



# MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2016 NEWSLETTER



**NEED A PERMIT?** All new construction, demolition, renovations, septic systems, wells and subdivisions **REQUIRE** a permit. Please contact the Building Inspector 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 24<sup>th</sup>), 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 S.Q. by-law 2011-01.

**THE OTTER LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
In place since December 2015. To check out the latest information you can find us on the Otter Lake Municipal web site (Community Life page) or on Facebook under Otter Lake Neighbourhood watch.

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

**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.

**Municipal Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM  
**Monthly Public Meetings:**  
First Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM.

**Dump Hours:**  
**April to October:** 9AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday and Monday, 10AM to 6PM on Sunday.  
**November to March:** 9AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
**FREE large waste disposal days June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

### R.A. 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!

**Please see below for dates of future events:**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Canada Day festivities**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 Outdoor Festival featuring:**

**Eddie & The Stingrays**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 Ball Tournament**

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

**Otter Lake Fire Department Annual Ice Fishing Derby, first weekend of February 2017.**

### 2016 Budget Highlights

**Revenue:** \$2,177,972

**Operating expenses:** \$2,019,202

**Surplus before reconciliation:** \$158,770

**Payment long term debt:** (\$105,770)

**Investing activities:** (\$230,500)

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

Mill rate is .70, Water Infrastructure charge (waterzone) \$142, Water Infrastructure charge (population) \$8, Water distribution charge \$150, Waste disposal charge \$100.

**Major changes to expenses:**

Fire protection **12.9%**

Recreational and cultural **-15.9%**

Cost of financing **-17.6%**

**Projected dates for road calcium application:**

3<sup>rd</sup> week of June and 4<sup>th</sup> week of 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.

**2016 Murder Mystery at the Otter Lake RA:**

Organized by your RA Committee, Golden Age Group and Fire Department to help raise funds for the maintenance of the RA building and grounds. Date coming soon, hope to see you there!

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)

**Library Hours: (located in St-Maries School)**

**Tuesday: 7:00PM to 8:30PM**

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

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

**Tax payments:**

Due April 1, 2016. Payable in 3 installments if the amount exceeds \$300.00, **April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2016.**

Our system accepts postdated checks should you wish to send in your 3 installments at once. Forms of payment accepted are: **cash, check and coming soon: online payment.**

### Golden Age Events

The Golden Age Club continues to provide great entertainment for citizens aged 50+ in our municipality and neighboring municipalities. Whether it's cards on Tuesday nights or darts on Thursday nights. If you wish to become part of the Golden Age please contact Mr. René Graveline, President, at 819-453-7099. Our thanks to the Golden Age Committee for all their help and dedication to making it a success! Please see below for dates of future events:

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Indoor Garage Sale at RA**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 BBQ Steak Dinner**

**September 17, 2016 Harvest Meal**

**December 17, 2016 Christmas Dinner**

**February 11, 2017 Valentines Dance**

**Exercise program** is being offered on Tuesday mornings at the RA Hall at 10AM, for further details contact Janet 819-453-2308 or Robin 819-453-2229.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.OTTERLAKEQUEBEC.CA](http://WWW.OTTERLAKEQUEBEC.CA)**