



MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2020 NEWSLETTER

NEED A PERMIT?

All new construction, demolition, renovations, septic systems, wells and subdivisions **REQUIRE** a permit. Please contact the Building Inspector, Gabi Morin, at 819-453-7049.

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 Inspector at the Municipal Office.

FIREWORKS:

Did you know that fireworks are only permitted during certain holidays? Victoria Day long weekend (May), Quebec National day (June 24th), Canada Day (July 1), Civic Holiday weekend (August) and Labour Day weekend (Sept.). Call the Municipal Inspector for a copy of the by-law for more information.

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.

THE 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 (Community Life page) and Facebook under Otter Lake Neighbourhood watch. Call 9-1-1 or police to report crimes.

Otter Lake Craft Centre:

Non-profit, Handmade goods and used goods, 305 Martineau Street, for further details please contact Esther Dubeau at 819-453-7378 or 819-453-7352.

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)

Council members and main committees:

Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve (Oversees all committees)

Carlen Lafleur – Fire Dept. / Planning / Human Resources / Lake Associations

Desiree Tremblay - Library / Communication / RA / Seniors

Kathleen Gauthier - Public roads / Environment / Water

Vicky Dubeau – Leslie Park / Human Resources

Ivan Leblanc – Public roads / Fire Dept.

Robin Zacharias - Administration / Finance / Communication / Human Resources / Planning / Lake Associations

Sports & Lesiure: A survey was completed in the summer of 2019 and a public consultation was held on November 17 to understand the Municipalities sports and leisure needs. This input will be used to develop plans for 2020 and beyond. We thank everyone who participated.

Municipal Office Hours:

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

Monthly Public Meetings:

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM.

POTABLE WATER:

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

Dump 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 6th & 7th, 2020 & September 5th & 6th, 2020. NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

RA Events

The RA encourages the community to support their efforts, without support from the community they will be unable to put on such great events. Our thanks to the committee members and all their volunteers!

Below is a list of RA events:

April 5, 2020 Kids Easter Party

June 12-14, 2020 NOBS Bike Show and Shine

June 27, 2020 Canada Day Celebration – Featuring the music of **THE GHOST TOWN CRYERS**

Aug 7-9, 2020 Ball tournament

Oct 31, 2020 Kids Halloween Party

Dec 5, 2020 Kids Christmas Party

Dec 31, 2020 New Year's Party

For information or to volunteer please contact Shane Presley, RA President, at 819-453-2271.

Otter Lake RA 2nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby, February 6, 2021.

2020 Budget Highlights

Revenue: \$2,453,899

Operating expenses: \$2,203,399

Operating surplus: \$250,500

Payment long term debt: (\$109,800)

Investing activities: (\$140,700)

Surplus/deficit fiscal purposes: \$0

Mill rate is .62, Water Infrastructure charge (waterzone) \$142, Water Infrastructure charge (population) \$8, Water distribution charge \$150, Waste disposal charge \$100.

Major changes to expenses:

MRC share – Public security 76%

Municipal library 46%

Waste management 12%

Projected dates for road calcium application:

May and July (weather permitting)

POOLS: Did you know that a fence is required if you own a pool? Either surrounding your yard or pool, call the Building Inspector for more details.

EXTERIOR FINISHING: Did you know that all building exteriors are to be finished in the first year of construction? Request for compliance letters will be sent out again this year. Please contact the Building Inspector for more information.

MUNICIPAL FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we now have a Municipal Facebook page? A new Facebook page has been created to make you immediately aware of important notices and future events in the Municipality. Important notices will continue to be sent in the mail. Find us under Otter Lake Municipalité-Municipality.

Recycling & Composting: The Municipality of Otter Lake has implemented a composting program. The provincial Government will be reducing our funding if we do not continue working on our program. Increased recycling and composting will reduce garbage costs and allow us to maintain our low waste service charges to the tax payer. The Municipality purchased one composter in 2019 which was installed at the dump and plans to purchase another in 2020.

Boat Wash: The Municipality has installed a boat wash station behind the municipal hall at our municipal garage. Please wash your boat and protect our greatest asset, our lakes.

Invasive Species In Our Lakes: Some plants and animals make lakes and rivers unsafe to swim in and will kill the fish. These plants and animals are called invasive species. Currently some lakes in neighbouring municipalities are infected by invasive species. Invasive species are easily transported from lake to lake by boats that have not been washed. Once a lake is infected it is very expensive to control and almost impossible to remove. The Municipality is working on processes to protect Otter Lake's lakes and rivers from becoming infected with invasive species. The success of the processes will require the support of all tax payers.

Farmers Market: The municipality is considering a Farmers market in the community. If you are interested in becoming a vendor to sell produce, crafts, etc. contact the Municipality.

Library Hours: (located in St-Maries 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. **Open the second Saturday of each month from 10AM-12PM for a special activity.**

Tax payments:

Due April 1, 2020. Payable in 3 installments if the amount exceeds \$300.00. **April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2020.**

Our system accepts postdated checks should you wish to send in your 3 installments at once. Forms of payment accepted are: **cash, check, debit and online payments with most major banks.**

The 50 Plus Club continues to provide great entertainment for citizens aged 50 plus in our municipality and neighboring municipalities. Its exercise on Tuesday mornings, euchre on Tuesday nights, petanque on Wednesday afternoons and darts on Thursday nights. During the winter months there is also an indoor walking club on Monday & Wednesday mornings. Our thanks to the 50 Plus committee for all their help and dedication to making it a success!

Below is a list of special 50 plus events:

March 17, 2020 Pot Luck Supper

May 7, 2020 Pot Luck Supper

June 15, 2020 Chinese food supper

August 22, 2020 Supper

October 29, 2020 Halloween Pot Luck

December 12, 2020 Christmas Supper

February 13, 2021 Valentines Dance

Please see the "Otter Lake 50 Plus Club" facebook page or the Municipal website for more information. Or you can contact Mrs. Janet Lafleur, President, at 819-453-2308

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.OTTERLAKEQUEBEC.CA