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A WORD FROM **THE MAYOR**

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Life is slowly getting back on track in NDIP. As we receive the green lights from the authorities, we are reopening our parks and sports facilities. After all that confinement, it certainly feels great to get back to some of our activities. Of course, it is important to keep in mind that the battle is not won and that we all, individually and collectively, must follow public health guidelines to limit the spread of the virus as much as possible. It would be awful if we had to go back to square one because of negligence and non-compliance. So let's be vigilant and careful!

With the arrival of the warm weather, we are reviewing our programming so that we can make the most of the summer while following government instructions. During this pandemic, we are the only city on the island to offer a day camp. The Municipal Council would like you to be aware that our community services team immediately stepped up to the plate and started working on ways to open the day camps. We thank all of the municipal staff who were so quick to respond to government announcements, including the opening of sports facilities and parks.

For the summer of 2020, I invite you to rediscover your city, discover new businesses, and purchase fresh products from our farmers. Have a picnic in the park, pick strawberries, go biking and enjoy a gelato in front of parc des Mésanges. Even during COVID-19, NDIP is a beautiful city that has so much to offer.

Have a wonderful summer!

Danie Deschênes

LIFE IN **NDIP**

There are so many things to do in NDIP this summer. Of course, many activities had to be cancelled, but the always popular outdoor activities are finally back. In the coming weeks, you can look forward to yoga and station training at parc des Éperviers, an introduction to the pumptrack at parc des Mésanges and zumba in the courtyard of the Samare school. And of course, staying true to our reputation, we will organize creative activities for our residents that respect physical distancing. Thanks to the wonderful collaboration of Quinn Farm, movies will be shown at the farm to create a truly NDIP version of drive-in theatres. The full program lineup will be announced shortly.

Stay tuned!

HOT TOPIC 1

Progress on the NDIP fire station project

Over the past few weeks, the Municipal Council, with the invaluable expertise of our technical services team, has been guiding the work of D3 Architecture in developing the functional and technical plan for the future Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot fire station.

This important phase has helped pin down the parameters for the station to ensure that the public's needs are met. We are very satisfied with the work that has been done. The outcome has been a particularly well-designed tendering process for professional architectural and engineering services. As we opened the bids, we were pleased to see that several met all of the evaluation criteria. One of the bidders, a consortium of reputable companies, consisting of Patriarche Architecture and CCM2, stood out for the quality of its proposal. The schedule for the construction of this essential infrastructure when it comes to the safety of residents remains very tight. And the arrival of such a partner in the project confirms our belief that we can build a modern, well-adapted fire station by September 2021 as planned.

IN THE CITY

The director of community services, Josiane Asselin, will soon be starting a well-deserved maternity leave. The Council wishes her well. During her absence, Éric Duchesneau will take over the community services department.

COMALERTE

REGISTER NOW

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.

Complete a short online form at ndip.omnivigil.com.

HOT TOPIC 2

New Farmers - Agroforestry Project

In 2013, an innovative agroforestry project was launched in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot. Agroforestry is a farming method that focuses on the symbiosis of agriculture and forestry on a given parcel. The project is part of a Quebec movement that aims to multiply agroforestry sites and document them for scientific purposes in order to better understand their benefits and reproduce them in a variety of agricultural contexts. To achieve this, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot is relying heavily on the collaboration of the Institut de recherches en biologie végétale at the Université de Montréal. In this context, several rows of different species of trees were planted in 2013 on a lot along boulevard Don-Quichotte, not far from the municipal workshops.

Unfortunately, the farmers who were supposed to plant the crops encountered a number of setbacks, leaving the project in limbo for the past few years. In late 2019, the Municipal Council decided to reactivate the project, and the municipality took over the file and began looking for new farmers to take over. The effort paid off, and two companies are now tending to the project. Over the next few years, AgriTropiQ, a company that specializes in producing African fruits and vegetables, will farm one portion. Another parcel will be farmed by resident Mathieu Robert, who will grow grains and possibly fruit and vegetables. This project is finally taking root!

GREEN THUMB

Licensed pesticides and contractors

NDIP by-laws provide that only low impact pesticides and biopesticides can be used by individuals and contractors. Synthetic pesticides are prohibited.

NDIP reminds you that contractors applying pesticides must hold a valid annual registration certificate to provide such services in the Perrot region. They must also have the necessary permits and certificates issued by MELCC. Please feel free to ask them for a copy. The list of authorized contractors is posted on the NDIP website.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about pesticides, please do not hesitate to contact our Green Line environmental technician at **514-453-4128 ext. 3235** or by email at ligneverte@ndip.org.