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Dear Citizens,

I started writing this message prior to the storm that hit much of the Laurentians on May 21 where many of you unfortunately lost electricity for an extended period of time. In terms of damages, our municipality was lucky, and thanks to the Ville de Mont Tremblant, we were able to provide our citizens with access to services during this difficult time. Hopefully, many of you received our email communications providing details and update on the situation.

Following this event, our municipality is reviewing our emergency measure plan (last updated in 2019) to ensure the best possible response should such an event occur in the future.

Overall, it has been a very busy winter in our municipality. In December, the municipal offices moved down the street to 2-2044, chemin du Village. Costing the same as our previous rent, this larger space offers closed offices and enough room for our staff, who are very happy in their new surroundings.

Despite the busy winter months seeing many requests for permits and citizen inquiries, our staff worked diligently to continue to improve procedure and update our bylaws to optimize and clarify our permit application process.

As the summer season approaches, we expect this year to be as active as the last two, with multiple ongoing construction sites, many citizen requests, etc. Over the last few years, we have

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marginally increased our staff with Nicolas, who started with us as a student and is now productively working full time in communications, urbanism and helping with many other administrative tasks.

Additionally, we have found an inspector, Philippe Desrosiers, to work in collaboration with our director of urbanism Marie-Lise Langevin this summer. Over the past 20 years, Philippe has been an energy evaluator for provincial and federal *ÉNERGUIDE* projects as well as a self-employed building inspector and thermographic technician in the Montreal, Laval and Laurentian regions. Primarily, Philippe will be touring our territory to assure a regular presence on construction sites, as well as on the lakes, to ensure bylaw compliance and environmental protection.

Welcome to our team, Philippe!

With the changes we have brought to our bylaws, the permit application process for citizens has been simplified, and my message to our staff is to continue communicating regularly with citizens, responding to requests, and setting clear expectations regarding response times. If you find a request to be taking longer than you expect, we ask that you please be patient as our staff works very hard and are very efficient.

In closing, looking ahead at the next four years, Council and I are hoping to continue to improve municipal efficiency, keep costs low while upgrading services to citizens. Most importantly, we will focus on protecting our beautiful natural environment, highlight our rich history and establish safeguards that will allow us to continue to enjoy our unique municipality.

Thank you all for your support and your involvement in our municipality, we are very grateful and fortunate for everything our citizens do for our community.

In closing, please enjoy our spring newsletter!

Kim Meyer and your Council

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Mass alert system : Register to receive important emergency alerts !

Following the recent major storm, a reminder that there is a mass alert system currently in place specifically for these types of situations where citizens can register to receive alerts related to emergency management (e.g., floods, evacuation notices).

When you register, if you so choose, you can also customize your alerts to receive notifications about major traffic interruptions to the road network on your landline, cell phone, via text (SMS) or email.

For more information on this emergency service, please visit <https://www.villedemont-tremblant.qc.ca/en/citizens/safety-and-security/alerts-and-mass-notifications> or call **819-425-8614** now to register for the system.

Additionally, in case of emergency, please note that the defibrillators in our municipality are located at the Lac Tremblant PLTN marina's guardian building and at the Lake Bibite marina on the newly built shed.

New Construction Guide and Welcome Kit coming soon!

Recently, our staff worked on a new **Construction Guide**, meant to help guide contractors in ensuring respect of environmental and municipal bylaws, specifically for the shoreline, storage, and disposal of materials on construction sites.

In addition, we also worked on a **Welcome Kit** to introduce new citizens to the various workings of our municipality. Once launched, it will be a useful tool to all citizens, offering an overview of available services to citizens and functioning of the municipality.

Both the Construction Guide and the Welcome Kit will be available on our website in the coming weeks, a message will be sent out to citizens the moment they are launched.

Our tree distribution day was a success !

Although we were not able to get as many varieties of seedlings as we would have hoped, our May 14 tree distribution day was a success again this year, as all the seedlings we received were quickly picked up by citizens.

We were very happy with the turnout, thank you to our councillor Christian de Varennes for taking part in the distribution!

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FREE WIFI at the Lake Bibite shed & upcoming projects

FREE WIFI is now available at the **Lake Bibite shed** that was built last year for citizens who wish to use the internet at the marina.

The WIFI is accessible within 30 meters of the shed, and the necessary information to gain access will be communicated to citizens shortly.

Additionally, as discussed in our latest budget presentation, the municipality will be applying for grants for two electric charging stations as well as a municipal garage. Our hope is that they will be built and installed this year, pending grant approval.

The Regatta and BBQ are back on July 30!

Good news! After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, the summer **Regatta and BBQ will take place this summer on Saturday, July 30.**

In addition, since our municipality is lucky to have so many generous people willing to give their time and energy to our small community, starting this year, at the BBQ, Council will officially recognize these significant and continuous efforts by establishing the **Lac-Tremblant-Nord Volunteer Award.**

Nominations for this award can be made by any citizen of the community, and the recipient will be selected and announced by Council at the annual Regatta BBQ.

An email was sent out recently regarding nominations for the award. To nominate a member of our community, please contact info@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca with the name of the person you wish to nominate along with a short summary describing the reasons why this person should be recognized.

More details regarding the Regatta and BBQ will be communicated to citizens in the coming weeks as we get closer to the event.

We look forward to your nominations for the award and we hope to see everyone at the Regatta & BBQ!

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New interactive map for high-speed internet connection

The Quebec government published an interactive map allowing citizens to determine when they will be connected to high-speed internet. To that effect, please consult their website to verify your address specifically : [Accès à Internet haute vitesse au Québec | Gouvernement du Québec \(quebec.ca\)](http://Accès%20à%20Internet%20haute%20vitesse%20au%20Québec%20|%20Gouvernement%20du%20Québec%20(quebec.ca))

At the moment, our understanding is that all citizens with electricity and road access will have fibre optics by September 2022.

We had been previously told that citizens without road access would not be receiving services, but this interactive map seems to indicate otherwise. We have reached out and we are currently waiting for an answer and will keep you informed of the situation as it progresses.

Sûreté du Québec (SQ)

In 2021, the SQ began servicing our territory, along with Mont-Tremblant. The transition has gone very well and communications with the police remain positive.

Last year, we heard from many of you regarding numerous police stops on the lake verifying for safety equipment and boating licences. Many mentioned the duration of the stop, that the same people were stopped multiple times, or that they weren't stopping the dangerous or loud boaters.

As a municipality, we do not direct the day-to-day operations of the SQ, but we continue to meet regularly with the chief of police, Matthew Mulcair, and have sensitized him to the biggest concerns of most of our citizens, namely, speed on the lake, proximity to the shoreline, wave size, and noise.

To that effect, we have asked to increase police presence on the lake during sunny weekends in the afternoons and evenings when many of these nuisances are usually reported.

On that note, **we would like to remind everyone of the importance of calling the police when there are nuisances.**

Though many prefer not to call for a non-urgent situation, Mr. Mulcair has stressed on many occasions that the police will determine the urgency of the situation, and urgent situations will always take precedence. However, informing the municipality a few days later does not allow the police to do anything to intervene in the situation, when otherwise, if police had been called, they could have.

Despite the many complaints we receive from citizens, very few calls are made to the police, which does not help support our request for action. If, however, you call the police and they do not intervene, please make sure to inform me directly and quickly as I will follow up with Mr. Mulcair.

In order not to occupy an emergency line with a nuisance call, you may call ***4141 from your cellphone, or 310-4141** which will put you in touch with the same dispatch but allow urgent calls to go through first.

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Access to Lake Tremblant

As a reminder, specifically for new residents of Lac-Tremblant-Nord, the PLTN marina is a private entity, separate from the municipality.

All questions regarding access to the marina should be directed to PLTN at the following email address: secretaire@preservationltn.ca

By mutual agreement between PLTN and the municipality, citizens of Lac-Tremblant-Nord who do not have access to the lake are permitted to launch their boats, daily, during the summer months.

However, the boat in question must be washed (at no charge to citizens at the PLTN marina), must be owned by the citizen of the municipality, and must be removed from the lake at the end of the day.

There is no limit to the number of times per summer that a boat can be launched.

Access to Lake Bibite

Like the access to Lake Tremblant, access to Lake Bibite is also managed by PLTN, although the marina on that lake is owned by the municipality. Questions regarding municipal access to the marina should be directed to PLTN at the following address : secretaire@preservationltn.ca

Please note that swimming is prohibited at both marinas.

For more information, visit the PLTN website : <https://www.preservationltn.ca/>

Summary : Comprehensive study of Lake Tremblant (LacAction)

Over the past two years, Lac-Tremblant-Nord, Ville de Mont-Tremblant, Organisme de Bassin Versant (OBV), PLTN and LTA undertook a comprehensive study of Lake Tremblant to identify, in the short and longer term, the possible environmental threats to the water quality and to create an action plan for each municipality.

The study was completed last fall and a report was submitted to the municipality this spring, followed by the co-creation of an action plan, and the LTN environment committee has already met and discussed the report and proposed actions.

In the coming weeks, we will be developing an action plan for our municipality, and once completed, we will share our plan with all our citizens as everyone has a role to play to protect our natural environment.

The primary actions involve continued follow-up on shoreline quality, septic tank compliance with municipal and provincial bylaws, citizen awareness to possible water-quality threats, as well as repairs or improvements on various private and public roads within the municipality that are located close to the lake where there are potential risks of sediment and other pollutants reaching the lake.

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Our director of urbanism Marie-Lise Langevin has already asked for a quote for the suggested work on municipal roads and will be speaking to citizens on private roads to provide the necessary recommendations.

We look forward to sharing this action plan with you!

History Committee : Highlighting our rich history !

Many of you responded to our request for volunteers for the history committee. LTN has a rich history, and though well exhibited at the 100-year anniversary, Council would like to find a way to better detail and document our history. Since its creation back in November, the committee has met several times, and many projects are already planned, starting as soon as this summer.

To collect as much information, artifacts, pictures, etc., as possible, we will need your help :

- 1) We have identified several people to be interviewed by various members of our committee. The committee may be reaching out to you individually to receive your permission to be interviewed;
- 2) If you have old photos, artifacts, paintings, etc. that you are willing to lend the municipality on a temporary basis (to be photographed or scanned), please inform our administration;
- 3) If anyone wants to join the committee or contribute in any way, please feel free to reach out to us.

The final project of the committee remains to be determined (book, historic alcove, etc.), as this summer's goal will be mainly to collect valuable information on our municipality and organize the logistics of assembling all this information.

As always, we will keep you informed on the committee's progress, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, want to participate, or have old photos, artifacts, etc. you would like to share with us, please reach out to Nicolas at: ntherrien@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Conservation Committee

As some of you may already know, currently, Crown land accounts for approximately 70% of our municipal footprint, and as we have discovered, the municipality has no jurisdiction on Crown land. After discussions with many citizens and having faced some challenging situations in the past couple of years, Council has decided to take action and form a Conservation Committee.

On Crown land, our bylaws are not applied, we are not consulted when permits are emitted and even getting information from the MFFP (Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks) is very difficult.

Many of us have moved to Lac-Tremblant-Nord due to its beautiful natural environment and we want to be able to protect and preserve it as much as possible. Though forward-thinking mayors in the past regulated large lot sizes, maintained high levels of forest and frontage on the lake, as a municipality, we want to do even more.

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We are at the beginning stages of the committee, but some of the initiatives we are looking into include:

- 1) Determine how the municipality can be better protected with regards to Crown land;
- 2) Determine if there are additional municipal regulations, we could adopt to increase our protection;
- 3) Develop a strategy that would allow citizens to continuously advocate for conservation for years to come;
- 4) Identify animal migration patterns and inform citizens of positive initiatives they can undertake on their own properties to facilitate the free movement of wildlife.

There are many organizations that we have reached out to, or are working with, to determine the various options for consideration.

As the committee evolves, we will inform citizens of our progress in due course.

Lac-Tremblant-Nord Trail network

Last year, various citizens combined forces to create a not-for-profit volunteer organization named *Lac-Tremblant-Nord Hiking and Snowshoeing Club* (also known as R2LTN) to undertake the maintenance and development of various municipal trails, and the municipality works closely with this dedicated group of volunteers.

The board of directors includes *Russell Goodman, Eileen Bridges, Steve Zimmermann, Jacko Graton and Peter Richardson*.

As some of you may already know, a new trailhead accessible from the east side of Lake Tremblant was created, starting from the first bend on the Cachée River. It is accessible only by canoe or kayak as no motorized boat can have access to the Cachée River. It is a beautiful trail that allows a fantastic view of the lake, the high peaks in Mont-Tremblant Park and the Cachée River, and also connects with trails to Les Portes de l'Enfer, Mont Gorille, Bear Falls and CAP 360.

The other principal trailhead on the west side of Lake Tremblant is accessed from chemin Thomas-Robert, near the entrance to Lake Bibite (facing the sugar shack). This provides access to our Centennial trail which ends at Nez de l'indien and can also bring you to Montagne Verte / Blueberry Hill. Of note, some of these trails get a lot of activity in the summer as well as in the fall and are also frequented by snowshoeing and ski touring enthusiasts in the winter and spring months.

As we know, with these trails come more traffic in our small municipality. To that effect, please note that we have added many no-parking signs, have alerted the police on long weekends and have included warning signs on our trails. In addition, we didn't publicize the trails on our website or elsewhere, but word does get out quickly.

For future references, please contact the municipality if you have any suggestions or comments regarding the trails.

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Though our volunteers are very active in the daily trail maintenance of our trails, additional help is always welcomed. If there are any students in the municipality looking for a few weeks of work doing trail maintenance, please let the municipality know.

A special thanks go out to the following citizens, for their recent, and ongoing help on the trail network: *Eileen Bridges, Jean Cloutier, Lynn MacLeay, Rob MacLeay, Janet Hylland, Steve Zimmermann, PJ Finestone, Isabelle Thibault, Hugues Gagnier, Sarah Ellwood, Russell Goodman and Jacko Graton.*

The municipality want to take the time to thank each and every one of them for their time and dedication!

Accès Mont-Tremblant/Accès Lac-Tremblant-Nord card

As some of you already know, via the *Accès Mont-Tremblant/Accès Lac-Tremblant-Nord* card, citizens of our municipality have access to multiple Ville de Mont-Tremblant activities/buildings/services, specifically:

- Libraries du Couvent (Village) and Samuel-Ouimet (St-Jovite);
- Lake Mercier beach;
- Saint-Bernard domain (trails and beach);
- Mont-Tremblant cross-country ski network;
- Discount for shows in the village's church;
- Certain services at the arena and aquatic center.

This card must be renewed every year with proof of address, and this year, upon renewal (or before August 2022), you will receive the new *Accès Lac-Tremblant-Nord* card, and this does not change in any way the available accesses.

All the details regarding the *Accès Mont-Tremblant/Accès Lac-Tremblant-Nord* card are available at the following link : <https://www.villedemont-tremblant.qc.ca/en/citizens/the-access-and-experience-cards>

FREE passes for the Mont-Tremblant National Park (SÉPAQ)

As a citizen of Lac-Tremblant-Nord, a request can be made through the municipality to receive a free hiking pass for Mont-Tremblant National Park (SÉPAQ).

Should you be interested in this service, please follow the link below to fill out the necessary form and send it back to us after its completion : <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/recreational-programs-and-activities/>

Once received, we will send it to SÉPAQ and return your pass to you by mail or email upon arrival.

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of our region !

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Let's help protect bees and dandelions !

Lately, there has been a lot of discussion about the preservation of our bee population, its positive impacts on ecosystems and the importance of small, local initiatives to protect our local bees. In addition, dandelions also play an integral part of the life cycle for bees and the pollination they do.

Lately, across Canada and other countries, a movement has started encouraging people to keep their mowers retired until June to allow flora to grow to give pollinators such as bees, butterflies and beetles better access to nectar early in the year.

As our municipality is close to nature, if you are up for it, pursuing this initiative would be one small way to help protect our natural environment.

For more information on this subject, please consult the following article :

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1793296/defi-pissenlits-sauvegarder-garde-manger-abeilles>

More harm than good : Please stop feeding the deer !

As many of you know, feeding the deer can not only change the migration patterns bringing them closer to roads leading to accidents, but it can have negative impacts on their health and increase the risk of transmission of diseases.

To better protect the deer, our municipality will soon be passing a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of deer, but in the meantime, we discourage you from doing so.

- For further information on deer feeding and its impacts, please visit the Ville de Mont-Tremblant website : <https://www.villedemont-tremblant.qc.ca/en/citizens/animals/deer-of-virginia>
- For your perusal, please find below an article from *La Presse* about Covid in the deer population: <https://www.lapresse.ca/covid-19/2022-03-02/et-si-les-chevreuils-servaient-de-reservoir-au-virus.php>

Awareness campaign on the importance of wolf protection

As part of its conservation mission, Mont-Tremblant National Park is raising awareness on the importance of protecting the wolf, a large predator essential to the health of ecosystems that require effective conservation efforts.

As a vast natural territory of 1510 km² dedicated to conservation, the Mont-Tremblant National Park plays a major role by serving as a refuge for a diversified fauna typical of large deep forest, including the wolf.

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To learn more about the role of wolves in the health of ecosystems, their territory and threats, among others, a series of 5 chronicles on the specie are available on our website at the following link: <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/urbanism/>

For further information on wolves, you can also visit the SÉPAQ website:

www.sepaq.com/pq/mot/loups



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General information

➤ **Contact information**

- Phone : 819-425-8154
- Email : info@lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca
- Website : <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/>

➤ **Upcoming Council meetings (144, rue du Couvent, Mont-Tremblant)**

- Saturday, July 16, 2022 – 11 AM
- Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 11 AM
- Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 11 AM
- Saturday, October 8, 2022 – 11 AM
- Saturday, November 12, 2022 – 11 AM
- Saturday, December 17, 2022 – 11 AM