

What's new @NDIP

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Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot

A word from the Mayor

Dear Residents:

The start of 2016 is just a month away. We are thus coming to the end of another busy year in which we launched or completed many projects in the Notre-Dame area that will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the entire community. I am thinking in particular of the completion of the new Éperviers Park. I am especially proud that this major project was completed on time and on budget. The official opening will take place next spring at which time we will also announce the summer programming. Believe me, there will be something for everyone. Residents have been waiting for this park for a long time and I am sure it will become an important gathering place.

In November, I tabled the municipality's financial status report and I am pleased to say that our finances are in excellent shape. We even expect to end 2015 with a reasonable surplus, which shows that our spending control efforts are working.

We are doing everything in our power to offer the best possible services at reasonable cost. It is therefore frustrating to have our budget planning disrupted by cost overruns. Under the current tendering process, we are required to accept the lowest tender even though the final amount claimed is often higher than that of contractors whose bids were initially rejected because of a higher price. In NDIP, we are trying to put in place measures to address this type of problem in our ongoing effort to make the most of the tax dollars we receive from you. Not all contractors are dishonest, and we plan to work with those who respect our residents and our established budgets. On behalf of the members of the municipal council, I wish you a wonderful holiday period full of moments of celebration and well deserved rest. I wish you a Happy New Year and I am looking forward to continuing to work with you in 2016!



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Almost 1,300 NDIP residents are now subscribers to the Moulin à paroles e-newsletter and taking advantage of this fast, ecologically friendly and economical method of communication that allows the municipality to considerably reduce the costs associated with our various printed publications.

Not yet a subscriber? It's simple: simply visit the NDIP website (www.ndip.org), enter your email address in the "Email" field near the top right corner of the page and click "Subscribe!" You will then receive a confirmation email message. Thank you for helping the City to communicate with you more effectively.

The council wishes



The members of your municipal council wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. May this period of celebration be an opportunity to spend time with friends and family and to enjoy life to its fullest. Drive safely and we look forward to seeing you in 2016!

CITIZENS : Participate to this publication : send comments or photos to info@ndip.org. You could be published in the "Living in NDIP" section!



New Éperviers Park

Construction of the new Éperviers Park represents an investment of about \$4.3M. This may seem like an enormous amount to some people but it is important to remember that this was not just a minor upgrade but a complete rebuilding of the park.

The new Éperviers Park addresses a need expressed by residents and will undoubtedly become a special location for sports enthusiasts, families and contemplative walkers alike. We are currently working with the students of the arts program at École secondaire du Chêne-Bleu to develop an image for the park and at the same time create a sense of connection to the space among our young people!

So
Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot
So nice!



In June 2015, the City launched the *So Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, So Nice!* campaign, a municipal initiative to promote our organizations and tourist areas. The goal was to increase the awareness of residents of the products and services offered in their own backyard while also attracting more tourists. For example, NDIP is well known for apple picking in its orchards but few people know that a local producer also offers them the opportunity to cut down their own Christmas tree.

Thanks to a printed guide distributed locally and at major events in Vaudreuil-Soulanges and posted on the tellement-beau.org website, it is now easier to plan a visit or stay to take full advantage of the wide range of recreational and tourism options available in the Notre-Dame region. The quality of our campaign was recognized by the Concours Ovations 2015 selection committee as we were finalists in the public, parapublic and municipal organizations category at the gala held on November 18, 2015. We are proud of the outstanding success of the first edition of the campaign and are currently working on the next one. We are impatient to unveil it to you and to invite you to discover all that NDIP has to offer.

The City . . .

The municipal council is pleased to announce the arrival of a new face at city hall. At the Administrative Services and City Clerk's Office department, Catherine Fortier-Pesant has assumed the duties of Legal Services Director and City Clerk. Her past experience includes the position of Director of Legal Services for the Kativik Regional Administration in Kuujuaq.

Did you know . . .



The *Mille et une huîtres* event, co-chaired by your Mayor Danie Deschênes and the Mayor of L'Île-Perrot, Marc Roy, raised \$25,000 in support of the Camp Arc en-ciel project of the Centre Notre-Dame-de-Fatima. Camp Arc en-ciel strives to include children with special needs (ASD, dysphasia) in the regular day camp program by providing personalized staff support. The Mayor is committed to supporting the 2016 edition of this unforgettable evening.

GREEN THUMB

Each year, winter is interspersed with warm spells and periods of freezing rain that lead to icy sidewalks and roadways. To prevent falls that can result in serious injuries, many of us are using salt to melt the ice. However, these products impact the environment in many ways and have a detrimental effect on water and soil quality, while degrading sidewalks and causing vehicles to rust.

What can be done to reduce the impact of de-icing salt on the environment and our property? As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Make sure your landscaping doesn't promote the formation of ice in traffic areas by taking steps such as rerouting downspouts. When these efforts are not enough, de-icing salt can be replaced by abrasives (sand, gravel) that provide traction on ice rather than melting it. In addition to being less expensive, this solution eliminates the negative impacts on the environment, concrete and vehicles.

If the use of de-icing salt is unavoidable, always apply the minimum required to obtain a safe surface.

