



Echoes from Barkmere – AUGUST 2026

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Trépanier reminds the public to please respect the wave-reduction rules for the landing area:

- Boats must slow down **BEFORE** reaching the buoys marking the zone and accelerate only **AFTER** passing them. Within the zone, vessels must proceed at minimum speed.
- To effectively minimize wake, it is best to decelerate quickly upon arrival and then accelerate briskly upon departure so that the vessel quickly begins to plane. Gradual deceleration or acceleration creates more wake and should be avoided.

CITIZENS FORUM

The Council will be holding a new consultation session for village residents on October 10th. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- street lighting;
- use of the residents' park including any potential restrictions;
- consideration of potential amendments to the urban planning regulations for the village area.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The committee's first meeting of the year took place in July. Councillor Marie-Hélène Lemarbre, the committee chair, presented a summary of that meeting.

CHARACTERIZATION STUDY OF BARK LAKE

The firm Fyto has been commissioned to carry out a characterisation study of Bark Lake. This study has been required by the Quebec Ministry of the Environment to enable the annual removal of Eurasian watermilfoil plants to continue.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE TOWN'S CENTENARY

The Town Council passed a resolution to thank all the volunteers who helped organise the events. An official letter acknowledging their involvement will be sent to them.

Furthermore, the Town will submit an official request to the Quebec Toponymy Commission to name the "Centennial Heights" belvedere, which was created during the festivities of July 25th.

The resolution to that effect is attached to the email containing this issue of Barkmere Echoes.

LOOKING BACK ON THE FIRES THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE TOWN THIS PAST SPRING

The Council wishes to provide a brief update on the ongoing reflection and actions following the fires experienced in the spring, as well as the risk of such events recurring.

1. Analysis and communication

The official post-mortem regarding the response operations on April 28 and June 3–4, 2026, is currently underway. The resulting conclusions and action plan will be shared with residents.

2. Establishment of the Public Safety Advisory Committee

The Town Council wishes to form an advisory committee to assist with the implementation of necessary actions. Several individuals have expressed interest in joining the committee. An initial meeting is scheduled for August 15.

3. Working meeting with the Tremblant Fire Department

The Town Council considers the advice and support of the City of Mont-Tremblant Fire Department necessary to carry out the plan in its entirety. A request for a meeting to this effect has been made.

4. Town actions and responsibilities

A series of recurring tasks falling under the Town's responsibility have been identified and will be systematically monitored by the Council.

5. Awareness and communication

A public information session on best practices—such as the habit of calling 911—is desired. The Town also wishes to determine the best ways to communicate safety information to residents, such as alerts or burn bans, throughout the year.

In the meantime, we invite you to consult the articles on prevention written by councillors David Castonguay, as well as those on safety regulations regarding campfires or burning written by inspector Annie Larocque, which appeared in the Barkmere Bulletin 2026.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY COMMITTEE

The following individuals were appointed to the Town's Public Security Committee:

- Ms. Marie-Hélène Gauthier, who has taught a university course on the legal aspects of public safety;
- Mr. Mitchell Hope, a former firefighter with the municipality of Huntingdon in the Montérégie region;
- Mr. Charles Huot, former mayor of the Town of Barkmere;
- Mr. Shayne O'Shaughnessy, a regular volunteer during public safety operations within the Town's boundaries.

The members representing the Council will be:

- Mr. David Castonguay, who will act as chair of the committee;
- Ms. Chantal Baron;
- Mr. Luc Trépanier, an ex officio member of the Town's committees.

The municipal administration will appoint an observer who will also act as the committee's secretary.

RENEWAL OF THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICES

The Council passed a resolution to renew the inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Mont-Tremblant for a period of one year. This will allow time to examine a proposal to set up a regional authority to replace the current service in 2028.

DOGS ON LEASH

The administration wishes to remind you that keeping pets under control is not optional:

- For public safety reasons, the municipality reminds everyone that dogs must be always kept on a leash in public areas, particularly at the wharf and the boat launch. This measure is essential to prevent incidents involving people or other animals, thereby ensuring everyone's safety.

Enforcement:

- Under current municipal bylaws, failure to comply with this requirement constitutes an offense. Checks and inspections will be carried out, and fines will be issued to violators. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Picture taken by Daphn  Tr panier-Mehnert, 7th of July 2026

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.