

Hello to all!

A quick message to bring you up to speed on some of the fall highlights. A more detailed message will follow in January.

It has been a busy fall, but among all the things going on, I am most saddened by the departure of 2 of our councillors, Louise and Charlie. Both have been involved in municipal politics for many, many years. They represent a major component of the history of our municipality, as well knowledge of our urbanism bylaws and a passion for the environment. They have contributed significantly to our municipality over the years and I personally wish to thank them for their time and commitment to the municipality, CCU and various committees.

MLTN

- Your combined MLTN and Agglo tax rate will not change this year;
- Our overall municipal assessment went down by 2%. You may check your evaluation amount online or contact the municipal office;
- The Ville de Mont Tremblant helped us with some work at the Lac Tremblant Nord marina near the garbages and have confirmed that the electrical pole at the corner of Thomas Robert will be moved. They will also take care of winter sanding at the bottom of chemin Lac Tremblant Nord in the marina and add additional signage to reduce winter speed when driving in to the marina;
- Stephan, our inspector, turned out not to be the right fit for the municipality. We wish him luck in his future endeavors and will begin the process of looking for another inspector. In the interim, our summer student Nicolas has continued with us, and combined with Stephanie and Josée, permits continue to be emitted, site visits will continue, etc;
- Eric has been working diligently with Google maps to have the missing roads in Tranquility added; and
- As mentioned in my last letter, we are reviewing our current bylaws. There has been a survey, consultations, discussions with CCU and multiple meetings, all with good citizen participation. Most agreed with our plan to update the bylaws without straying from the core values of what makes MLTN unique.

Many of the changes are to correct inconsistencies and challenges we have faced in the bylaw application over the past years. Some however, reflect some of the changing realities of our municipality. I think it is important to note that the fundamental vision of our municipality is not changing. Our emphasis remains on nature and landscape, our 4 acres minimum, setback from lake and roads, protection of shoreline and dark sky. If anything, our plan is to be able to enforce more seriously the bylaws preventing visibility of homes from lakes and roads and protection of our environment. We anticipate beginning the change process in February, with more details to follow in January.

Agglomeration

- Firefighters are onsite full time at the fire hall located near the Village and have introduced a first responder service as of November;
- After much consultation and discussion, the decision was made on December 11 to request for the minister of security to abolish our municipal police force so we can be covered by the SQ. We anticipate hearing from the minister at the end of January;
- An entente with CSN (white and blue collar) and Firefighters has been signed;
- The Ville and MLTN contributed **100,000\$** of the agglomeration budget towards the fundraising campaign by the Fondation Médicale, in order to bring radiology back to Mont Tremblant, absent since a fire in 2008.

Elections

-Municipal elections will be held on **Sunday, February 23, 2020** with vote by anticipation **Sunday, February 16th, 2020**.

- You have until **January 19th, 2020** to transmit the signed document requesting to be on the electoral list.
- If you are interested in running for one of the seats, you have from **January 10th until January 24th, 2020** to submit your request to the municipality.
- Those registered to vote by mail will receive something in the mail in the coming days. The deadline to ensure you are in the vote by mail list is **February 11th, 2020**.

If we have no more than 2 candidates, then they will be elected by acclamation and there will be no election.

Please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie or Josée for any questions.

Council and I just passed the 2 year mark of our 4 year mandate. It was a busy first 2 years and we are looking forward to continuing to serve your interests in the next two. We have made good progress in better understanding and responding to the needs of our citizens. We are restructuring MLTN, improving communications and response times, renewing and updating our bylaws, streamlining our internal processes and building competencies for the future. I have come to better appreciate that we have a very unique municipality, founded over 100 years ago to protect a pristine environment. We are working hard to preserve our inheritance and our future at MLTN. Your continued participation at our council meetings, in the surveys we send and the consultations we hold remind us of the passion our citizens hold for this small municipality. I thank you for the opportunity to work for our wonderful municipality.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and may 2020 be filled with joy, health and happiness. Looking forward to seeing or hearing from you in 2020.

Kim, Eric, Peter, Philippe and Jean.