



MUNICIPALITÉ DE  
**LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD**

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Hello to all,

I hope you are all staying healthy during these difficult times, this has been a strange season for many of us. Though I crossed paths with some of you at the PLTN meeting or at the marina, hopefully next summer will allow for more in person meetings and discussions. I look forward to seeing you all in a more normal setting.

Despite the unusual situation created by the current pandemic, our administration has been very busy. Marie-Lise, our new inspector, jumped right into the action, and thankfully, her experience, level-head and organisation has allowed her to thrive during this exceptionally busy permit season.

Although the administration is working tirelessly to succeed in managing it's workload, the limits imposed by COVID-19 restrictions has caused some of you to wait for certain responses and we want to take the time to apologize for any delays that might have occurred. Our staff is back in the office (for now), with plexiglass, masks and frequent hand washing, to respect the public safety measures imposed by the government. However, the office is now completely set up to work remotely, should it be necessary.

As a reminder, we would like to please ask that you call to make an appointment prior to coming to the office, in order to respect our office policy and to make sure our citizens and our staff's health is protected in the best way possible.

**Bylaw changes**

Our biggest project this summer has been continuing to work on the bylaw changes. As you have heard over the past year, we have been making changes to our bylaws in order to increase coherence and correct inconsistencies, to streamline processes and make permit requests easier and clearer for the citizen, as well as to update some bylaws to better reflect today's realities. As always, protecting our environment, our large lot sizes and visibility from the lake remain our top priorities.

After multiple public consultations and discussions with various citizens, urbanists, as well as our new inspector, we will likely begin the administrative change process in December. This process can last many months and during that time, all permits are frozen. Our administration prioritised this process to minimize the impact on citizens and allow you all to work on your properties once building season arrives.

The next steps include another informal consultation with all citizens where we plan to outline the proposed changes and allow a final moment of feedback before the more formal process begins.

Though there is a formal public consultation during the process, we would prefer to get our citizens opinions prior to beginning the actual process to make sure the changes being made reflect our citizens' will and orientations.

Of note, since permits will be frozen during the bylaw change process, we would encourage you, if you have any projects that are to be done over the winter, to get your permits requests in prior to our December Council meeting, so they can be treated prior to the freezing of bylaws. If you cannot submit your permit requests before December, the administration will continue to treat permit requests during the change process, but these permits cannot be emitted until the bylaw change process is finished, likely in April.

To consult the CCU calendar and the dates to submit documents for your permit request, please visit the following link : <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/municipal-calendar/>

In addition to the urbanism bylaw changes, we will also be making some modifications to the *Nuisance* bylaw to reflect the citizens' responses to the recent survey that was sent out this summer. The administration would like to thank all of you for responding to the survey in such large numbers, we greatly appreciate your implication in this process and your thoughtful comments on the matter.

### **Online meetings**

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and with many MTLN citizens living in « red zones », we have decided to continue the trend of online meetings. Council felt it more prudent, and with the fact that we encourage the participation of citizens during our online meetings, we felt it made sense to continue this way. In some recent meetings, we have seen increased participation and presence from citizens with this method, and we hope that this process will allow more of you to continue to participate in our Council meetings going forward.

Given the fact that online meeting allow for more participation, we will be considering offering an online presence option even when we do in fact return to in-person meetings in order to allow citizens who have trouble coming to our meetings in person to participate and engage with our administration remotely. We hope you will continue to join our meetings or continue to communicate with us through other means.

Link to attend Council meetings: <https://lactremblantnord.my.webex.com/meet/directiongenerale>

By phone:

+1-438-797-4001 (Montreal)

+1-613-714-9906 (Ottawa)

Access code: 132 362 1500#

(Other numbers available upon request)

## **Shorelines**

One of our environmental priorities, aligned with the government guidelines, is to maintain a natural protection zone around our waterways by respecting a 20-meter shoreline. This measure is important to avoid contamination, to optimize water quality and to protect our lakes from invasive species.

This summer, our employee Nicolas Therrien and Jennifer MacDonald, a lac Bibite volunteer, worked together evaluating various shorelines, a continuation of the project started by our summer student Elizabeth a few years ago. They spent time on lac Bibite visiting citizens and giving out information on how to improve shorelines and how to prevent invasive species from entering the lake. They were also available to citizens on Lac Tremblant and we plan on continuing this project next summer. We will give you further information and details in the coming months on the project.

## **Forest management work**

The municipality was recently notified that a forest management operation will take place near the sugar shack located on chemin Thomas-Robert, specifically on public land belonging to the Ministry of Energy and natural resources. This work was authorized by the Ministry under an « other purposes » permit and its goals, to achieve sustainable development, are to improve the sugar shack's productivity and ensure its regeneration.

For the moment, the Municipality has sent the Centennial trail route for it to be taken into account and minimize any impact the proposed work could have on the trail. It should be noted that according to our information, the work to be done is considered minor and does not require any new trail development. The Municipality wishes to participate in an information meeting on the project with the collaboration of the forest engineer who prepared the forest management plan. More information on the matter will be sent to citizens shortly.

## **Internet**

We are aware that internet remains an issue, at varying levels, for many of you:

- For those who are off of chemin Thomas-Robert, we continue to push Bell to complete the work as promised.
- For those with Xplornet, we are aware that there have been some issues with one of the towers, leading to some challenges for some of you.
- The MRC is still working towards a project for fibre optics on all of their territory, and I will keep you informed as to the timeline as soon as we have more information.

I would ask that if you continue to have particular issues with your internet connection, please contact us so we can see how the municipality could participate in finding a solution.

### **Work on chemin Thomas-Robert**

In the coming weeks, there will be some work being done on chemin Thomas-Robert, mostly related to drainage in various areas. We applied for, and received, a 5 238 \$ grant from the provincial government which will cover all the costs for this project.

### **Trail safety – New application**

The fire department has started using a new application to help locate people who may need help while lost in the forest but are unable to identify where they are. The application, **what3words**, is available on the *AppStore* or *Google Play*.

### **Parking near Centenaire Trail**

I have been informed, by many of you, about the challenges related to parked cars for the Centenaire trail. The trail has become very popular and is on many hiking platforms. I am aware that there have been issues with people being parked too close to the gate or to the garbage bins and that long lines of cars are forming along the road. I have also heard hazards, namely people opening their car doors, wandering around the road as people drive by, as well as people having hikers arriving on their private properties.

In order to address these important issues, for now, our administration is putting the following measures in place:

- 1) Improved signage regarding parking and reminding people that there are people crossing and walking along the road;
- 2) The addition of new large sign at the trails entrance referring to the rules hikers and visitors have to follow on the trails including guidelines respecting private properties;
- 3) Discussions with the police to identify how to best improve safety along that road.

Your comments and suggestions on this matter are always welcome.

### **Trail network**

Surrounded by forest and mountains, LTN is an ideal location for trail development. The **North end trail crew** comprised of Russell Goodman, Sarah Ellwood, Jean Cloutier, Eileen Bridges, Isabelle Thibault, Steve Zimmermann, Janet Hylland and Rob MacLeay, has been hard at work. Not only do they maintain existing trails, but they are always looking for the next project.

This spring, the *Les Portes de L'Enfer* trails, which currently has public access from the end of Ch. du Lac Joly in Labelle, has been completed. The trail is 100% on MLTN land, winding its way along the land that the Municipality acquired in place of park funds, when the subdivision in *Baie des Ours* occurred. The next project in the works will be a connection from the Cachée River up to this and Mont Gorille (Labelle) trails.

This trail will allow people from Lac Tremblant to kayak or canoe a short way up the river and then start hiking. We will keep you posted when the trail is ready for hikers.



Thank you to the trail crew for their time and devotion, allowing all of us to appreciate the beauty of LTN and surrounding areas. Finally, we can't mention trails without also thanking Jacko Gratton for all his exceptional work on the Centennial (and many other) trails in LTN.

We wish you all health and a wonderful fall season,

Kim Meyer and your council.