



## **Barkmere Echoes – March 26**

The following is a summary of the last ordinary Town Council meeting held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

### **HERITAGE INVENTORY (RCM DES LAURENTIDES)**

The Mayor informed residents that the RCM Des Laurentides will adopt its inventory of buildings constructed before 1940 that have heritage value. In Barkmere, only one property remains to be included, namely the former Jesuit Fathers' summer house.

### **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

Notice of motion was given for the adoption of a new By-law establishing the Consultative Committee on Environment, which will replace the current By-law. The committee's structure has been simplified and its responsibilities clarified. A copy of the draft bylaw is available for review on the Town's website.

### **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING**

Following a reorganization of Council members' responsibilities, council appointed Councillor Chantal Baron to replace Councillor Charles Morgan. Council also confirmed that Councillor Stephen Lloyd will remain Chair and appointed Councillor Baron as Vice-Chair.

### **MUNICIPAL GARAGE**

Council awarded a contract to Construction Robert Larivière Inc. for the construction of a new small municipal garage to be built near the landing parking area, behind the waste bin zone. The contract totals 58,000\$ and the expense is fully covered by the TECQ program grant.

### **RCM DES LAURENTIDES COUNCIL**

Acting Mayor Chantal Baron represented the Mayor at the most recent RCM Council meeting. Items on the agenda were mainly follow-up matters, including the requirement for all municipalities to adopt, by April 1st, 2026, a By-law respecting building maintenance and occupancy. The Town intends to adopt this bylaw shortly.

Councillor Baron also noted that, as part of the Quebec government's Accelerating Local Climate Transition (ATCL) program, a Laurentians environmental summit will be held in the second half of 2026.

In addition, modernization work is planned for the Mont-Tremblant ecocentre. A call for tenders for construction at a new location is expected to be issued in March 2026.

Lastly, the RCM has decided to support the creation of the Barkmere–Montcalm protected area. The file remains active, as CRE Laurentides, which is reviewing submitted projects, is now proposing a lower protection status than what was requested. A reduced protection level could allow certain activities to resume (e.g., logging, motorized activities) and could limit the municipalities' ability to determine which activities are permitted in specific sectors of the proposed area.



Picture taken from the landing on March 19<sup>th</sup>  
*Photo by: Annie Larocque*

*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.*