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Notre-Dame-
de-l'Île-Perrot

What's new @NDIP



A WORD FROM **THE MAYOR**

With 2019 drawing to a close, now is a good time to take a moment out of our busy lives and briefly look back over our accomplishments of the past 12 months. This period of reflection is necessary to review our many successes and areas in need of improvement, and to sketch an outline of the major directions our action will take in 2020.

There was no shortage of activity in NDIP in 2019 in all aspects of municipal life. Concerning infrastructure, major water distribution rehabilitation projects were completed on a segment of Boulevard Perrot, and considerable investments were made in renovating our municipality's pumping stations. We are continuing our maintenance program to keep all of our infrastructure in good condition while making the most of government subsidies to limit the impact on the city's finances. In terms of events, 2019 was a pivotal year. The City took over as organizer of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges S.O.U.P.E. Festival and hosted the Orchestre Métropolitain and its famous leader, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, for a free concert in the charming setting of Pointe-du-Moulin Historical Park. These events, along with the increase in theme-based cruises and river shuttles connecting the Brideloup dock to the cities of Beauharnois and Pointe-des-Cascades, are helping to raise Notre-Dame's regional profile.

We are also proud of our new tree policy and the door-to-door sales bylaws, important measures designed to strengthen the quality of life that we all enjoy in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot.

In 2020, we will continue to advance toward our goal of making Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot a good place to live and the pride of its residents. In closing, on behalf of City Council, I wish you all a wonderful holiday season surrounded by your loved ones. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

Danie Deschênes

LIFE IN NDIP



COMALERTE

To improve communications with residents during emergencies, the City of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot has acquired the ComAlert system used to reach NDIP residents quickly and effectively to inform or alert them in the event of an emergency. This service is available on a voluntary basis only. To receive the service, you must complete a short online form online at ndip.omnivigil.com. All data gathered will be kept strictly confidential and used only during alert and public safety situations.

This tool combines with measures already taken by the City to communicate with NDIP residents, including the new website, the FB page, the Moulin à paroles e-newsletter, the What's New bulletin, digital signs, etc. To keep up to date with municipal news, subscribe to the monthly newsletter and visit the www.ndip.org website often.

HOT TOPIC 1

Reasonable water consumption and leak prevention

Quebeckers are big water consumers. On average, each person uses over 400 litres of water a day, twice as much as Europeans. The apparent abundance of this resource makes it easy to overuse or waste. Did you know that a 10-minute shower uses about 150 litres of water? Or that it takes 20 litres of water to flush a traditional toilet (6 litres for low-flow toilets)? Water leaks are another frequent cause of waste. Did you know that a continually running toilet or a dripping tap create a stream of water that can waste 600 litres and 300 litres of water respectively every day? Heavy water consumption affects the environment and generates major costs in terms of municipal infrastructure. The City therefore asks you to take a hard look at your habits to see where you could cut down by changing a few simple behaviours.

As NDIP property owners, every time you pay your property taxes you contribute toward water treatment and distribution. This entitles you to 250 cubic metres (or 250,000 litres) of water annually at no additional cost. If your water meter reading shows that your annual consumption exceeds 250 cubic metres, an additional tax applies for the excess amount. The goal is to encourage you to save as much drinking water as possible by using this valuable resource wisely.

AT THE CITY

In April 2019, the City created a temporary environmental technician position to take charge of the Green Line and implement the policy on trees. Given the City's environmental needs in terms of waste management and the fight against climate change, Council has decided to make this position permanent. Starting in January 2020, Daniel Girard will continue to serve as environmental technician and share his expertise on environmental issues with NDIP residents.

MOULIN À PAROLES

Almost 2500 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

- 1 - Visit ndip.org.
- 2 - Enter your email address in the email field.
- 3 - Click on **Subscribe**.
- 4 - You will then receive a confirmation email message.

Thank you for helping the City to communicate with you more effectively!

HOT TOPIC 2

Housing Projects and Tree Cutting

Every time a new housing project starts in NDIP, the City receives a wave of comments criticizing it for allowing the construction of new homes and the inevitable tree-cutting that results. Since this land is not owned by the City, Council cannot deny building permits where zoning allows for residential uses and the owner is complying with municipal bylaws.

Council systematically turns down projects that fail to meet regulatory standards. The Urban Planning Department carefully reviews every residential project application and permits are granted if everything complies with the bylaws.

However, as stated in the policy on trees, mature woodlands are a value-enhancing feature for any kind of development project. Therefore, certain prerequisites and conditions require developers to optimally preserve wooded ground when planning their projects. The same applies during the construction stage. All construction sites are systematically verified to ensure that the required series of measures is in place. These measures conserve the maximum number of mature trees at the sites to be developed.

Council is well aware that deforestation is a sensitive issue. Some residents are fortunate to live near wooded areas. However, they do not own these areas, and owners are entitled to develop their property just like developers who build their homes in NDIP.

GREEN THUMB

Since confirming the emerald ash borer infestation in our region, the City of Notre-Dame has decided not to treat diseased ash trees, but to cut them down and replace them with other tree species to maintain the tree canopy characteristic of the NDIP landscape.

Since 2015, over 207 ash trees have been removed from public lands and replaced with the same number of trees of different species. The City has also planted 132 trees close to standing ash trees less severely affected by the emerald ash borer. The strategy is to ensure that replacement trees are mature enough to maintain the canopy once the ash trees have to be removed.

In 2020, the City plans to cut down 150 ash trees and plant 80 replacement trees, raising the total of ash trees removed to 357, and trees planted to 419 since 2015.

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