



Notre-Dame-
de-l'Île-Perrot

What's new @ NDIP

A word from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Personally and on behalf of City Council, I would like to thank NDIP residents for the trust you showed us during the recent elections. Naturally, we are delighted with the election outcome, and the support shown for candidates on our team. We will therefore begin our second term by continuing to promote the priorities that have always guided our decisions: to preserve the green environment of NDIP, to improve the quality of life of our residents and to continue guiding our city's growth in harmony with the directions of our strategic plan and the financial capacity of our residents.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the electoral process, especially the candidates who supported the democratic process in NDIP. The team will meet its commitment to play an active role in municipal affairs and in decisions that affect

residents' quality of life.

At the Council meeting last November 12, I tabled my report on the City's financial position. I am very proud that the City managed to achieve a surplus for a fourth consecutive year, and that its financial statements are better than satisfactory despite the difficult economic times. From this enviable situation, the City will be in a position to more effectively deal with the accounting rules of the provincial government's new taxation regime and thus help offset the impact of the resulting significant loss of cash assets.

In closing, I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season with your loved ones and friends and I look forward to seeing you again in 2014.

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



City Council would like to remind winter outdoor enthusiasts that an agreement between the City and the Centre Notre-Dame-de-Fatima provides all NDIP residents with free and unlimited access to the Centre's facilities for snowshoeing, skating and tobogganing with proof of residency.

We also encourage you to circle **February 9, 2014** on your calendar and plans to turn out in large numbers for Plaisirs d'hiver, our annual winter celebration to be held again this year in the Pointe-du-Moulin historical park.

Public Spirit and Neighbourliness

During the door-to-door election campaign, many neighbourhood disputes were brought to the attention of Council members. Some residents took the opportunity to ask the municipality to step in and put a stop to some annoying habit or other of their neighbour. In the vast majority of cases, however, there was no reason for the City to take action: the so-called unacceptable behaviour violated no municipal bylaw, but simply the basic rules of public spirit and neighbourliness.

Our quality of life in NDIP is not solely dependent on our outstanding environment and high-quality municipal services, but also on the NDIP's harmony of life, especially among neighbours. Ultimately, every little action that promotes neighbourliness helps improve everyone's quality of life and prevent conflicts that are outside the jurisdiction of the City's administrative staff or elected officials.

Elected officials would also like to mention that all neighbourhood residents benefit from a visually pleasing environment when every property owner takes care in properly maintaining their home and property. In addition to enhancing the beauty of our area, it is a good habit that alleviates neighbourhood annoyances.

Sometimes, it only takes a little effort to make a neighbourhood a good place to live. Often, it's just a matter of taking the time to think about it!

Parking and Recreational Equipment Storage

In the spring of 2013, City Council decided to suspend enforcement of the bylaw governing parking and storage of recreational equipment. Given the growing popularity of this type of equipment, the City wanted to take some time to review its bylaws and ensure it was approaching the matter in the right way in the current circumstances.

After holding consultations and gathering information about current practices in other municipalities, the City has changed its bylaws to authorize parking and storage of recreational equipment under certain conditions:

- In backyards, sea-doo's, tent-trailers and ATVs no more than 6 m in length are permitted. Other equipment must be stored or parked in a side or rear yard.
- In front yards, authorized equipment may be stored or parked from May 1 to October 31 only.
- No more than 3 items of recreational equipment are permitted per property, with only one item of each type of equipment.

Elected officials realize that the new rules will not please everyone. Council members find it difficult to act and pass legislation in a matter involving such diverging interests among the residents affected. However, we believe that these bylaws will create conditions enabling property owners to store equipment on their property while still respecting the neighbourhood as a whole.

The City...

Last November 12, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot filmmaker Daniel Bertolino received the 2013 Guy-Mauffette Award directly from the Minister of Culture and Communications, Maka Kotto. The award is the highest honour paid by the Government of Quebec to an individual for lifetime achievement in the fields of radio or television. Over the course of his career, this intrepid explorer of continents has made over 1000 films, including multiple award winners.

Mr. Bertolino initiated the multimedia event entitled *La Chapelle enchantée* this summer at the Chapelle du souvenir in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot.

Congratulations Mr. Bertolino on this well-deserved honour!

Did you know...

Last November 27, the Mayor of NDIP, Marie-Claude Nichols, became the first woman Prefect of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges RCM. She was elected among members of a council that includes the 23 Mayors of municipalities comprising the RCM. As chairperson of the RCM Council, she will work in close association with the Assistant Prefect, Jean Lalonde, Mayor of Très-Saint-Rédempteur, on addressing RCM issues and representing all 23 cities on an equal basis. She will also rely on the credentials of the chairpersons of various committees to be appointed in January 2014 to coordinate the regional efforts of the municipalities in taking joint action, eliminating duplication and working in a co-ordinated way to advance the area's social and economic development.

GREEN THUMB**Watch Out for Water Leaks!**

This fall, some property owners had a bad surprise when they had to pay tax on their surplus water use. Unless habits have changed, this kind of surplus can sometimes result from water leaks.

Did you know that a leaky faucet can waste from 140 to 680 litres of water a day, depending on the flow? On average, water leaks (primarily from faucets and toilets) amount to 14% of all the water used in a home, or from 40 to 350 m³ per year. Home owners could potentially make big savings by identifying any leaks and correcting the situation to avoid paying charges on wasted water and to lower the City's expenditures on potable water treatment and distribution, but most of all, to preserve this precious resource.

