

What's



Dear Residents, I would like to use this present column to officially announce my intention to seek your support

again and run for another term as mayor of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, together with my current team of councillors. Over the past four years, our team has implemented many projects that meet the needs and wishes of the residents of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. I am very proud of what we have accomplished so far and I hope to continue working to ensure the harmonious development of our city and preserve the exceptional quality of life we all enjoy in NDIP. We have been a transparent council that has listened to the needs of our fellow residents and we intend to stay the course for the next four years, if you decide.

In accordance with guidelines established in the 2022 Strategic Plan, which we made public in September 2012, we continue to base our decisions on the principles that achieved consensus in the consultation process, namely balanced residential development, while

A word from the Mayor

preserving the quality of our living environment and strengthening our sense of belonging. In this way, we shall ensure sound economic and social development that is respectful of the unique qualities of our territory, while remaining steadfastly focused on the future.

In this period of economic instability, we are very proud to have been able to maintain tight control over our finances and to propose projects and investments based on residents' ability to pay. During our term in office, we succeeded in freezing the municipal tax rate, while continuing to pay down the municipal debt. In 2012, the City even achieved a surplus of \$700,000, part of which has been allocated to a reserve fund for future expenses, including the long awaited, major project of Parc des Eperviers. Municipal finances are sound and the future bodes to be very promising for NDIP. Did you know that, since taking office, we have reduced our net debt by nearly \$2 million, a situation that makes our beautiful city the envy of many others?

The Council and I hope we can count on your support again in November and we ask you all to vote for the sake of our municipal democracy.

Marie-Claude Nichols



What's new @ NDIP is also available on the NDIP website, in the **Publications section**. For up-to-date information on the municipal life, visit regularly our web site (**www.ndip.org**), Facebook page (**www.facebook.com/VilledeNDIP**) and Twitter account (**@ville_de_ndip**). You can also follow the mayor on Facebook (**www.facebook.com/MarieClaudeNicholsMairesse**).

living in NDIP



The 2013 staging of Notre-Dame en Fête is fast approaching! The Municipal Council invites residents of all ages to join in a large turnout for our lovely, annual summer festival. Again this year, the Community Services team has spared no effort to put on a program of activities with a variety of events to delight adults and children alike, including soapbox racing on St-Joseph boulevard in front of the Carrefour Notre-Dame and performances by Mixmania3 and HI-FI Show Band at Pointe-du-Moulin, not to mention the spectacular fireworks. Make a date for July 5, 6 and 7! Visit ndip.org for programming details.

HOT TOPICS (>>> ROAD NETWORK

Work and safety - St-Joseph boulevard

The initial work on the multipurpose path that will run along St-Joseph Sud boulevard was begun earlier this spring. A minimum number of trees were cut and particular attention was paid to preserving healthy, mature trees. After the trees were cleared and the stumps grubbed up, work was suspended to avoid disturbing the frogs during their breeding season. Work will resume when the young Romeos have finished serenading their Juliets. Work will continue throughout the summer and the path is slated to open early in the fall.

At the intersection of St-Joseph and Don-Quichotte boulevards, crash cushions have been installed to reduce the risk of impact on properties on Pothier street. This intersection has been the scene of several accidents, including a vehicle that went off-road and ended up in the yard of a residence after going through the fence. The present installation of cement blocks is of course a temporary measure. An aesthetically acceptable design will be installed very soon.

>> URBAN PLANNING

Opening of D'Hont, Hébert and Kay streets

The City has taken the first steps that will lead to the opening of D'Hont, Hébert and Kay streets, which has been requested by property owners in the sector for over two years. The project has been on hold because municipal staff were already assigned to completing other major projects such as the extension of Forest avenue and Virginie-Roy boulevard. Since these projects are complete or soon will be, the City can now attend to the request to open these streets.

In order to do this, the City is in the process of adopting a bylaw authorizing a loan of \$1,561,000 over a 20-year period, based on probable cost estimates prepared in February 2012. The costs of this work will be the entire responsibility of the sector benefitting from the project, consisting of 28 properties belonging to 23 different owners.

The City will provide oversight and supervision of the project and will make sure that the fewest possible trees are lost.

Did you know...

City inspectors will be on duty during the summer season and will respond to all the various requests as quickly as possible. However, as a result of their number and the scope of the territory covered, delays may occasionally be unavoidable. Thank you for your understanding.

The waterplay area in Parc des Mésanges was officially opened in mid-June. Now that the hot summer days are here, your Council hopes you'll enjoy being able to cool off in the park every day from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.



The City...

The Municipal Council is pleased to welcome new faces to the administrative staff. In Land Management, Isabelle Roy, an engineer with 12 years experience in a manufacturing and in municipal engineering consultancy, will henceforth become Director of Technical Services. Also, Jeanne Briand, an experienced notary, now serves as Clerk in the Administrative Services and Clerk Office.

GREEN THUMB

Vaudreuil-Soulanges Ecocenter

After many years' waiting, Vaudreuil-Soulanges Ecocenter finally opened its doors on April 26, 2013. Upon presentation of proof of residency, NDIP residents may benefit from its recovery and reuse services. To learn more about how the Ecocenter operates, visit the website www.mrcvs.ca/en/ecocenter.

Opening the Ecocenter does not, however, mean the end of municipal curbside collection services. The monthly collection of branches and large scrap will continue. On this topic, people have no right to dispose of their trash alongside vacant land, including Parc des Éperviers now under construction. You still sometimes see old mattresses and other rubbish just dumped there. This practice is disrespectful of the environment and of people living nearby, and all residents unfortunately have to foot the bill to collect this trash. We urge you to use the various services offered to NDIP residents and to help preserve the beauty and cleanliness of our beautiful town. We remind you that tickets are issued to offenders practicing illegal dumping.