



INFO

MILLE-ISLES



July 2019



Mille - Isles celebration and environment day

You are invited to our annual Mille-Isles Celebration and Environment Day being held on **Saturday, August 17th** (August 18th in case of heavy rain) **from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This year, due to the closure of the Tamaracouta Scout Reserve, the celebrations will take place at City hall and Hammond-Rodgers Park and a complete new program of activities awaits you!

The complete program of the day will be soon be posted on the Municipality's Website and in your Newsletter. Meanwhile, we are looking for volunteers to help make this day a success. To volunteer or to reserve your artisan booth showcasing your products or services, please contact Mrs. **Darina Bélanger** by e-mail dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or by telephone 450 438-2958 ext. 2610.



AFFORDABLE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BASKETS (NEW PRICES)

The low cost fruit and vegetable baskets of Café Partage are distributed year round. They are delivered at the Town Hall every second Thursday.

Sizes vary from small at \$9,50, medium at \$14 and large at \$20.



For more information, or to register, please contact Darina Bélanger at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or 450 438-2958 ext. 2610.

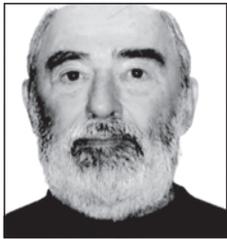
For registration at all times: cafepartage@bell.net



Café Partage
d'Argenteuil

Please note that Café Partage is on Holiday from July 22th to August 3rd.

Next delivery: August 8th.



MAYOR'S ADDRESS

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It is always a pleasure and a privilege to share with you our contribution to the collective well-being.

With this in mind, we, along with senior management, analyzed the current administrative structure following the resignations of Marie Poupier, Assistant General Director and Jean-François Hamilton, Communications and Recreation coordinator. We have come to the conclusion that, in order to be more effective and better meet our needs, including the search for various sources of funding, we should better allocate certain tasks within general management. We will therefore proceed with the creation of a part-time clerk position, which will, like that of General Manager and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, help to consolidate the general management team with the General Director and Secretary-Treasurer who will be responsible for cohesion and application of our guidelines in order to meet our obligations.

General management is responsible for ensuring the administration and optimal management of the Municipality's human and financial resources by issuing recommendations to the municipal council and ensuring the establishment and respect of political orientations it takes by resolution.

Our desire to ensure that Mille-Isles develops while preserving its rural character has resulted in the acceptance of the De Volpi Walker Partnership as an ecological gift of a municipal conservation park with a surface area of nearly 300 acres. We have submitted a first grant application to begin developing the park so you may access it and hike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, stop at observation or interpretation sites. This acquisition is a first in the MRC d'Argenteuil. The MRC d'Argenteuil voted a resolution in support of our grant application. The Argenteuil deputy, Mrs. Agnès Grondin, and Mr. Stéphane Lauzon, federal deputy, have assured us of their willingness to support us in our efforts so that we can develop and maintain the park so that you have access to it in safe conditions.

Our many administrative procedures with the Quebec Ministry of Transport are paying off. Some work on chemin de Mille-Isles will be done in a preventive way to make corrections that will make it safer. For municipal roads, we can only welcome the seriousness and professionalism of Mr. Yves Latour, new director of the Public Works Department.

With respect to fire and civil security, we have agreed with the municipalities of Township of Gore and Township of Wentworth to share an administrative resource who will be mandated to harmonize services in order to enhance the quality of protection on our territories. Mille-Isles will pay 20% of the costs while the other two municipalities will each provide 40% of the bill.

As you can see, your elected officials and employees have made every effort to advance these issues of collective interest. I expect you in large numbers on August 17 to participate in the Mille-Isles and environment celebration. I will be happy to talk with you and receive your comments.

Michel Boyer, Mayor

MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

The municipality is still participating in the program "Mayor's Monarch pledge". By taking certain commitments and different actions the municipality intends to contribute to the preservation of the monarch butterfly and encourage the creation of living habitats.

Individually, we can all help support monarchs by planting milkweed and native honey plants. You will see that many milkweed were planted beside the town hall to promote a space for monarchs.





HERITAGE AND HISTORY

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HERITAGE AND HISTORY - THE SCHREWSBURY HOUSE. BY GINETTE MAYER

DID YOU KNOW THAT: the founder of A.C.Davie shipyard, Lévis National Historic Site of Canada, Mr. George Taylor, owned a piece of land in Mille-Isles?

But how?

Of English origin, the eminent ship master builder and Captain, **George Taylor**, moved with his family to Quebec City in 1811. In 1812, he left for the Great Lakes where he participated in the ship construction to assure Canada's protection against American invaders. In 1817, he returned to Quebec and founded his own shipbuilding yard. It is most likely on this trip that he received a 100-acre piece of land, located at Beardmore Lake on Schrewsbury Road, as a thank you.

It is certain that this information is interesting from a historical point of view and reinforces the heritage character of this place. Add to this the impressive story of Schrewsbury given back to the forest. Only the residence and a small farm house resisted thanks to the squires, farmers of England and Scotland.

In 1928, for **Kenneth Seymor Barnes**, Prominent Canadian Financial Circles, this property became his cottage, as well as the small neighboring farm. Subsequently, he becomes owner of eleven neighboring lots. When he died, his property was transferred to his daughter **France S.Barnes**, who married **Dr. Harvey Ernest Beardmore**, pediatric surgeon at the Montreal Children's Hospital, 42 years of practice, a pioneer recognized worldwide for his involvement with children. Even though he was traveling around the world, the Mille-Isles farm was, up to recently, a source of great joy for him and his family.

See Facebook  **Built Heritage Mille-Isles** (Schrewsbury House) for all the details on this fabulous story.

Ms. Anne P. Beardmore: The bell tower was on the ice house (sort of cold room) to call us home and had a nice view of the different roofs. The original ice house (blocks of ice were taken from the lake during the winter to provide a family saw cooler during the summer).

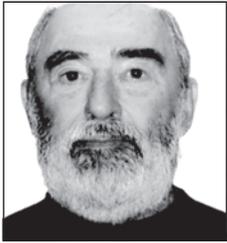


Original ice house
(ice was brought up from lake)



Farm House & out buildings

Bell tower on ice house to
call us home
Good view of different roof



MAYOR'S REPORT

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Report to the public on the highlights of the financial report and the report of the external auditor

Under the provisions of Article 176.2.2. of the Quebec Municipal Code:

"The mayor, at a regular council meeting in June, reports to the public on the highlights of the financial report, the Auditor General's report and the external auditor's report. This report is distributed in the territory of the municipality in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the council. "

2018 Financial Statements

The financial statement required of municipalities by the MAMH is very complex and provide a lot of information. This report is a summary of the main financial statements and its elements.

Audit obligation:

The external auditor must, among other things, audit the financial statements for the year for which he was appointed. In his report, the external auditor declares whether the financial statements faithfully represent the municipality's financial situation as of December 31st and declares the same for the results of the municipality's operations for the fiscal year ended on the same date (section 966.2 Municipal Code).

Prepared by the accounting firm Gariépy Bussière CPA Inc., the audited financial statements for the year 2018, tabled in May 2019, demonstrate that the value of the citizens' assets amounts to \$6 424 284. This includes our infrastructure such as the town hall, the fire hall, the garage, all municipal roads, vehicles, etc. as well as the reserved funds and surpluses.

Fiscal year 2018 ended with a fiscal year deficit of \$17,622. The operating surplus allocated (reserved for the 2019 budget) is \$250,000. Financial reserves and segregated funds amounted to \$486,494 and were due to working capital of \$282,167 and available balances of \$204,327. The long-term debt as at December 31, 2018 for the Municipality of Mille-Isles is \$3,139,079, of which \$1,528,584 is borne by the Government of Québec and its businesses.

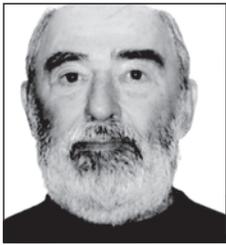
The independent auditor's report indicates that the financial statements, in all important aspects, are a fair representation of the municipality's financial situation on December 31, 2018. Furthermore, the statement faithfully represents the results of the municipality's activities, the change of net financial assets (net debt) and cash flows for the year 2018 and in accordance with Canadian public sector's accounting standards.

Remuneration and expenses allowance for elected officials

Section 11 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (L.R.Q., chapter T-11.001) provides that:

"The treasurer or secretary-treasurer of a municipality whose by-law is in force shall include in the municipality's financial report a reference to the remuneration and expenses allowance that each member of the council receives from the municipality, an agency mandated by it or a supra-municipal body ... "





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Here is the 2018 remuneration and expenses allowance for municipal council members:

Fonction	Annual remuneration	Annual allowance	Yearly total
Mayor	\$ 15 529,58	\$ 7 765,39	\$ 23 294,97
Mayor (MRC)	\$ 2 314,14	\$ 1 157,06	\$ 3 471,20
Acting mayor (MRC)	\$ 3 455,10	\$ 1 727,55	\$ 5 182,65
Council members	\$ 5 177,00	\$ 2 588,50	\$ 7 765,50

List of contracts

The mayor tables the list of all contracts from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 involving contracts given to companies of \$2,000 or more, whose total sum of all contracts during this period exceeds \$25 000. This list indicates, for each contract, the name of the company, the amount of the contract and the reason for awarding the contract.

Highlights of the Year 2018

In 2017, the Municipality of Mille-Isles obtained a \$582,180 grant from the Quebec government under sub-component 5.1 of the Quebec-Municipal Infrastructure Program (PIQM). In 2018, this grant for the refurbishment and upgrading of City Hall and community hall enabled the Municipality to meet its obligations under both the health and safety standards and for the provision of services to residents. It also enables the municipality to respect the capacity of citizens to contribute financially to the project. The total cost of the project is now close to \$1,020,000 and only seeding remains to complete the project.

A grant under the Gas Tax and Quebec Contribution (TECQ) program is planned for 2019 and will be used in part to complete work on chemin Shrewsbury.

As of December 31, 2018, the construction of fifteen (15) dwellings for a total estimated value of \$3,906,885. There were requests for four (4) detached garages for an estimated value of \$135,000 and twenty-one (21) permits for the extension and / or renovation of existing buildings with an estimated value of \$1,569,800. It is important to specify that the values declared will generally differ from the value assigned by the evaluator when completed.

The tabling of the triennial roll (three-year term 2018-2020) resulted in a slight increase in taxable values. The property value used to establish 2019 taxation was \$280,932,100 in assessed value compared to \$277,381,300 for the year 2018, for an average increase of 1%.

To conclude, I invite Mille-Isles citizens who wish to know more about the municipal finances to consult the website under the tab "Documentation", link "Budget and Report". The 2018 financial report, the list of contracts and the 2018 budget estimate are available there. These documents are also available at the municipal office for consultation.

Mayor **Michel Boyer**

Original signed

June 5, 2019

Notice to readers: This report was presented at the regular council meeting of June 5, 2019.



INFORMATION

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FARMERS' MARKET AND BIRDS OF MILLE-ISLES CONFERENCE

The first Farmers' market of Mille-Isles was held on June 30th and was quite a success. Citizens of Mille-Isles had the opportunity to discover five of Mille-Isles' local producers: honey and maple syrup from **Miel-O-Max**, vegetables from **Les Jardins de Mille-Isles**, edible flowers from **Champ-floral**, baking flower by **Le Paysan Meunier** as well as beeswax candles and honey produced by **Les Abeilles de la colline**.

The market was followed by a well attended conference by ornithologist **Martin Picard**, director of Développement ornithologique Argenteuil, titled "Birds of Mille-Isles, rare and threatened species". The Strong Hall was filled almost to capacity! Many thanks to Vladimir, Mijanou Dubuc, Mathieu Madison, the Ancions (father and daughter), Stephen Côté, Laura, Mr. Picard, Maxime and Éveline for making this a memorable day despite the occasional heavy showers.



Support our local producers

* The Mille-Isles Farmers' Market consists exclusively of local producers

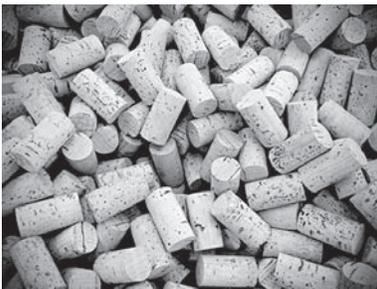
NEXT DATES:

☑ **JULY 14TH**
FARMERS' MARKET II (10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)
Also: Mille-Isles: Past and Present
A hike followed by a lunch-conference on the heritage and past of Mille-Isles with Ginette Mayer at Strong Community Hall from 9:00 a.m.-noon (In French).

☑ **AUGUST 17TH**
FARMERS' MARKET III (10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)
During Mille-Isles celebration and Environment Day 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

☑ **SEPTEMBRE 1ST**
FARMERS' MARKET IV (10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)
Garage and used books Sale
Town Hall of Mille-Isles, 1262 ch. de Mille-Isles, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

CORK RECYLING



Since January 2019, the municipality has become a repository site for ReCork, a Canadian company that reuses corks. In June, we made our first shipment of **23 pounds of corks!** 23 pounds of cork that will not go to a landfill. We thank all those who came and we encourage all citizens to accumulate their corks and come to deposit them in the container provided for this purpose at City Hall.

In addition to being a cork stopper site, we also collect non-functional crayons, discharged batteries and unused cell phones. These actions demonstrate our true commitment to achieving the waste reduction objectives of the Waste Management Plan for the MRC d'Argenteuil.



ENVIRONMENT

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WHAT TO DO WITH COMPOST

In order to meet the requirements of the Residual Waste Management Plan and thanks to the financial contribution from the Green Fund of the Ministry of Environment and fight against climate change, the Municipality has been distributing composters to citizens free of charge since 2017. If you are interested in getting one, do not hesitate to contact our environmental student, **Maeve Gagnon-Kavanagh at (450) 438-2958 ext. 2613.**

So what is the point of composting and what is its purpose?

Everyone who composts makes the same realization: the amount of garbage in your green bin is greatly reduced. This means you spend less time taking your green bin out, while having compost in return!

In a garden, compost improves soil texture, rainwater drainage, aeration of the soil and growth of plants. In addition, compost provides plants with nutrients and can act as a barrier for unwanted insects or certain plant diseases.

Before you can use your compost, you must make sure that it is mature. A mature compost looks like potting soil. Your compost is ready to use when it has:

- a brown or black color;
- an earth or undergrowth odour.

Decomposition process takes a minimum of 3 months with a lot of work and up to 3 years depending on the attention and interventions that you provide it. In general, you can have mature compost in less than 12 months.

How to use it?

You can use your compost in your garden, in your bins or planters and even for your indoor plants or your lawn.

- ✓ **Vegetable garden:** Mix 1 cm to 5 cm of compost with the first 15 cm of soil in your garden. Make sure you do not plant directly in the compost.
- ✓ **Bins and planters:** the first use, mix 1/3 compost with 2/3 potting soil. In subsequent years, if you want to rejuvenate your soil, add 2.5 cm of compost to the first few centimeters of soil.
- ✓ **Lawn:** Spread a thin layer (1 mm to 5 mm) of sieved compost on the lawn after aerating. To treat discolored sections of your lawn, spread a 1.5 cm mature compost over a larger area than the one to be treated and do not water for a few days.
- ✓ **Directly around plants, flowers, trees or during planting:** Add 5 cm and stir lightly.
- ✓ **Injured trees:** Compost can even be used to avoid the risk of infection during tree healing. Place 2.5 cm of moist compost on a diameter slightly larger than the wound and cover with a dressing made of a biodegradable fabric. The wound will heal after a few months and if the dressing has not broken down in the meantime, remove it.
- ✓ **Houseplant:** It is possible to fertilize your houseplants by making a manure or a compost tea. Put 3 large handfuls of compost in a cheesecloth. Soak a few days in in a bucket in the sun, sheltered from the rain. Dilute 1/10 to water the soil.



For more information, consult the guide on home composting: (French only)

Duplessis, Josée, Nova Envirocom, 2006, Le compostage facilité: guide sur le compostage domestique, ISBN: 2-9807606-0-9.

https://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/Le_compostage_facilite.pdf

<https://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/citoyens/matieres-organiques/compostage-domestique#pourquoi-utiliser-du-compost-dans-mon-jardin>

https://www.mapaq.gouv.qc.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/Agricultureurbaine/Fiche_Agriculture%20urbaine_Compost.pdf



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NEWSLETTER

(PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES VIA E-MAIL)

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mille-isles.ca/en/newsletter/

2019 schedule for council's regular meetings

- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4



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STOP CRIME:

Anyone having information regarding any type of crime is invited to call Stop Crime at **1 800 711-1800** or by going online at www.echecacrim.com.

The service is simple, fast and above all, 100% anonymous.

Town Hall

7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • 5 days a week • Without interruption

On the following holidays, municipal services aren't available:

- New Year's Day
- January 2nd
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Victoria Day
- St-Jean Baptiste Day
- Canada Day (Monday)
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving
- December 24th
- Christmas
- December 26th
- December 31st

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