



# MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2018 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 24<sup>th</sup>), 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.

**MRC Pontiac Pro-warden:** Congratulations goes out to our Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve for being selected as Pro-warden of the Pontiac by our Warden, Mrs. Jane Toller, who was elected in the November 2017 Election.

**Council members November 2017 Election:**  
Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve, Councilors Carlen Lafleur (Seat 1), Desiree Tremblay (Seat 2), Kathleen Gauthier (Seat 3), Vicky Dubeau (Seat 4), Ivan Leblanc (Seat 5) and Robin Zacharias (Seat 6).

**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 2nd & 3rd, 2018 & September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**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:**  
March 31st 2018 Kids Easter Party  
July 1st 2018 Canada Day celebrations  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Ball Tournament  
October 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 Kids Halloween Party  
December 1st 2018 Kids Xmas Party  
December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 New Year's Party  
**MOVIE NIGHTS:** March 9<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> & August 17<sup>th</sup>  
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 2019.**

## 2018 Budget Highlights

**Revenue:** \$2,353,367

**Operating expenses:** \$2,163,267

**Operating surplus:** \$190,100

**Payment long term debt:** (\$107,100)

**Investing activities:** (\$83,000)

**Surplus/deficit fiscal purposes:** \$0

Mill rate is .70, Water Infrastructure charge (waterzone) \$142, Water Infrastructure charge (population) \$8, Water distribution charge \$150, Waste disposal charge \$100.

### Major changes to expenses:

Transportation 15%

Urbanism 6%

Public security 8%

### 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 is currently looking at different options to introduce 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

### 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, 2018 Payable in 3 installments if the amount exceeds \$300 00, **April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2018.** 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.**

### Golden Age Events

The Golden Age 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 Golden Age please contact Mrs. Janet Lafleur, President, at 819-453-2308. Our thanks to the Golden Age Committee for all their help and dedication to making it a success!

### Please see below for dates of future events:

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pot Luck Supper

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Pot Luck Supper

August 18, 2018 BBQ Supper

October 30, 2018 Pot Luck Supper

December 15, 2018 Christmas Supper

February 16, 2019 Valentines Dance

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

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.OTTERLAKEQUEBEC.CA](http://WWW.OTTERLAKEQUEBEC.CA)