



MUNICIPALITÉ DE
LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD

WORD FROM THE MAYOR: FALL 2021

Dear citizens,

The councillors and I humbly accept your vote of confidence, and we thank you sincerely for your support, your trust, and for allowing us to continue working for you.

As a council, we are committed to continue to serve you, listen to you, and work with you to protect our small oasis.

We are always interested in your opinions, thoughts, and ideas. To that effect, you will receive a short survey in the coming days, where questions related to the budget and general municipal vision will be addressed. Please take the time to respond to the survey as it is important for council to hear from you.

For the moment, our council meetings remain online, but we are constantly re-evaluating the situation based on public health recommendations. Generally, with so many people not being in our municipality during the winter we have seen an increased participation with our online meetings, and for that reason we may consider continuing this way for the winter months (pending government recommendations).

Finally, as this is an election year, the annual budget will be adopted in January 2022 instead of December. The 3-year project plan will be deposited in December, as is our obligation.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns, we always appreciate hearing from you.

To reach me or any of the councillors directly:

- To reach the **mayor**, Kim Meyer: maire@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- To reach your **councillors**:
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Were moving to new offices!

MLTN has been in its existing offices for many years, and as Josée, our longest standing employee says, she has been in the offices for as long as she has worked for us.

The needs of the municipality continue to change and grow, and our staff is now present more hours per week. Those who have come to meet with us have seen the open configuration of the office, the absence of closed offices, confidentiality, or a quiet space to work which have begun to take its toll on our employees. Exacerbated by COVID where our only bathroom was shared with the business next door and all their public, the current office space no longer meets the needs of our staff.

We were lucky to find, **for the same price**, another office space that offers closed offices, a more spacious area, quiet working spaces, a space for confidential meetings, and, as a result, a happier staff. Who could ask for more!

That that effect, as of December 1st, we will be moving into our new offices that are located at 2-2044 chemin du Village, a short walk from our current offices. All our contact information remains the same, with the exception of the address.

Please do not hesitate to stop by and visit us!

Internet

Internet has been an ongoing subject for our municipality, and we have seen some important developments this year, as Bell has finally completed the extension of its fibre optics line all the way to Lac Bibite, now serving the roads off Thomas Robert and extending along Allée du Fleur de Lys. If you haven't already, you can contact Bell's online customer service to get connected.

The MRC received funding from both the federal and provincial governments and partnered with Cogeco to provide fibre optics to most of our municipality that isn't already covered, particularly in Tranquillité. We have finally heard confirmation that the project will start in January, and I am waiting to find out the specific timeline to our municipality. I am also trying to find out if they will cover those of you who access your home only by boat but have electricity on Lac Tremblant. More to follow.

Construction and bylaws

Over the last couple of years, we have seen a boom in construction in Lac-Tremblant-Nord, and with it comes an important demand on our municipal services, pressure on our administration, as well as at PLTN.

This spring, we completed a major overhaul of our municipal bylaws, simplifying the process and updating our vision. As is normal with this process, we have some adjustments to make, and they will be done over the winter months.

As always, we encourage citizens to communicate with us if they have concerns, questions, or suggestions about our bylaws, and we remain open to reviews and your feedback. As users of our bylaws, your opinion on the subject is of the utmost importance to us.

Trail networks

In LTN, we are fortunate to be surrounded by so much natural beauty, and over the years, trail development has increased the number of trails existing in our municipality. Some have become increasingly popular (Nez de l'Indien and Montagne Verte), which create challenges for those living nearby.

Specifically for the Lac Bibite access to Nez de l'Indien, the number of cars (and even a bus) coming from outside the municipality has increased, and to that effect, we have tried to better control the parking on the road.

We are following the situation closely to determine if we need to take further action along Thomas-Robert, and any feedback you have on the matter is welcomed.

Finally, please remember that it's currently hunting season, and therefore, for security purposes, many of our trails are currently closed.

Public safety (Sûreté du Québec)

This past June saw the municipal police force transfer to the Sûreté du Québec (SQ), and the transition appears to have gone well for all.

Our director general Stephanie and I have had weekly meetings with M. Mulcair, the chief of the Tremblant police station, and we also completed a visit of our municipality's territory (including a visit by boat of the lake) to sensitize M. Mulcair to the particular issues we face. The collaboration and accessibility of M. Mulcair has been important for us to address some of our issues (short-term rental, noise on the lake, dangerous boating practices, etc.). Of note, these meetings will continue on an as-needed basis throughout the winter.

We thank the officers of the SQ for their presence on the lake this summer (even if perhaps seen by some as a little zealous), and we look forward to a continued collaboration in future years.

For those needing to contact the SQ for **non-urgent matters**, a reminder that the following number, **819-425-2723**, brings you to the same call center as 911, however, using this number allows urgent calls to be prioritized. Consequently, this number is the one to call if you are facing the following situations:

- Nuisances, including noise (from boats, parties, etc.);
- Trespassing problems (with visual evidence of trespassing). If you feel unsafe or if a stranger is on your property, call 911.
- Speeding on the lake (police may enforce federal speed laws due to the buoys in place);
- Failure to comply with boat-washing regulations (fines as per regulations).

A reminder to **use 911 for emergencies** such as an accident, crime, danger on the public road (including the lake), fire, gas smell, serious health problems or to report a person in distress.

Please note that the police will not come on the lake at night unless the safety of a citizen is at risk, as they are equipped to come on the lake for emergencies. We only have to think of the fireman who recently died on the Lachine rapids to understand the risks that police and firefighters take on a regular basis.

Alert system

Mont-Tremblant has entered into an agreement with the organization CAUCA (CITAM division) to have alerts sent to local residents. *Alerts and mass notifications* will replace the Somum Solutions alert system previously used by the municipality. You can visit www.villedemont-tremblant.qc.ca/alerts or call **819-425-8614** now to register for the new system.

You can customize your alerts. You can choose whether you would like to receive your alerts on your landline, cell phone, via text (SMS) or email. You will be automatically registered to receive alerts related to emergency management (e.g. floods, evacuation notices) and boiling and drinking water advisories if you receive water from the municipal aqueduct. If you so choose, you can also receive notifications about major traffic interruptions to the road network.

Additionally, please note that the **defibrillators in our municipality** are located at the Lac Tremblant marina's guardian building and at the Lake Bibite marina on the new shed built this summer.

Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant

Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant is a non-profit organization formed by concerned citizens in order to protect the environment, the unique character and the community of Mont-Tremblant for present and future generations.

You can visit their website at <https://www.mont-tremblant.org/>, and it's free to join!

RénoRégion

The objective of the RénoRégion program is to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners living in rural areas to carry out work in order to correct major deficiencies in their homes.

The program is intended for homeowners in an eligible area who have a major defect or defects in their property. The owner-occupant's annual household income must not exceed the maximum allowable income, which varies according to the size of the household and the region in which it lives.

The RénoRégion program provides a grant that is paid only after the work is completed. This grant can be up to 95% of the recognized cost of the eligible work, but not more than \$12,000. The building must require at least \$2,000 worth of work to correct one or more major deficiencies.

For more information, please consult the RénoRégion program at the following link: <http://www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca/programme/programme/renoregion.html>

Centraide

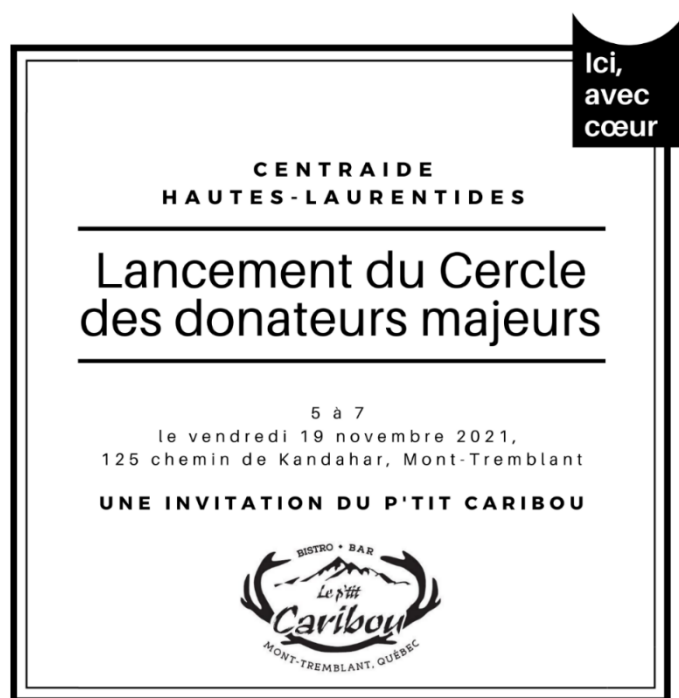
As many of you know, I am, by profession, a social worker, and as a result, I am sensitive to the poverty and social inequalities that exist in the Laurentians. For this reason, I have agreed, in the past couple of years to be an ambassador for Centraide's fundraising campaign.

Briefly, Centraide's mission is to break the cycle of poverty and social exclusion while building inclusive communities with the conviction that each can develop to their full potential.

With a good understanding of the territory and of the social issues, Centraide invests specifically where the needs are the biggest as well as working on prevention.

Whether it be working with youth to stimulate early development, support parents, contribute to ensure food security, access to housing, break social isolation of seniors or people with handicaps or new immigrants, Centraide provides basic support to organisations, allowing them to plan long term to meet their basic needs and consolidate their projects.

To that effect, you will find below an invitation to an event in Mont Tremblant on November 19th, 2021, from 5 to 7 PM to launch a large donors circle.



Whether you come to the event, donate to Centraide or any other organisation, please know that there are many in need of support and assistance. I encourage you to donate somewhere this year and help someone who is in need.

Kim Meyer and your council