

Hello all,

I hope this message finds you healthy. The times we are living in right now are unprecedented. They are strange, unusual, and for many, uncomfortable. Some people are feeling financial setbacks, while others are experiencing social or psychological impacts from the present COVID-19 situation. Many continue working from home, and some of you, like myself, who work in essential services, are busier than ever.

Our realities and social guidelines are changing by the day, usually following the daily 1 p.m. press conference given by Premier François Legault, as new measures are put in place to ensure physical distancing in order to flatten the curve, allowing our health care system to keep up the pace.

This past week, new measures came into effect regarding travel to and from the Laurentians, as well as travel between the different MRC's. I can confirm that those arriving to the Laurentians risk crossing a police blockade, whether it be in St. Jerome, St. Sauveur, at the entrance to the MRC des Laurentides (starting in Val-Morin) or even around Mont-Tremblant.

The message from the government and public health officials has been clear: **no non-essential travel between regions is permitted**, including visiting your secondary homes or going grocery shopping outside your region. Since the beginning of the week, different fines, with steep amount attached, can be given to citizens who defy government and health officials' guidelines regarding non-essential travel and physical distancing measures.

Due to government recommendations regarding COVID-19 and in order to respect physical distancing, our Council meeting on April 4th was held by video-conference and all Council members were present. You will find attached to this message the final agenda that was discussed, and below, a summary of every point. Of note, no public consultations were held and bylaws regarding urbanism for which we began the change process in March have been put on hold.

We are currently evaluating the options provided to us regarding public consultations in order to allow Council to make a decision on how to proceed moving forward. Our first priority remains ensuring transparency and accessibility to everyone and if any of you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to write to me directly; I will be happy to respond.

Personally speaking, I think this way of communicating, in addition to providing a summary of Council meetings, will allow for even more transparency with our citizens, as normally there are very few of you present at Council meetings.

**Report from the Mayor :**

1. Our municipal offices remain closed, but we remain available by phone and by email.
2. Josée has contacted all our municipality's citizens aged 70 or over to ensure they have the support they need.
3. We have volunteers in our municipality available to assist any citizen who may need help.
4. The MRC has created a concertation team with municipalities, community organizations, provincial and federal governments, the SQ, Mont-Tremblant Police and the CISSS des

Laurentides, among others, to ensure collaboration, sharing of ideas and problem-solving solutions. This is a fantastic initiative that I am proud to be a part of.

5. If anyone in our municipality needs help, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our administration will be checking messages daily.

## **7. Bylaws**

**7.1 Notice of motion: Bylaw 2020-04 modifying Bylaw 2013-003 regarding zoning (regarding intergenerational homes);**

**7.3 Adoption of draft bylaw 2020-04 modifying Bylaw 2013-003 regarding zoning (regarding intergenerational homes);**

Notice of motion and adoption of the draft bylaw for the allowance of intergenerational homes to be built in our municipality. Please see the attached draft bylaw for the details. There is no plan yet for a public consultation on the subject, which is the next step in the process.

**7.2 Notice of motion : Bylaw 2020-06 modifying Bylaw 2013-003 regarding zoning (removal of agreement relative to the execution of a development plan of a project on the shore of Lac Tremblant)**

**7.4 Adoption of draft bylaw 2020-06 modifying Bylaw 2013-003 regarding zoning (removal of agreement relative to the execution of a development plan of a project on the shore of Lac Tremblant)**

Notice of motion and adoption of the draft bylaw regarding the removal of reference to an entente, signed in 2007 and integrated in to our bylaws, regarding the Baie des Ours project. This entente is no longer pertinent, given the changes to our bylaws as well as to the original document. Furthermore, it will complicate the awarding of permits for this project as there are many contradictions with our current bylaws. Please see the attached draft bylaw for the details. There is no plan yet for a public consultation on the subject, which is the next step in the process.

## **8. Resolutions:**

### **8.1 Payment of municipal taxes**

To follow suit on what many municipalities are doing and to alleviate some financial strain, Council has passed a motion to delay the payment of the April 1st tax payment to July, with no interest. Depending on the situation at the time of the July payment, further measures may be made.

Of note, the Agglomeration property tax bill payments have also been pushed back and must be paid no later than the following due dates:

- a) The single payment or the first payment of municipal property taxes must be made no later than June 1st, 2020;
- b) The second payment of municipal property taxes must be made no later than July 31st, 2020;
- c) The third payment of municipal property taxes must be made no later than September 30th, 2020;

- d) The fourth payment of municipal property taxes must be made no later than November 30th, 2020.

Please also note that the agglomeration Council also set interest and penalty rates at 0% until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## **8.2 Signature of employment contract with municipal and environmental inspector**

As the heading indicates, we have found a very qualified and experienced inspector for the municipality. Marie-Lise Langevin has worked at the Ville as a building inspector, as well as environment inspector. She is also a trained technologue (excellent knowledge in septic systems). She will be working for us 3 days per week starting mid-April.

## **8.3 Liberation of guarantee insurance funds - Laurentides-Outaouais regroupment – for the period of November 1st 2015 to November 1st 2016**

We see these resolutions frequently. Once we haven't placed a claim with our insurance for a period of time, there is a release of funds that require a resolution. In this case, we are talking about an amount of 49\$.

## **8.4 Acceptance of contract for the refection of chemin de la Tranquillité with plans**

A call for projects was initiated in March for the paving of Tranquillité (to be completed with TEQC funds). This resolution awards the contract to the lowest bidder compliant with specifications. Due to COVID-19, the timeline for this project remains uncertain at the moment.

## **8.5 Proposition of a central call registry**

The MRC made the decision not to renew the existing contract with the Mont-Tremblant 911 operators (ending in March 2020). Instead, we will have a contract with CAUCA (a service that is used by most of Quebec's regions). CAUCA has expressed their interest in having a service in the Laurentians, which is currently not the case. We believe this decision will be in the best interest of the whole MRC, who also uses this service. This proposal was adopted unanimously by all municipalities and allows the MRC to sign the contract with CAUCA for our municipality.

## **8.6 Permission for signature of cheques**

It is important to have more than two signatories for municipal cheques and for the moment, only Stephanie and I are allowed to do so. This resolution now allows Councillor Philippe Couture to sign municipal cheques as well.

## **8.7 Removal of files for tax sale on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

As a result of the current situation with COVID-19 and after much discussion with the other municipalities in our MRC, it was decided to cancel de non-payment of tax sale for this year. Any properties that have not paid will continue to accumulate interest for their previous years of non-payment and could be sold in 2021.

## **8.8 Nomination of additional pro mayor for the Agglo of Mont-Tremblant**

In these uncertain times, many municipalities are ensuring that their municipality can continue to function, despite the possible interruptions due to illness. For this reason, I decided to name a 2<sup>nd</sup> person to replace me as mayor, should myself and Councillor Eric Lessard, our current pro-mayor, be unavailable. Councillor Jean Cloutier has offered to take on this role.

## **8.9 Nomination of an additional pro mayor**

Same as the message above.

## **8.10 Naming of Allée des Pêcheurs**

Following the construction of a road near Lac Bibite (on Crown land), the municipality must name this road. After discussion with the citizen who constructed the road and Council, we have agreed upon the name *Allée des Pêcheurs*. This resolution simply confirms the name chosen and allows it to become the road's official name.

## **9.1 Finance and Administration Committees:**

### **9.1.1 Income and revenue statement for the period ending March 31st, 2020 :**

The total amount of taxes collected for this period is approximately 86,000 \$. We also received the amount of 4,291.50 \$ in permits and transfer duties this month, which gives a total of 21,414.60 \$ to date for the year.

Our expenses for this period total 56,879.49 \$, including the salaries of the employees and the rent of the municipal office, which are recurrent amounts. These expenses include the costs incurred for the services of our urbanist, the passes to Parc Mont-Tremblant for the year 2019, the costs related to municipal elections, the agreement with PLTN as well as the snow removal contract, which are not considered recurring expenses.

## **9.2 CCU :**

### **9.2.1 Request no. DPCOL200012 – Request for a new construction, matricule 1521-39-2253, lot 5 011 233 du cadastre du Québec;**

This project was approved by Council for a new home.

### **9.2.2 Request no. DPPAL200013 – Request for the construction of a car port, matricule 1720-76-5947, lot 5 011 372 du cadastre du Québec;**

This project was approved by Council for a car port attached to an existing home.

In closing, I want to ensure you that our municipality continues to function efficiently, focusing on our priorities. Our administration, Council members and I are working hard to make sure that our municipal services continue to run smoothly and that any assistance our citizens may need is being taking care of. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of Council and I, we would like to wish you all a happy Easter week-end and we hope to see you soon.

Kim Meyer and your Council.