# INFO MILLE-ISLES



# **JULY** 2020

#### WATER ACCESS

Did you know that there is **no public access** to a lake on the territory of the Municipality?

Unless you are a waterfront owner or have access duly indicated on your deed, it is forbidden to access a lake for swimming or to put a boat in it.

### **NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?**

The Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil helps low-income people get food for free. In order to obtain this service, a request for food aid must be made.

To do this, you must complete these three steps:

Step 1: Contact Ms. Hélène Messier, at 450 562-5151 ext. 101, to make an appointment.

**Step 2:** Have the following documents at your meeting :

- proof of income for each adult living at the same address (current year's taxes or social assistance papers);
- Proof of residence for all individuals 18 years of age and older (invoice, driver's license or social assistance stub);
- for families, a document indicating that they have dependent children (family allowance paper or drug card).

**Step 3:** After your acceptance, you must pick up the foodstuffs at the Trinity Community Center, located at 2 Cambria Road in Gore, every Thursdays between 1:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

However, please note that all cases are unique and that there are resources for each situation.

### **ROADWORK PROGRESS 2020**

Côte Saint-Joseph and Tamaracouta Road (West of route 329)	Paving work will be completed in July on these two roads.		
Tamaracouta Road	<ul> <li>Tree cutting: <ul> <li>70 % completed. Only the northwestern part of Black Road remains, where there is a lower density of trees;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Spraying (asphalt crushing): <ul> <li>All parts of the road that have been rebuild have been pulverized. This step makes it possible to rebuild the foundation without removing and transporting the original asphalt;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Scarification: <ul> <li>300 meters are completed on 6,300 meters to go. This step follows spraying, as contractors remove rocks and any undesirable substances from the foundation to a depth of 4 feet. Currently, there is a lot of it, that is what is causing holes and bumps in the road;</li> <li>This step requires the closure of the road and will be greatly accelerated in the coming weeks. There will be up to 5 excavators and 10 trucks at work simultaneously;</li> <li>Culverts at driveways and roadway will be done at the same time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Coming soon: <ul> <li>Addition of gravel, paving, guardrails and road lining.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

# **MAYOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

July 2020th Edition

### Report 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 publicly 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."

### **2019 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 31<sub>st</sub> and declares the same for the results of the municipality's operations for the fiscal year ending 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 2019, tabled in April 2020, demonstrate that the value of the citizens' assets amounts to \$6,652,087. 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 2019 ended with a fiscal year surplus of \$227,803. This voluntary surplus allowed the Municipality to limit the tax increase by balancing the 2020 budget. The operating surplus allocated (reserved for the 2020 budget) is \$100,000. Financial reserves and segregated funds amounted to \$647,903 and were due to a working capital of \$324,187 and available balances of \$323,716. The long-term debt as of December 31, 2019 for the Municipality of Mille-Isles is \$3,476,310, of which \$1,466,395 is borne by the Government of Ouébec 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, 2019. 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 2019 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 2019 remuneration and expense allowances for municipal council members:

Fonction	Annual remuneration	Annual allowance	Yearly total
Mayor	\$12,824	\$6,412	\$19,236
Acting mayor (MRC)	\$5,453	\$2,726	\$8,179
Council members	\$5,130	\$2,565	\$7,695

### **List of contracts**

The mayor tables the list of all contracts from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 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 2019**

In 2019, the Municipality of Mille-Isles obtained a \$440,090 grant from the Quebec government and the Federal government on the basis of the Quebec tax gas funding program (TECQ). This grant allowed the Municipality to finalize Shrewsbury Road which had been started in 2018, to dig ditches and change non-conforming culverts of Black Road, to resize a culvert and raise Mille-Isles West Road on 125 meters and to reconstruct part of Côte Saint-Joseph, including ditches. Paving of Côte Saint-Joseph is planned for this year.

Last year, we also hired an engineering firm to develop plans and specifications for Tamaracouta Road. These plans and specifications have enabled the Municipality to complete its request for financial assistance for the Tamaracouta Road repair project as part of Québec's Department of Transport's local road assistance program. Following numerous representations at the beginning of the year, the Minister of Transport, the honorable François Bonnardel, finally granted the Municipality a maximum financial assistance of \$3,112,460 for this project.

As of December 31, 2019, we observe the construction of six (6) dwellings for a total estimated value of \$1,867,100. There were requests for five (5) detached garages for an estimated value of \$200,000 and twenty-four (24) permits for the extension and / or renovation of existing buildings with an estimated value of \$691,342. It is important to specify that the values declared will generally differ from the value assigned by the evaluator when completed.

The property value used to establish the 2020 taxation was \$285,085,400 in assessed value compared to \$280,932,100 for the year 2019, for an average increase of 1,5 %. The end of the triennial roll (three-year term 2018-2020) will probably result in an increase in taxable values in 2021.

To conclude, I invite Mille-Isles citizens who wish to know more about the municipal finances to consult the website under the "Documentation" tab, link "Budget and Report". The 2019 financial report, the list of contracts and the 2020 budget estimate are available there. These documents are also available at the municipal office for consultation.

Original signed, June 3, 2020

### **Mayor Howard Sauvé**

Notice to readers: This report was presented at the regular council meeting of June 3, 2020.

# **HERITAGE**

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#### THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The beautiful summer season began in 1912 with the opening of Camp Tamaracouta. This scout reserve offered wonderful stays for young people who liked to enjoy nature and outdoor activities. This enchanting site became the best known in Canada and the oldest Scout camp in the world.

Moreover, at the same time, the Northern train made its appearance. Large families from outside could now spend their holidays in Mille-Isles. At the station, these people were greeted by a man who offered them a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. These vacationers came to stay in the big farmers' houses, which became real boarding houses.

By the 1930s, second homes were becoming increasingly available for rent. It was only when the construction of the Laurentian Autoroute began that cottages appeared around the lakes. As result, the Lake Robert and a Lake Massie sector underwent development towards the end of 1940, and Lake Paul around 1958. Today, many of these summer cottages have been converted into primary residences.

This summer, don't forget to enjoy every little moment.

Happy holidays to all of you!

Ginette Mayer

# **COMMUNITY**

### OUTDOOR DANCE AND FITNESS CLASSES

Danse (7 - 12 years old)

	5:45 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	Chorus
MONDAY	REFIT	REV + FLOW	Gore Municipal Park, 45 Cambria Road
THURSDAY	REV + FLOW	REFIT	Hammond Rogers Park, 1295 Mille-Isles Road

**Information:** corpschorus.ca/cours **Registrations:** info@corpschorus.ca ou 514 572-4287

### **OUTDOOR CINEMA**

For the summer of 2020, the municipality is pleased to once again hold outdoor cinema. The activity is **FREE** and will take place in the parking lot of the town hall, located at 1262 Mille-Isles Road. However, physical distancing et heath measures will have to be respected at all times.

## The 2020 programme will be revealed shortly.

We invite citizens to send us film ideas by email at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or by phone at 450 438-2958 ext. 2610.

Town hall, 1262 Mille-Isles Road

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### SIMULTANEOUS CLOSURE OF TAMARACOUTA AND MILLE-ISLES ROADS FROM JULY 6 TO 17, 2020

Citizens,

In a recently published press release by the Municipality and the ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ), it was mentioned that work was going to take place simultaneously on Mille-Isles and Tamaracouta roads, from July 6 to 17. In order to be fully transparent, I want to provide additional explanations in this Roadworks Info. First, please remember that the work on Mille-Isles Road is under the responsibility of the MTQ's Saint-Jérôme Service Center and the Municipality manages the work on Tamaracouta Road.

Knowing that these major projects would complicate travel for our citizens, representatives from the Municipality and the MTQ's Saint-Jérôme Service Center met on March 10, 2020, to coordinate the work and ensure that motorists would be able to circulate at all times. Above all, our common objective was to limit the inconveniences, as work on these two roads is major.

Unfortunately, external factors, notably COVID-19, disrupted the MTQ's timetable, so that the work, which was scheduled to begin at the end of the thaw (around May 11), was pushed back by three (3) weeks. This 3 week postponement means that simultaneous work on both roads will take place during the month of July 2020.

According to the MTQ's revised timetable, the complete closure of Mille-Isles Road is effective until July 17 inclusively, allowing local traffic only. On the Municipality's side, we had planned the closure of Tamaracouta Road, between Black Road and Mille-Isles Road, as of July 1, 2020. In light of these timeline changes by the MTQ, and in order to accommodate our citizens and the MTQ, we were able to delay the closure of Tamaracouta road until July 6, 2020. Therefore, both roads will be simultaneously closed as of July 6 to 17. However, traffic will be possible on the weekend of July 11 and 12.

It must be understood that the Municipality cannot afford any further delays since the government grant of 75% of the project, which represents \$3,112,460, obliges us to carry out all the work on Tamaracouta Road this year. More precisely, we must proceed with the paving before fall frost in order to benefit from the full grant. One or two weeks of delay associated with a premature frost would not allow us to do the paving this year, which would be disastrous for everyone, having to come up with the funds on our own next year to pave the road.

We sincerely apologize for any additional inconvenience this work may cause you and know that we are working tirelessly to accommodate you as best we can in the current context. On the following page, you will find the proposed detour during these road closures. If you have any questions or comments regarding this situation, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at questions@mille-isles.ca.

Thank you for your understanding!

Howard Sauvé, Mayor

### **NEWSLETTER "PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES**

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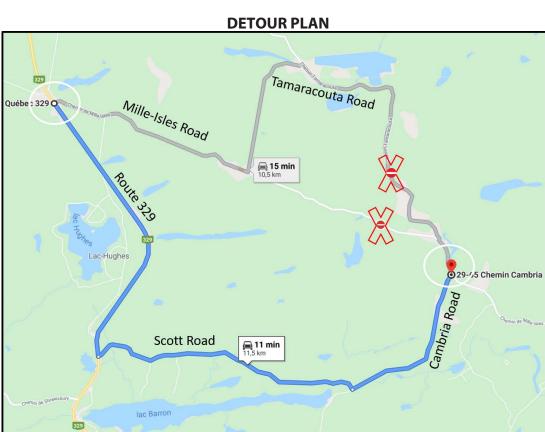


# **ROADWORKS INFO**

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#### PROPOSED DETOUR FROM JULY 6 TO 10 AND JULY 13 TO 17 INCLUSIVELY

The proposed detour during these two weeks of work is via the Municipality of the Township of Gore, more precisely via Cambria Road and Scott Road, to join Route 329. The Municipality of Mille-Isles would like to warmly thank the Municipality of the Township of Gore for allowing us to use their roads for this unusual detour.



### Detour toward Saint-Jérôme: (starting point: intersection of Mille-Isles Road and route 329):

- 1. Head southeast on QC-329 S toward Lachute (4.6 km);
- 2. Turn left on Scott Road (4.3 km);
- 3. Turn left on Cambria Road (2.6 km);
- 4. Turn right on Mille-Isles Road.

## Detour toward Route 329 (starting point: intersection of Mille-Isles Road and Cambria Road):

- 1. Head southwest on Cambria Road (2.6 km);
- 2. Turn right on Scott Road (4.3 km);
- 3. Turn right on QC-329 N (4.6 km).
- \* Please note that the contractors of the Municipality and the MTQ have the duty to allow access to the residents of the closed sections at all times.



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