



Lac-Tremblant-Nord

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Happy spring to all of you,

Some of you have perhaps already made your way across the lake to open your cottage, others may have been able to spend the winter either on the lake or at your road-side home. Either way, spring came early and despite the ongoing pandemic, I hope that all of you are healthy.

The upcoming season remains uncertain as far as community events, public meetings, etc. For now, government regulations force our council meetings to be online. We have chosen to hold them on a web platform, allowing citizens to participate in real time. This has led to many of you, who we do not normally see, attending meetings, and we are happy to have your participation, particularly over the winter months. As for the annual regatta and BBQ, no decision has been made yet; we will see how things evolve in the coming weeks.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who participated in our recent survey. We had a high (71%) citizen participation (you will find results below) and we much appreciate the kind words of support that we got from many of you.

As you know, this winter we finalized the overhaul of our urbanism bylaws. We had a few questions from people regarding having this process during a pandemic. Just to go back a little in history, we started in 2019 and thought we would start the changes in January 2020. Given the amount of work and the absence of an inspector, we decided to post-pone, which proved to be a good decision given the pandemic.

That being said, the changes that we are making are important and have an impact on the analysis of files and the issuance of permits; and we did not feel we could wait any longer.

Furthermore, with permits being frozen, due to the long administrative and bureaucratic process (which is beyond our control) it became

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essential for this process to be done over the winter, to minimize the impact as much as possible on citizens.

The overall feedback from citizens was positive regarding the process. I was troubled by a few comments, regarding the lack of summarized information. Both at the presentation of the bylaws (the public consultation in December) as well as during the public notice meeting providing a summary of the changes, we did our best to present the information in easy-to-understand vernacular (Powerpoint and WORD summary), to highlight the major changes and potential impacts on citizens. Should you have any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Next steps: Final approval from the MRC on May 20th, at which point we can move forward with the treatment of files.

Also, with respect to the urbanism department, Nicolas Therrien, who has been working with us for the past few years, is now the *Préposé à l'urbanisme et aux communications*. Nicolas was an integral part of our bylaw changes process and he will be able to handle many questions sent to the urbanism department. The goal is to free up precious time for our inspector, Marie-Lise Langevin, so she can spend time analysing files and issuing permits. She is the head of the urbanism department.

Finally, a note that our offices remain officially closed. Though our staff is available by appointment, due to COVID-19, we try to maintain our communications with citizens either virtually, by phone or by email. However, should there be a need for an in-person meeting, please contact the person in question. A reminder, the mairie@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca email will soon no longer be in service, as it led to confusion, many people thinking they were reaching me, when it was an administrative email address. So, here is how you reach the administration:

- For **general information** (or to reach Josée Roy): info@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- To reach the **inspector** Marie-Lise Langevin: inspecteur@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- To reach Nicolas Therrien: ntherrien@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- To reach the **director general**, Stephanie Carriere: directiongenerale@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca

And to reach myself or any of the councillors directly:

- To reach the **mayor**, Kim Meyer maire@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- To reach your **councillors**:
 - Seat #1 Peter Richardson: prichardson@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
 - Seat #2 Eric Lessard: elessard@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
 - Seat #3 Christian de Varennes: cdevarennes@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
 - Seat #4 Jean Cloutier: jcloutier@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
 - Seat #5 Barbara Burgstaller-McDonald: bmcdonald@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
 - Seat #6 Philippe Couture: pcouture@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca

As always, we remain available for any questions and concerns, at meetings or in between, either by phone or by email.

Kim Meyer and your council

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General information

Access to Lake Tremblant

A reminder, specifically for new residents, that the PLTN marina is a private entity, separate from the municipality. All questions regarding access to the marina should be directed to PLTN (secretaire@preservationltn.ca).

MLTN citizens who do not have lake access are permitted to put their boat in the water, daily, during the summer months. This is due to an agreement between PLTN and MLTN. However, the boat must be washed, owned by the MLTN citizen, and must be removed from the lake at the end of the day. There is no limit to the number of times in a summer that one can put a boat on the water.

Access to Lake Bibite

As with the access to Lac Tremblant, the access is managed by PLTN, despite the marina being municipally owned, and questions regarding municipal access to the marina should be directed to PLTN (secretaire@preservationltn.ca).

Please note there is no swimming permitted at either marina.

Access to Ville de Mont-Tremblant activities

Did you know that, because MLTN is part of the agglomeration, MLTN has access to certain VMT activities, with the Carte Access Mont-Tremblant (which replaces Carte Vivre)?

These include to:

- Libraries: du Couvent (village) et Samuel-Ouimet (St. Jovite);
- Lac Mercier Beach;
- Domain St. Bernard (trails and beach);
- Mont Tremblant cross country ski network;
- Rebates for shows in the Church in the village;
- Certain services at the arena and aquatic center.

Internet

On Monday, May 5th, there was a press conference announcing 48.9 million federal dollars towards high-speed internet in rural areas of the Laurentians. This is in addition to provincial monies already promised and represents a higher-than-expected contribution. With it, comes a commitment to complete the project by September 2022. In our MRC, Cogeco has the contract to install the high-speed internet, and has been working with Bell and Hydro, to get the necessary authorisations. I will certainly keep you apprised of the timeline I receive from our MRC led project, and what that means specifically for each of you citizens.

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For those of you on or near Lac Bibite, we have been in regular communication with Bell regarding the fibre optics project that has been ongoing over many years. There have been some challenges, including Bell changing the proposed coverage area. However, last week, we got confirmation that Fleur de Lys will be covered at some point soon. As we have further information, we will communicate directly with the citizens affected.

[Lake Bibite shed](#)

Over the winter, the Bibite shed, a joint MLTN-PLTN project, was approved by the municipality. The project was spearheaded by various citizens and PLTN and will be paid for by the municipality. Once built, the sheds will be available for rent via PLTN. A special thanks to Paul McDonald, who not only put in a lot of time on the plans and permit requests, but who also got a lot of the materials donated, to reduce costs. PLTN will be announcing further details regarding the building days (looking for volunteers) as well as when it will be available for rent.

[MLTN trails](#)

Over the years, many trails have been developed on our territory, mostly by a few devoted volunteers. Many are near the north of the lake, while the Centennial trail, near Lac Bibite, seems to create the most challenges for the people nearby. Over the years, we have moved the trail head, removed the trail from official trail maps, and are currently trying to better manage the parking issues. Our parking bylaw was amended, and more signs will be going up in the coming weeks, regarding where people can and cannot park. Fines can now be given out for parking violations, due to our updated bylaw.

We rely on the citizens nearby to keep us informed of issues that may occur. Please note, that should there be a car parking on your private property, you may, at any time contact the police to have it removed.

With respect to the Montagne Verte trail (which starts on Chemin Lac Baptiste in Labelle, but is mostly in our municipality), there are many parking issues. Over the winter, Labelle posted no parking signs, all along the road their road, leaving only the small parking lot at the trail head accessible for parking. Labelle is planning to build a parking lot and is working with the MFFP to get the necessary authorisations, but as of now, we have no timeline.

As with the Centennial trail, citizens are our eyes and ears, so please, keep us informed of any issues you witness or concerns you may have.

[Mont-Tremblant Parc passes](#)

As an MLTN citizen, a request can be made, through the municipality, to receive, free of charge, a Parc de Mont Tremblant hiking pass.

If you are interested, please follow the link below, complete the form and Josée will inform you when the pass has arrived: <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/recreational-programs-and-activities/>

[Municipal police](#)

As many of you who are following local news are aware, the Agglomération (Ville de Mont Tremblant and Lac-Tremblant-Nord) requested in December 2019 that the Minister of public security allow us to abolish the local

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municipal police force, and move to the SQ. A positive answer was provided in February of 2021, and the integration process is well underway. It is my understanding that in the month of June, we will see the official changeover happen.

Of note, the eligible police officers and support staff have all been guaranteed a position with the SQ, including the temporary officers. The police station will stay at its current location, in Mont Tremblant, but our costs will be significantly reduced. The services we currently receive from the municipal police will be maintained, and it is my hope that there will be an increased presence on Lac Tremblant, as well as in our more remote areas (Tranquillité, Lac Bibite, etc.) I will be meeting with the nominated liaison officer, to discuss our specific concerns.

Environment

Garbage collection

Those of you using the PLTN garbage bins are aware that last summer, and over the winter, we have had issues with garbage bins being too full. We have many more people in our municipality, both winter and summer, due to many factors, including COVID. Though last summer, we increased garbage collection, we also had to do so over the winter. While most municipalities have moved to 1x month collection, we have had to have garbage and recycling collected 1x week.

The municipality is looking into various solutions, including the possibility of increasing the number of bins, improving the appropriate use of the existing bins, increased supervision, and sensitization, etc. That being said, there is a collective effort that is necessary from everyone. A few reminders:

1. Construction materials are not permitted in the bins, even if put in small garbage bags, at any time;
2. Composting containers are available at the marina, and some of you compost directly on your land. No food or compostable items are allowed in the garbage bins, at any time;
3. Those who receive large boxes with their deliveries are encouraged to bring them directly to the eco-center. As would be the case with your home recycling, once it is full, it is full. But when a few people fill up the recycling bins with mass amounts, this prevents others from using it;
4. The bins have openings both at the front and the BACK of the container. Many times, people will leave bags next to the bins when it appears to be full, but there is space at the back. Please treat the collection site as if it was your own property;
5. The cameras pointed at the bins will allow for improved surveillance of the bins. Citizens not respecting the regulations could receive fines.

Finally, a reminder that the big garbage dates are **May 21st-24th and September 3rd-6th**. The information is also posted on the website: <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/garbage-collection/>

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Please note: These big garbage collection weekends are for household items, and NOT for construction materials.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the municipality.

[Increasing our protected areas](#)

Many of us have chosen to be in Lac Tremblant Nord because of its natural beauty. Whether you are in Tranquillité, Lac Bibite, on or near Lac Tremblant, the large lots, forest, and natural land is what makes us unique.

Always open to opportunities to protect land, your council was fortunate to have two important opportunities.

The first is in the north of the lake, known as Baie des Ours. A development project has been planned there for years, but 3 years ago, a subdivision project for 11 residential lots was approved. When property owners subdivide, a percentage must be given to the municipality, either in the form of money or land. We negotiated a land donation, which allowed for the upper, more mountainous portion of the property, to be protected, as municipality owned conservation land. We hope this will continue to preserve the natural beauty of this area of the lake.

Secondly, a citizen approached us regarding the donation of property, known as Ile Ronde, on Lac Tremblant. At the most recent council meeting, your council approved a resolution accepting this donation, land which will be preserved as it has received certification as having an ecological value.

Finally, a reminder that motorboats are not permitted in the Cachée river, a Mont Tremblant Parc rule, to protect the fragile ecosystem.

[LAction](#)

Lac Tremblant was chosen, along with 4 other Laurentian lakes, to benefit from provincial funding, via Organisme des Bassins Versants (OBV-RPNS), an environmental organisation, to participate in an integrated study of our lake. Marie-Lise Langevin (our inspector) and I will represent MLTN on a committee, which will be composed of PLTN, LTA and Ville de Mont Tremblant representatives, who will all accompany OBV-RPNS, during this process. The goal is help us better understand some of the environmental and cohabitation issues on our lake, and protective measures that can be implemented to protect the quality of the water, influencing our future planning. This is a big project, migratorily funded by the provincial funding, providing MLTN access to specialists who will help us protect our water, for many years to come. I am thrilled that we have been chosen and that I will be able to participate actively and also hope to export the knowledge we gain from this project to the other lakes on our territory.

More information will follow after our first meeting end of May. For those wishing to know more, please see the link below for the press release, or navigate on the OBV-RPNS website for more information about this important organisation, on which I sit as vice-president of the governing board.

Link: https://www.rpns.ca/sites/www.rpns.ca/files/upload/communiqués/comm_presse_laction.pdf

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Shorelines

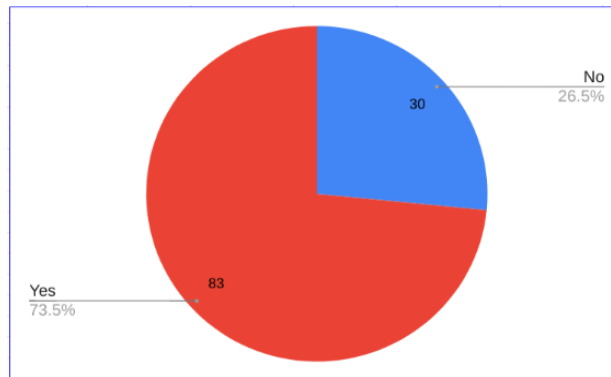
Over the past couple of years, we have been working on evaluating and cataloguing our shorelines. We have used the summer students to help inform people of the best practices, and we continue to be available to work directly with those citizens who would like to improve their shorelines. Shorelines are a fundamental aspect of water quality and one of the many things citizens can do to “do their part”. We encourage you to contact us should you have any specific questions.

Wastewater systems

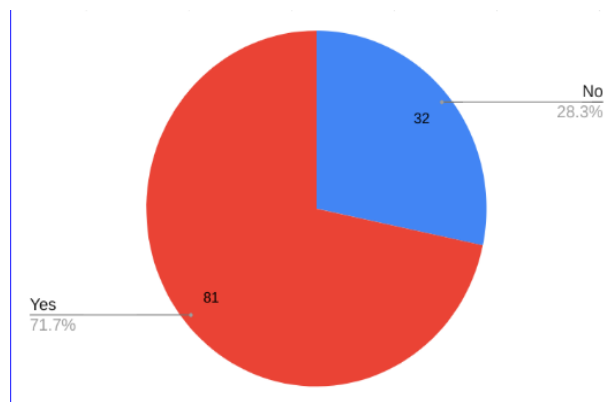
As important as our water quality is for us, another concrete initiative will be to ensure that water treatment systems, on both lakes, are non-polluting. Many new alternatives, as well as funding, are available for the improvement of treatment of wastewater. Citizens specifically concerned will be receiving directed communication regarding steps that can be taken, new systems that are available, etc.

Survey results

Question 1) Should MLTN have a bylaw that would prohibit citizens from feeding deer in our municipality?

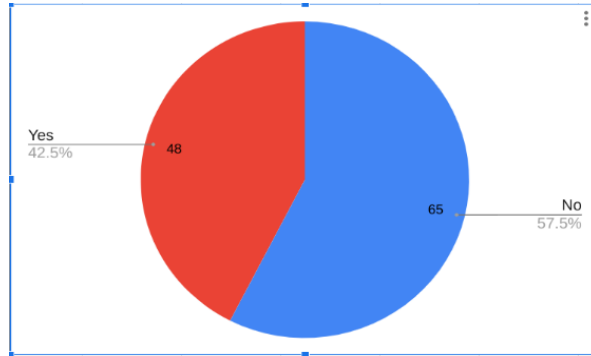


Question 2) Are you in favor of allowing the option of “sleeping quarters” in a detached garage?

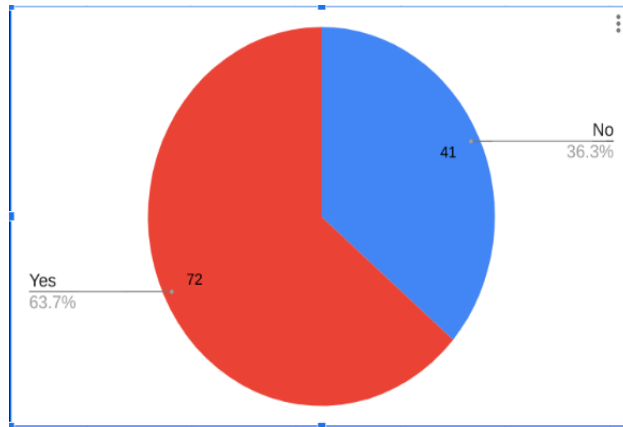


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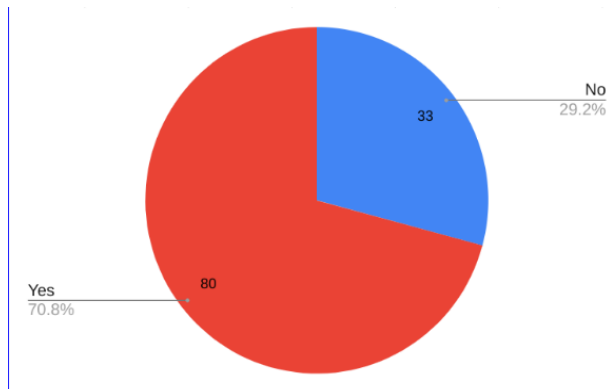
Question 2a) If we allow sleeping quarters in detached garages, should citizens be prevented from also having a sleeping cabin on their lot?



Question 2b) If sleeping quarters are allowed running water, do you feel the illegal rental of these buildings could become an important problem within our municipality?

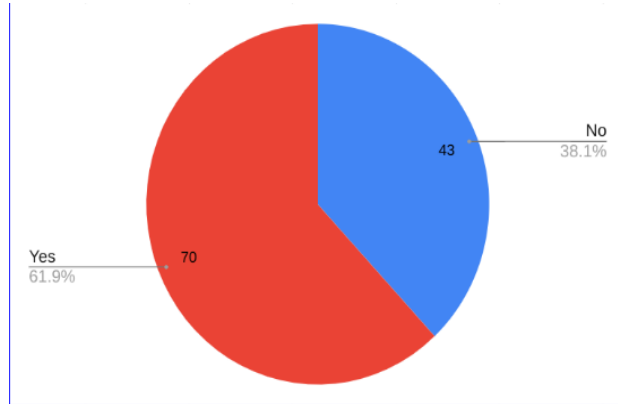


Question 3) Do you currently use any part of these trails (Centennial trail & Montagne Verte)?

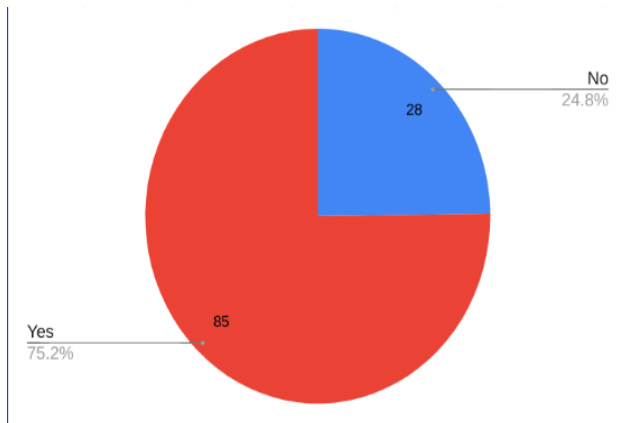


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Question 3a) Are you in favor of MTLN taking over the management of the Montagne Verte trail, with maintenance fees coming out of park funds, if necessary?



Question 4) Overall, do you find that you received the necessary information regarding the by-law changes?



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Question 5) Please rate your overall satisfaction with the work of your council.

