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WHAT'S NEW



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A Word from the Mayor



Three years ago, in June 2014, you made me the mayor of our magnificent city, an honour that I accepted with great pride and with a strong sense of responsibility. My team and I are constantly striving to make Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot stand out in the region. Every direction we give the municipal government is intended to better meet the needs and expectations of the residents. Our work goes beyond sound financial management and infrastructure maintenance. We are investing in the quality of life. We live in a magnificent area untouched by frantic commercial development.

The preservation of our green spaces is the result of not only a set of municipal policies, but also the good work of our farmers and woodlot owners. Thanks to these concerted efforts, we all can enjoy an outstanding environment, and the municipal council intends to stay the course in that regard. Of course, the quality of life and beauty of the area are the responsibility of all. Sometimes a little thing is all that is needed to eliminate a nuisance, such as driving more slowly to ensure peace and safety for everyone in our neighbourhoods, and properly maintaining our properties to keep everything beautiful in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. In these areas, small efforts by each person can make a huge difference. Let us think collectively, for the well-being, safety and quality of life of all Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot residents.

Life in NDIP

All residents are invited to Notre-Dame en Fête on July 8, to celebrate their sense of belonging to the city. There will be something for everyone: the giant slide and a performance by Annie Brocoli in Des Éperviers Park, and an evening performance by Kevin Parent in Pointe-du-Moulin Historic Park followed by the traditional fireworks. Your elected officials will celebrate with you and serve hot dogs in the evening. Everyone is welcome!

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/

Did you know...

This spring, as part of Tellement Beau campaign, the City launched the first ever buy-local initiative, to raise awareness about businesses and services in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot and to encourage residents to buy locally. For more information, go to www.jachetetellementlocal.org.

As well, look for the buy-local logo at the approximately 10 participating merchants and service providers. Buying local fosters the economic health and vitality of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot!

The City

Flooding

As the organization in charge of the flooding issue, the Regional County Municipality of Vaudreuil-Soulanges is in talks with the Government of Quebec to reach an agreement on assistance for flood victims. Once an agreement has been signed, the City will hold an information session for residents whose properties have been affected by the flooding.

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Environmental Initiatives



Protecting our environment and preserving our green spaces are key values of the municipal council members. To encourage residents to adopt environmentally friendly habits, subsidies are being offered by the City of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. A number of them are intended to help residents reduce their water consumption, for example distributing free water saving kits or covering part of the cost of a rainwater barrel. The City is also seeking to reduce the amount of waste in landfills by subsidizing the purchase of cloth diapers and composters. Municipal council members are also concerned about air quality.

That is why the City is providing a subsidy to cover part of the cost of replacing old wood heaters. Lastly, the confirmed presence of emerald ash borers in NDIP is a major environmental concern. To reduce the damage done by these insects as much as possible, the City has earmarked funds to help residents replace affected ash trees. A complete list of subsidies can be found in the Initiatives tellement environnementales, which the municipal council officially introduced on April 22, in celebration of Earth Day.

Green thumb - Grasscycling



With spring almost here, snow shovels are giving way to gardening tools as we rediscover the joy of gardening. However, can we improve our habits to minimize our environmental footprint? Grasscycling (and leaf mulching in the fall) is a simple way to do that. It involves leaving grass clippings and leaves on the lawn after mowing. As they break down, the clippings become a natural fertilizer that greatly benefits the roots. Any lawn mower can be used for grasscycling, but installing a mulching blade yields better results. Grasscycling saves time and money, and it contributes to a healthy lawn without the use of additional fertilizer. As well, grasscycling reduces municipal household and yard waste collection costs, plastic bag use and the number of trucks on the road, which lowers greenhouse gas emissions.

HOT TOPIC 2

Family Action Plan



Residents already know that Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot is a great place to live and have a family. To raise awareness about all the services available to families in NDIP, the municipal council has developed the Family Action Plan in co-operation with officials from various municipal departments. The Family Action Plan presents the vision that the municipal council members have regarding family services and presents a list of those services, for example the new homework assistance service at the library, the policy on water for families with four children or more, and supervised activities in the gymnasium on Sunday afternoons. The municipal council took the opportunity at the pancake breakfast held as part of Family Week (May 15 to 21) to officially unveil the Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot Family Action Plan, a document that fuels residents' pride in living in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot and that will no doubt encourage other families to come and settle here with us.

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