



MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2019 NEWSLETTER



NEED A PERMIT?

All new construction, demolition, renovations, septic systems, wells and subdivisions **REQUIRE** a permit. Please contact the Building Inspector at 819-453-7049

DOG & CAT TAGS:

Does your pet have a tag? Tags are available at the Municipal Office. Tags are required to identify your pet should they be picked up by our Animal Control Officer. **Cost is \$20 and must be purchased annually.**

Open Air fire dates (without a fire pit): November 15 to March 15 of each year with a **permit**. Permits can be obtained from the Inspector at the Municipal Office.

FIREWORKS:

Did you know that fireworks are only permitted during certain holidays? Victoria Day long weekend (May), Quebec National day (June 24th), Canada Day (July 1), Civic Holiday weekend (August) and Labour Day weekend (Sept). Call the Municipal Inspector for a copy of the by-law for more information.

OVERNIGHT PARKING:

Did you know that you cannot park a vehicle overnight (Midnight to 6AM) during the winter period (15 Nov to 15 Apr.) on any municipal road, according to Municipal By-law 2016-12-09 and SQ By-law 2011-01.

THE OTTER LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Want to make your Municipality safer? Please share any information on crimes or suspicious activities. We are on the Otter Lake Municipal website (Community Life page) and Facebook under Otter Lake Neighbourhood watch. Call 9-1-1 or police to report crimes.

POTABLE WATER:

No longer accessible at the Pump House. Now available outside at the Municipal Office, 15 Palmer Avenue.

Otter Lake Craft Centre:

Non-profit, Handmade goods and used goods, 305 Martineau Street, for further details please contact Esther Dubeau at 819-453-7378 or 819-453-7352.

Boat Wash:

The Municipality has installed a boat wash station behind the municipal hall at our municipal garage. Please take the time to wash your boat and protect our greatest asset, our beautiful lakes.

Council members and main committees:

Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve (Oversees all committees)

Carlen Lafleur – Fire Dept. / Planning / Human Resources / Lake Associations

Desiree Tremblay - Library / Communication / RA / Seniors

Kathleen Gauthier - Public roads / Environment / Water

Vicky Dubeau – Fire Dept. / Leslie Park / Human Resources

Ivan Leblanc – Public roads / Environment

Robin Zacharias - Administration / Finance / Communication / Human Resources / Planning

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Monthly Public Meetings:

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM.

Dump Hours:

April to October: 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday and Monday, 9AM to 6PM on Sunday.

November to March: 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

FREE large waste disposal days June 1st & 2nd, 2019 & September 7th & 8th, 2019.

R.A. Events

The RA encourages the community to support their efforts, without support from the community they will be unable to put on such great events. Our thanks to the committee members and all their volunteers!

Please see below for dates of future events:

April 13, 2019 Dart tournament

April 20, 2019 Kids Easter Party

June 30, 2019 Canada Day celebrations

August 10, 2019 Ball Tournament

October 31, 2019 Kids Halloween Party

December 1, 2019 Kids Xmas Party

December 31, 2019 New Year's Party

For information or to volunteer please contact Shane Presley, RA President, at 819-453-2271.

Otter Lake Fire Department Annual Ice Fishing Derby, first weekend of February 2020.

2019 Budget Highlights

Revenue: \$2,413,179

Operating expenses: \$2,170,879

Operating surplus: \$242,300

Payment long term debt: (\$109,800)

Investing activities: (\$132,500)

Surplus/deficit fiscal purposes: \$0

Mill rate is .62, Water Infrastructure charge (waterzone) \$142, Water Infrastructure charge (population) \$8, Water distribution charge \$150, Waste disposal charge \$100.

Major changes to expenses:

MRC share - Administration 24%

Water distribution 23%

Vehicles and garage expense 33%

Projected dates for road calcium application:

May and July (weather permitting)

POOLS: Did you know that a fence is required if you own a pool? Either surrounding your yard or pool, call the Building Inspector for more details.

EXTERIOR FINISHING: Did you know that all building exteriors are to be finished in the first year of construction? Request for compliance letters will be sent out again this year. Please contact the Building Inspector for more information.

MUNICIPAL FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we now have a Municipal Facebook page? A new Facebook page has been created to make you immediately aware of important notices and future events in the Municipality. Important notices will continue to be sent in the mail. You can find us under Otter Lake Municipalité-Municipality

Entranceways / private roads must be clear of all branches, trees and limbs **12' wide and 12' high**, in order to allow emergency vehicles access to your property. (9-1-1 and Fire Services)

Recycling & Composting: The Municipality of Otter Lake will be implementing a composting program in the near future. The provincial Government will be reducing our funding if we do not implement a program. Increased recycling and composting will reduce garbage costs and allow us to maintain our low waste service charges to the tax payer. The Municipality will update everyone once a composting program has been established.

Building Inspector:

The Municipality welcomes Gabi Morin, our new Building Inspector. With increased property values, especially along the water, it is all of our responsibility to do our part to ensure that any new construction, renovation or landscaping work conforms to Municipal, MRC and Environmental regulations. So if you're a new cottage owner or have been around for a long time, don't hesitate to call on him if you have any questions or doubts about a project, the regulations are constantly being updated and improved, so why not stay informed?

Gabi can be reached during regular business hours **Monday, Tuesday and Friday.**

Library Hours: (located in St-Maries School)

Tuesday: 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Wednesday: 1:00PM to 4:30PM

Please note that the library has computers on site and wireless internet access is available.

Tax payments:

Due April 1, 2019. Payable in 3 installments if the amount exceeds \$300.00, April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2019.

Our system accepts postdated checks should you wish to send in your 3 installments at once. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, debit and online payments with most major banks.

50 Plus Club

The 50 Plus Club continues to provide great entertainment for citizens aged 50+ in our municipality and neighboring municipalities. Whether it's cards on Tuesday nights or darts on Thursday nights. If you wish to become part of the 50 Plus Club please contact Mrs. Janet Lafleur, President, at 819-453-2308. Our thanks to the 50 Plus Committee for all their help and dedication to making it a success!

Please see below for dates of future events:

May 14, 2019 Pot Luck Supper

August 17, 2019 BBQ Supper

September 28, 2019 Pot Luck Supper

October 29, 2019 Halloween

December 14, 2019 Christmas Supper

February 15, 2020 Valentines Dance

Exercise program: Tuesday mornings at the RA Hall at 10AM, for further details contact Robin 819-453-2229