



Notre-Dame-  
de-l'Île-Perrot

# What's new @NDIP

## A word from the Mayor

### We're finally reaping the fruit of our efforts!

What an incredible summer we had in 2012! The hot, dry weather was just perfect for vacationers and outdoors enthusiasts.

For members of Municipal Council, summer 2012 will be remembered for the culmination of many projects we'd been working on for months, or even years. In August, we obtained a series of government approvals that finally gave us the green light on a large number of files. I'm thinking specifically of the Forest Street extension, the Domaine de l'Aristocrate and Parc des Éperviers projects, the construction of a water display at Parc

des Mésanges and the multipurpose path along Boul. St-Joseph Sud.

Contrary to what Jean de la Fontaine wrote in his famous fable, the successful conclusion of all these projects isn't the result of patience and length of time. Rather, it is because of so much hard work by Council members and City employees, who never stopped believing in the importance of the projects for the City and residents.

Marie-Claude Nichols

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## living in NDIP

### Forest Street Extension

After over three years of discussions and negotiations and following several visits by your elected officials to various government ministries during the month of August, the City has obtained final approval for implementing the Forest Street project.

As you will have noticed, work on the Forest Street extension has started and will continue as scheduled until the end of November.

Since the election of 2009, this new section of road has been a priority for Council members, as it will facilitate travel on the island and help decongest the main arteries, especially Boul. Don-Quichotte. Work of this magnitude inevitably involves some inconvenience, but the end result is clearly worth it. Thank you for your patience during the construction period.

### New property assessment roll deposited

For your information, the new assessment roll prepared by the designated assessors has been deposited with Council. Some residents will notice an increase in their assessment and will naturally be worried about the impact on their next municipal tax bill.

Council would like to reassure you that an increase as such does not mean an increase in your tax bill. We are currently developing different scenarios to reduce as far as possible the impact of the increase, so as to maintain the lowest possible tax rate.

### DEVELOPMENT OF DOMAINE DE L'ARISTOCRATE AND PARC DES ÉPERVIERS

In August, members of Council and the developer of Domaine de l'Aristocrate (namely Millenium II) agreed to the final requirements, enabling the company to go ahead with this residential project.

A priority for the Council was to connect up Boul. Virginie-Roy (between Rivelaine and Doris-Lussier) and then to ensure that residential development is carried out as a complement to the existing project, meaning it must at least respect the construction standards previously required of Millenium I. According to our schedule, Boul. Virginie-Roy will be open to traffic this fall and construction of the first houses will begin at the same time.

In addition, the Council prioritized a land exchange between the two parties in order to permit the long awaited development of Parc des Épervières. As a result, the park will also be developed in phases in collaboration with various municipal organizations (to respond to their needs) and our residents, and still within budget!

Also, in a desire to properly inform residents about our projects, we shall make plans public as soon as they're available and work will begin later in the spring. We gratefully thank area residents for their patience during the various disruptions... they will soon see the benefits!

### MULTIPURPOSE PATH

For nearly three years, the City has invested considerable energy and resources in the project to install a multipurpose path on Boul. St-Joseph Sud. Council members are fully committed to the project, as it is specifically intended to ensure the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians who use this major artery.

The Council, in good faith, immediately sought the participation of property owners in the process of implementing plans for the multipurpose path. Unfortunately, obstacles in the file multiplied and the planned start-up date of the project too often had to be postponed. The numerous delays can be partly explained by the length of the judicial proceedings that the City had to undertake with expropriated landowners. The City has now acquired the judicial decisions that allow us to go ahead in the file.

Therefore, work should begin shortly. We still need to confirm a few details however... such as getting a grant!

## The City...

### Boat ramp in Pincourt

In recent weeks, the City of Pincourt informed us of its decision to restrict access to the boat ramp to its own residents only. Having previously determined that we need access to the water in our own territory, we had already taken steps to construct a boat ramp for the convenience of our residents. Environmental studies have been filed with the appropriate government departments and we will go ahead as soon as we get the necessary approvals. Every effort will be made to have a boat ramp in place by the outfall for spring 2013.

### Did you know...

Agricultural production will start up again on some land north of Boul. Don-Quichotte that have been lying fallow for some years. Farmers have completed work to prepare the fields for the next harvest, such as digging irrigation ditches. This is great news because it confirms the importance of agriculture in NDIP and fits into the Council's vision for land use in our territory.

## GREEN THUMB

### Maximum use of dead leaves

Fall is on the way already! You can feel it and see it! The trees are starting to lose their leaves and soon they'll be all over the lawn.

Our City will be collecting leaves as usual. But you yourself can get maximum use from the leaves by spreading them as insulation on sensitive plants, perennials or berries, etc. Next spring, they will be semi-composted and you can mix them into the soil by adding a little lime and nitrogen.

This practice reduces the amount of leaves transported to collection sites and reduces our bill. However, if you decide to have them collected in paper bags, make sure you put in leaves only. The bags are donated to participating farms and there are often bottles, cans and bits of branches that cause major problems during spreading.

We wish you a beautiful fall on our lovely island!