



# MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Municipality welcomes Mrs. Ginger Finan as our new Building Inspector. Ginger can be reached **Tuesday to Friday** from 8:30AM to 4:00PM. Tel: 819-453-7049 or by email [inspecteur.otter-lake@mrcpontiac.qc.ca](mailto:inspecteur.otter-lake@mrcpontiac.qc.ca)  
**NEED A PERMIT?**

All new construction, demolition, renovations, septic systems, wells, and subdivisions **REQUIRE** a permit.

**POOLS:** Did you know that a fence is required if you own a pool? Either surrounding your yard or pool.

**TREE CUTTING:** Did you know authorization is required to cut trees within the 15m of protected waterfront zone (10m depending on the slope).

**INSTALLING A TRAILER?** Trailer by-law can be found on our website. Please inform the office once installed.  
**Contact the office for more information.**

### **DOG & CAT TAGS:**

Does your pet have a tag? Tags are available at the Municipal Office. Tags are required to identify your pet should they be picked up by our Animal Control Officer.  
**Cost is \$20 and must be purchased annually.**

**OPEN-AIR FIRE DATES (without a fire pit):** November 15 to March 15 of each year with a permit. Permits can be obtained from the Fire Chief.

**FIREWORKS:** Did you know that fireworks are only permitted during certain holidays? Victoria Day long weekend (May), Quebec National Day (June 24<sup>th</sup>), Canada Day (July 1), Civic Holiday weekend (August) and Labour Day weekend (Sept.).

**By-law 07-03-2012 (see website)**

**OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Did you know that you cannot park a vehicle overnight (midnight to 6AM) during the winter period (15 Nov. to 15 Apr.) on any municipal road, according to Municipal By-law 2016-12-09 and SQ By-law 2011-01? Please respect our NO PARKING signs and regulations. Also please be aware that you cannot push snow from your private driveways on to our municipal roads, this is extremely dangerous.

**ENTRANCEWAYS / PRIVATE ROADS** must be clear of all branches, trees and limbs **12' wide and 12' high**, in order to allow emergency vehicles access to your property. (9-1-1 and Fire Services)

### **OTTER LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Want to make your municipality safer? Please share any information on crimes or suspicious activities. We are on the Otter Lake Municipal website and Facebook under Otter Lake Neighbourhood watch. Call 9-1-1 or police to report crimes.

**BOAT WASH** The Municipality has installed a boat wash station behind the municipal hall at our municipal garage. It is now mandatory to wash your boat before launching it in one of our lakes. By-law 02-09-2020. (See website.)

### **Informational Tools**

**Website** – [www.otterlakequebec.ca](http://www.otterlakequebec.ca)

The website contains the answers to most of your questions about the municipality of Otter Lake including: hours of operation (office, transfer station), community activities, by-laws, municipal meetings, budgets, permits, public notices, etc. Let us know if you cannot locate the answer to your question.

**Facebook** – [Otter Lake Municipalite-Municipality | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/OtterLakeMunicipalite-Municipality)  
Facebook is used to make people immediately aware of important notices and future events in the Municipality. You must first click the “like” button on the Otter Lake Facebook page to automatically receive the notices.

### **Emergency Alert System**

The system will immediately contact you by phone or e-mail of dangerous situations in the community. In the past year it has been used to alert residents about fire bans and issues with the water system.

If you have never received such an alert you must contact the Municipal Office and register.

**Mail** - Important notices will continue to be mailed.

### **2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Revenue: **\$2,796,615**

Operating expenses: **\$2,555,515**

Operating surplus: **\$241,100**

Payment long-term debt: **(\$41,100)**

Investing activities: **(\$200,000)**

Surplus/deficit fiscal purposes: **\$0**

Mil Rate: **0.62**

Water Infrastructure charge (water zone) **\$142**

Water Infrastructure charge (population) **\$8**

Water distribution charge **\$150**

Waste disposal charge **\$100**

*For further budget information see the Municipal website [otterlakequebec.ca/budget](http://otterlakequebec.ca/budget)*

### **PROJECTED DATES FOR ROAD CALCIUM APPLICATION:**

June and August (weather permitting)

**TAX PAYMENTS:** Due April 1, 2022. Payable in 3 instalments if the amount exceeds \$300.00, **April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2022.** Our system accepts postdated checks should you wish to send in your 3 instalments at once. Forms of payment accepted are **cash, check, debit and online payments with most major banks.**

**POTABLE WATER:** No longer accessible at the Pump House. Now available outside at the Municipal Office, 15 Palmer Avenue.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT – Transfer Station Hours**

**April to October:** 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 9AM to 6PM on Sunday.

**November to March:** 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

### **FREE large waste disposal days:**

June 4th & 5th, 2022. **(One weekend only)**

**NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### **Recycling and Composting:**

The provincial Government will reduce our funding if we do not reduce our waste tonnage.

**Increased recycling and composting reduces garbage tonnage and allows us to maintain our low waste service charges to the taxpayer.**

Composting is easy to do: simply throw your leftover food scraps, coffee grounds/filters, tea bags, etc. into a biodegradable bag and bring it for dumping into the composting receptacle.

**A complete list of suitable items is on the website for both recycling and composting.**

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAIN COMMITTEES**

Mayor Terry Lafleur (oversees all committees)

**Darren Knox** – Public roads/ATV/Ski-doo

**Jennifer Quaile** – Water/Environment/Lake Associations/Invasive species/Planning/Urbanism/HR

**Kathleen Gauthier** – Finance/Leslie Park

**Penny Dubeau** – Library/RA/Seniors/Fire Dept./Public security/Street lights

**Serge Sabourin** – Public roads/ATV/Ski-doo /Water/Environment/Lake Associations/Invasive species/ Fire Dept./Public security/Street lights

**Robin Zacharias** – Finance/HR/Planning/Urbanism/ Internet/Facebook/Marketing Communications

### **MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

### **MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

(located in Ste-Marie School)

**Tuesday:** 1:00PM to 4:30PM & 7:00PM to 8:30PM

**Wednesday:** 1:00PM to 4:30PM

**Thursday:** 1:00PM to 3:00PM & 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Please note that the library has computers on site and wireless internet access is available.