

December 2016 Edition

WHAT'S NEW

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A Word from the Mayor



We are already coming to the end of 2016, another very busy year for your council. We are happy with the work that has been done, and we are starting the last year of our term with great enthusiasm.

At the December council meeting, we passed the budget for 2017, and we are happy to announce that our taxes will not be increasing and that we have once again been able to do a lot, with employees, within the envelopes reserved for 2016. Because of our constant concern with properly managing the money collected, we are working every day to put a strong focus on quality of life in NDIP, innovation and the maximization of our resources.

Those who work with me know that there is no shortage of ideas for projects to continue promoting better living here and strengthening the sense of belonging of the residents of our wonderful city. Longer library opening hours, the creation of the one stop centre for residents, improvements to our road infrastructures, the promotion of our area, heritage and businesses and the diversity of our recreational activities fit in perfectly with the council members' vision of making Notre-Dame a great place to live and a town that makes its residents proud.

During this time of celebration, the council members join me in wishing you a wonderful holiday season surrounded by the people you love. We offer you our best wishes for health and happiness, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2017.

Life in NDIP

In September, the mayor took part in an interesting exercise, which involved asking followers of her Facebook page what type of project they would like carried out in NDIP in the short, medium or long term and what infrastructure or activity would help improve our quality of life even more. Several followers proposed some possible improvements. The feasibility of each proposal will be considered, and requests related to road safety will be submitted to the traffic committee. The City will move forward on the proposals as much as possible. If you have any more ideas for improving the quality of life in Notre-Dame, write to the mayor at ddeschenes@ndip.org or visit her Facebook page, [facebook.com/MairesseDanieDeschenes/](https://www.facebook.com/MairesseDanieDeschenes/)

Did you know...

Record yard waste collection this fall! A total of 209 tons of leaves were collected on the three collection dates. All the leaves will be composted and reclaimed and will not clog our landfill sites needlessly. And for us as taxpayers, a lower bill for the disposal of our garbage!

The city

Three employees who have been working for the City for several decades will be taking their well deserved retirement in the coming months. The municipal council members thank Pauline Limoges, human resources manager, Madeleine Robert, community services coordinator, and Luc Lanthier, crossing guard, for their years of good service and wish them much happiness in their new lives as retirees!

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Brief Review of the Year

In 2016, several projects proposed by the council went forward. They included the official opening of Des Éperviers Park in May, which was one of the highlights of the past year. As well, recreational programs were completely reviewed and residents were able to enjoy a wide range of services in all of the town's parks and buildings.

The Tellement Beau campaign to promote the area also improved in 2016. We had the pleasure of following the Pigeon family, the first "Famille Tellement Perrot-damoise", and discovering or rediscovering everything Notre-Dame has to offer through their eyes. The river shuttle between Beauharnois and Notre-Dame this fall was a great success and made it possible for a few hundred visitors from the other shore of Lac Saint-Louis to discover Notre-Dame. Because of the interest it generated, the shuttle service will be back in 2017 on more dates.

We are also committed to constantly improving services for residents. With this in mind, in early 2017, we will be launching the one stop centre, a new centralized front line service to respond even more efficiently to requests made to the town. At a time when more and more residents are interacting virtually with the town through our website and Facebook page, the council members believe it is also important to give those who so wish the opportunity to make a request directly to one person and to obtain information quickly through the new one stop centre.



Green thumb

This year, the City of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot implemented a strategy for the reclamation of sludge from aerated ponds that has proved beneficial for both the environment and the town's finances. Test results have shown that the sludge from filter bags and ponds is completely reclaimable in agriculture. In the end, in early October, 1,650 tons of sludge were spread on three sites in Notre-Dame.

Another two aerated ponds were drained this fall, and the sludge in them will be dewatered for reclamation in 2017. The reclaimable quantity is estimated at over 5,000 tons.

Sludge reclamation on sites near the treatment plant is a win-win solution. It makes it possible to reuse tons of materials previously bound for landfill sites, to give local farmers access to large amounts of fertilizing residuals and to reduce transportation costs and thus the production of greenhouse gases. A good strategy for the environment and for the city's finances.



TOPIC

Road safety

Speeding in some areas of the town was also an important issue this year. A large number of families came to the council meeting in July to make us aware of the speeding problem on Perrot Boulevard in the "Grande Anse" area. Their concerns were very legitimate, and we began implementing speeding reduction measures. The challenge along several parts of Perrot Boulevard is twofold: reduce speeding and improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using narrow stretches. Signage and other preliminary measures have been successful, and a significant improvement in the situation has quickly been noted. We will be continuing our efforts, since what is at stake is residents' quality of life and the safety of all road users.

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