erickson was struck by a car while taking his morning walk.

The members of the Council extend their deepest condolences to both bereaved families.

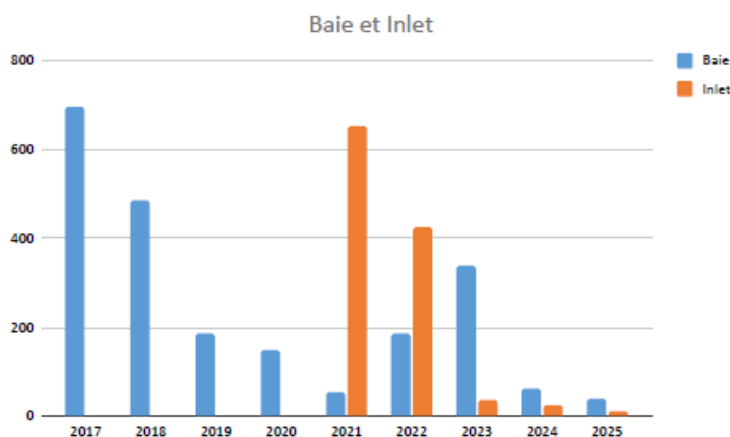
NATURE TRAILS ON THE PENINSULA

The Town has officially submitted its application to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to create a network of walking trails on the peninsula between Green Bay and Cope Bay. Let us hope that the MNRF will give its approval quickly so that the trails can be officially opened as part of the Town's centennial celebrations.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST EURASIAN MILFOIL

Our divers, Ms. Anne Létourneau and Mr. Sylvain Miller, submitted their report for 2025 to the Town, which was tabled before Council. It was a good year, as only 49 plants were found and removed from the lake. We would like to remind you that in 2026, we will have to rely heavily on our residents to identify the plants, as Anne and Sylvain will be taking a step back to enjoy the summer. However, a team of divers has been hired to remove the plants.

The following table shows the number of plants in Silver Bay and at the lake inlet over the past few years. If you'd like to learn more about the report, please click on [this link](#).



SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

The Council awarded the contract for snow removal on Chemin des Jésuites, the parking at the landing and the municipal building to the sole bidder, Gilbert Miller & Fils. Although very expensive, the cost of the contract remains the same as last year.

ADOPTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

The Town's budget for 2026 will be adopted during the meeting of December 13th. It should be noted that this budget will determine the amount of property taxes to be collected for next year.

REPARATIONS ON GOULDEN ISLAND

We would like to recognize the hard work of the Barklakers who repaired the rope game on Goulden Island after a fallen tree damaged a post and the ropes back in October. Thanks to the efforts of Chantal Raymond, William Kuperberg, Alexandre, Louis and Philippe Castonguay, it is now repaired!



William Kuperberg, Alexandre,
Philippe and Louis Castonguay

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WINTER CARNIVAL – BARKMERE 100

The Barkmere 100 Committee is hosting a Winter Carnival to kick off the centennial celebrations on Saturday, February 7, 2026 (rescheduled to February 14 in case of bad weather). The activities will be held at the Town hall and at the landing.

Activities include : Skating Rink, Sleigh Rides, Hot Chocolate, Food & Snacks, and Music.

Come join us for a fun day of winter games, outdoor activities, and community celebrations!



INVITATION TO THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING



It's already the last Town council meeting of the year! We look forward to seeing you on December 13 at 10:00 a.m. for this important meeting, during which the 2026 budget will be adopted. And to end the year on a high note, a small Christmas party will follow the meeting.

As usual, you can follow the council meeting remotely via the ZOOM platform. However, you'll miss out on the party, which we hope will be well attended!

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.



Fall 2025 at Bark Lake