



November 2018 - message to citizens

It's hard to believe a year has passed since the election. I feel lucky to be surrounded by such a wonderful community. Dedicated, passionate and pro-active are a few words I would use to describe your council. As citizens, you have been involved, sending me feedback, coming to council meetings and dropping-by the office. Your participation is essential and I thank you. Finally, our employees have been loyal and hard working and are essential to the daily workings of our municipality.

I thank you all for making this a great first year, and look forward to collaborating with you all over the next 3.

Employees

There has been a lot of change this year at the municipal office. Josée continues to be our hard- working assistant secretary-treasurer; a title that does not adequately describe all the tasks she completes for the citizens and for council.

We welcomed Dave Roy as our new municipal inspector in interim this July. He is working hard at improving the permit process as well as catching up on unfinished business.

Stephanie Carriere is our secretary treasurer in interim. She works 1 day per week at the office, and many other hours from home. She has been getting to know how our municipality works, bringing to us her knowledge and experience as a lawyer (among many other talents).

Finally, we have also hired Martin Bourdon, a local handyman. You can find him putting up street signs, cleaning the snow off the garbages, measuring septic, etc. He brings experience in renovation and seems up for any challenge.

Welcome to the team Dave, Stéphanie and Martin!

Safety

Fire Department:

The fire boat has arrived and has been at the marina for the past couple of weeks. The fire department has been practicing on the boat and it will be moored at the marina from spring to fall.

MLTN purchased and installed a spill kit at the marina and the fire department trained the guardians on its use. As the company that manages gas spills now comes from St-Eustache and the first 20 minutes after a spill are the most important, this could help reduce the impact on the environment.



MLTN also purchased a defibrillator, which is stored at the marina (in the public washroom). It will be maintained by the fire department. We hope to install a defibrillator at Tranquillité and Lac Bibite as well, but there are some logistics (temperature and security) to work out first.

The Mont-Tremblant council voted to approve that the fire department have a first responder service as of June 2019. Given the increased hours as of that time (full-time in-casernes presence) this will not cost much more other than some training and equipment costs. First responders are called at the same time as the ambulance for many high priority calls. Given the distance our ambulances must travel, the response times of first responders is often much faster. They have equipment and training to help with some life saving maneuvers.

The fire department has a contract with Labelle regarding Tranquillité. Previously, the contract stated that Labelle responded first, and only if there was a confirmed fire would Mont-Tremblant also respond. With the new contract, any fire call will be responded to by both departments. This should increase the presence of the fire department in the Tranquillité area, as well as their knowledge of the area. Furthermore, they will hold one practice per year in Tranquillité.

Finally, M. Darmana, Fire Chief, has proposed that at least one fire protection reservoir be put in at Tranquillité. A location near the garbages was determined after a site visit with the Fire Chief. We hope to use TECQ funds next year to install this. The fire department would be responsible for the annual maintenance of this reservoir.

Police

In the spring, I wrote to encourage you all to call in complaints regarding trespassing, boat safety, noise violations, etc. The police chief reports no non-emergency calls from MLTN this year. This is good news, however, I know many of you have complained about various problematic behaviors on the lake. I would encourage you to report this to the police to increase their awareness, 819-425-8614 ext. 4040. That being said, many of you may have noted an increased police presence on Lac Tremblant this year, during the day and on the weekends.

Furthermore, M. Desjardins, the Police Chief, has reinstated a program where each shift, a police cruiser is expected to go to a remote area (such as Tranquillité, Bibite, among others in the Ville de Mont-

Tremblant). They actually keep track of these visits and we will be able to see where they have been and when. I have heard many of you mention an increased presence in various areas, including Tranquillité.

Having worked closely with both the Fire and Police Chiefs this year I think we are lucky to have such proactive and dedicated people leading our emergency services. Both have been cooperative, understanding of our municipality's specific needs, and accessible to us.

Internet access news

Thank you to the many who completed the internet survey. It was informative for us to see what services are provided in the municipality.

High Speed

The tower for Filau has been up for a few months. For those of you who still do not have quality internet, please inform us, as we can speak to various partners regarding the coverage. No one company covers the whole municipality; the service depends on the location of the towers. I hope to work with all providers to improve the coverage in the municipality, so please, if you have tried to get internet and have not been successful, let us know.

As a reminder, here are the providers who service our area :

BELL https://www.bell.ca/Services_Internet?EXT=BRS_PDL_Google_kwid=p21591796474&gclid=CjwKCAjw54fdBRBbEiwAW28S9mcsSi9nbwmfiRktsyCr0-2io4bDPWaNSNBjTe3JZjbg-GnkwqCBfhoCArEQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

BELL MONT-TREMBLANT: <http://storelocator.bell.ca/bellca/en/QC/Mont-Tremblant/Bell-Saint-Jovite/FR040>

Cogeco : <https://www.cogeco.ca/fr/internet>

Filau: <http://www.filau.com/fr/index.php>

Groupe-Acces <http://accs.com/>

Rogers : <https://www.rogers.com/consumer/internet?setLanguage=fr>

Xplornet. <https://www.xplornet.com/>

Fibre optics

The fibre optics study on our territory by the MRC was completed. After being presented with the results and the various cost options to providing improved coverage, the MRC is in discussion regarding the next steps. As I know more, I will keep you posted.

Bell has informed us they will be installing fibre optics on Thomas Robert in February (delayed twice now). Once ready, they will inform citizens how to sign up.

Garbage, recycling and composting

As of 2019, we will be responsible for the collection and transportation of all waste. For 2019, Miller has offered us all a renewal option at advantageous prices. Most municipalities, including Mont-Tremblant and MLTN have accepted.

A new call for submissions will go out in 2020. We have requested to be a part of Mont -Tremblant and La Conception (for Tranquillité) so as to get more advantageous prices.

Composting of organic waste will be starting in May, 2019. All citizens will receive a composter from the municipality, of which we will have varying sizes. The program will work in much the same way as the garbage and recycling. For those who have pick-up at their door, the compost will be the same. Those who use communal garbages will continue to do so for composting, as we plan to have smaller brown bins available for you to use to transport your compost.

As a reminder, large garbage cans be brought to the communal pick-up areas and we will organize the transportation to the Eco-Center. It is imperative that you call and inform the municipality.

<https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/nous-joindre/>

Citizens can also take it themselves to the EcoCenter in Mont-Tremblant. It's located just off 117 south exit to Brebeuf, beside La Samaritaine. Take your citizen card or a copy of your MLTN tax bill for ID. For more information : <http://www.villedemont-tremblant.qc.ca/citoyens/matieres-residuelles/ecocentre>.

Trails

Much was done on the trails this year. A trail committee was formed this spring to identify priorities. Thank you to those who were on the committee and all those who worked hard as volunteers this summer. A special thank you to Jacko for all the hours he has and continues to put in to our trails. Knowledgeable about the area, hard working and flexible, he has helped develop some beautiful trails in MLTN.

The start of the Lac-Tremblant-Nord (formerly Centennial Trail) has been moved away from the Bibite parking lot and is now in front of the Sugar Shack. Despite all of its challenges, it is a beautiful trail. As of this winter, the trail will be removed from the official Ville de Mont-Tremblant trail maps which may reduce the number of visitors. Given its location on crown land, it cannot be 'closed ' and people cannot be prohibited from using it. However we have increased the signage on the trails to guide people on the more official 'open' trails and we have indicated where people can and cannot park, hoping to keep people away from Lac Bibite.

There has also been a lot of work on the the 'north end' trails. Mont-Gorille has seen increased signage from from the end of chemin de la Montagne Verte (in Labelle) to the "LTN 100" trailhead for Mont-Gorille (in MLTN). A completely new trail from a trailhead at the border of MLTN and Labelle on Chemin du Lac Baptiste (at intersection of chemin des Gélinothtes) to the summit of La Tuque du Lac Gervais. This is 100% on crown land in Labelle. At the summit of La Tuque, the new "LTN 100" trail joins an existing

“blue-white” marked trail that comes up from the other side (i.e. north side) of La Tuque. The “blue-white” trail originates on a wide ATV-tractor track that ultimately intersects with chemin du Lac Joly.

A special thanks go out to all the volunteers who work on these trails. We encourage citizens to go exploring!

Environnement

The boat wash was completed and up and running this spring. Serge and his crew had a very busy summer, inspecting and/or washing every boat, trailer, canoe, kayak, paddle boat, etc., that came through the marina. As a reminder, this is a free service for all MLTN citizens (for Lac Tremblant, Lac Bibite and Lac Gervais) and is obligatory according to our bylaws. We encourage you to participate, even if you have not been to another lake. It only takes a few minutes and you will contribute to the protection of the health of our lakes. Canoes, kayaks etc. are free of charge for everyone. The goal is to ensure that all boats, trailers, etc. that go in to the lake are free of invasive species. Of note, on 3 occasions this summer, our guardians identified and removed what was later confirmed to be eurasian milfoil. We consider this to be a very successful example of a public-private project where your municipality cooperated with PLTN to fulfil our municipal mandate to protect the environment and keep our lakes clean.

A shoreline assessment project was undertaken by our student Elizabeth this summer. She measured and took pictures of all the shorelines of Lac Tremblant and Lac Bibite. She will have a report as well as recommendations for some citizens on how to improve shoreline health. A pamphlet (still available at the municipality) was given out to inform people about what can and cannot be done in their shorelines. More information to follow in the spring.

Projects:

Many projects were started and/or completed this year.

- Thomas Robert was paved $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. A wash-out of part of the ditch occurred due to heavy rains not long after, so work was done in this area this fall to improve the ditch and the drainage around this area. This was all done with TECQ funds.
- Tranquillité completed work on Johns Way and Lac Gervais communal areas this summer. This was completed with Parc Funds.
- The boat wash was completed this spring and summer and so far has been a success. This was also completed with Parc Funds.

Council is waiting to hear if we will be getting TECQ Funds for the 2019-2022 years. We have many ideas for projects, including fire protection water reservoirs for Tranquillité. We are hoping that there will be more flexibility in how we can spend this money, as right now, it is for infrastructure owned by the municipality which has been quite limiting.

Regatta

A special thank you to all of you who volunteered for or participated in the Regatta this year. The turnout was fantastic, the weather mostly good and the events were well-organized with many new prizes. Thank you to Chuck and Nira for allowing us to use your beach again this year. The BBQ itself served WAGU beef among other good treats, and we even had a barber offering free trims!

We hope to see more of you next year. Please remember that this event is for all citizens of Lac-Tremblant-Nord!

Public Notices

Please note that we will no longer be publishing public notices in the newspaper. They will now be published on our website as well as sent by email to our citizens. This is a cost-savings for the municipality and is now allowable by law.

Animal safety

Bears

As mentioned in a recent email, there has been a mother and 2 cubs spotted on multiple occasions in multiple locations in and around MLTN and Mont-Tremblant.

It is very important to ensure your garbage is well protected as this is what attracts them.

Please be prudent!

Deer

As many of you have seen, Mont-Tremblant launched a campaign last year reminding people why they should not feed the deer. It is for their health and safety. This year, the Ville passed a bylaw to this effect and MLTN plans on doing the same in 2019.

Administrative

Office Hours

As mentioned in a message a few weeks ago, for the coming months, there will be changes to the office hours on Saturdays. We will be available on Saturdays by appointment, and the office will be officially open when there is a council or CCU meeting. Dates will be sent to citizens in advance.

In the spring, we will return to regular Saturday opening hours.

Council meetings

The next council meeting will be held on December 15 at 11 a.m. The budget meeting will also be held that day prior to the council meeting.

Please note that as of January 2019, our council meeting will be held at 2 p.m. during the winter months, returning to 11 a.m. in May 2019.

Hope you are all enjoying the early snow and I will take this opportunity to wish you all a **Happy Holidays!**

Kim Meyer
Mayor