A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

After two years of restrictions, Council was finally able to approve a complete return to “normal” summer programming, with no mandatory registration or space limitations. Many of you already attend the yoga sessions at Des Éperviers Park or Zumba at École de la Samare and other public activities in our parks. Such a wonderful sight to behold! We also encourage you to check your calendars for Thursdays in the Parks outdoor theatre and movie events, presented in both languages, at Des Éperviers and Des Mésanges parks. We hope you enjoy the experience to the full with your family and friends.

Council and I are also very pleased to announce the return of our fantastic municipal summer party. To make the fun last longer, this year’s party will be spread over two days. On July 9, Notre-Dame en Famille, where La Grande glisse will set up for the day at Des Éperviers Park, and on September 10, Notre-Dame en Fête, where soup and laughs are on the menu at Pointe-du-Moulin Historic Park. During the day-long event, come check out the eagerly awaited S.O.U.P.E. Festival and take in the evening performance by stand-up comedians François Massicotte and Martin Petit. We thought a laugh with these two talented performers would do us all good! The evening will end on a high note with a traditional fireworks display.

I wish you all a wonderful summer in Notre-Dame and I look forward to seeing you at one of the many activities planned, not to mention the long list of events lined up for Île Perrot’s 350th anniversary celebrations! Please consult the schedule of 350th anniversary festivities on the City’s Facebook page and website.

Danie Deschênes

LIFE IN NDIP

New in 2022 for Marché des saveurs. Once a month this summer, merchants from Marché des saveurs de l’île Perrot are setting up in NDIP to offer you fresh food and quality products. The first event in June was a tremendous success! Don’t miss the other three dates: Tuesday, July 5, August 2 and September 20, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Carrefour Notre-Dame parking lot. Of course, you can always visit NDIP producers in person. Visit tellementbeau.org to find out more about their products and hours of operation. A summer market is also held every Wednesday in front of the Ville de l’Île-Perrot church.
NOMADE AND VILLAGE CORE REVITALIZATION

Since 2018, Council has been working closely with the Fabrique Sainte-Jeanne-de-Chantal and the Fondation du patrimoine Sainte-Jeanne-de-Chantal to convert the Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde gymnasium into a community hall. Named “Nomade,” this project aims to provide village core residents with a place to meet and to breathe new life into the area. Following a resident’s meeting in 2019 and clarification of the site’s purpose, the project got off to a positive start but was later slowed by the pandemic. Since the restrictions were lifted, the City has had to deal with burgeoning construction costs. A new building condition assessment requested in 2021 has now determined that the renovation initially planned is no longer feasible, and that the better option would be to demolish the gym and rebuild. Before pursuing the project further, Council wants a new cost estimate to ensure that the City can afford it. Considering the updated actual costs, Council will review the Nomade project in light of the City’s 2022 financial reality. Council wants this project for the community. The goal is unchanged: to provide you with a friendly living environment and enrich this beautiful heritage site.

TREE POLICY AMENDMENT

Under the Tree Policy adopted in April 2019, one tree must be planted for every tree cut down in NDIP, whenever space and conditions permit. Given the devastating effects of the emerald ash borer, many homeowners have had to cut down at least one ash tree on their properties. They were able to take advantage of a municipal grant to offset part of the replanting costs. From time to time, some homeowners preferred not to replace a downed tree, contrary to policy. While maintaining the tree canopy is an important principle underlying the policy, Council recognizes that replacement can be difficult or impossible at times. Therefore, the policy will be amended to allow non-replacement of a tree in return for a contribution to a green fund used to green other public lands in Notre-Dame territory. We will keep you informed of future changes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Composting promotes the recovery of compostable organic matter and helps reduce the amount of waste entering landfills. Composting is very easy to do at home and a cost-effective way to improve your property’s soil quality. Did you know that the City is offering a $50 grant to buy or build a composter? For more information, read the document, Initiatives tellement environnementales at www.ndip.org.

CITY NEWS

Council is very pleased to announce Guillaume Laforest’s appointment as General Director. With his knowledge of the City’s issues and files since October 2019 as Director of Financial Services and his managerial experience, he will certainly be a force for continuity and continued project delivery in keeping with Council’s vision. Taking over for him in Financial Services, Council decided to mine its internal expertise and move Julie Périgny into the position, given her years of experience on the management team as Accounting Analyst. Council thanks Mr. Laforest and Ms. Périgny for putting their skills at the service of NDIP residents, and wished them the best of luck in their new positions.

GREEN THUMB

Since food waste collection was implemented in NDIP in May 2018, more than 2,500 metric tons of compostable organic matter has been collected and diverted from landfills. Sent to the Englobe composting platform in Lachute, this material is recovered and processed into good quality plant-based compost. The cities then have access to a certain quantity of compost depending on the volume of materials supplied. In spring 2022, the City had 250 metric tons of plant-based compost that NDIP residents helped create by putting out their brown bins every week. The compost was redistributed during the compost and tree seedling distribution activity. The circle is complete. Congratulations to everyone who made this important habit one of their own!