

FÊTE DE MILLE-ISLES AND ENVIRONMENT DAY



Fête de Mille-Isles & Environment day

Saturday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(rescheduled on the 6th, weather permitting)

HAMMOND-RODGERS PARK

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT - VARIOUS GAMES - COLLECTIVE FRESCO - INFLATABLE GAMES - FOAM CANNON - INFORMATION BOOTHS
PLANT DISTRIBUTION - EDUCAZOO - HEBERTISM TRAILS- WATER ANALYSIS - STREET TRUCK - AND OTHER SURPRISES



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To ensure the success of this event, we greatly need volunteers! To get involved, contact Camille Dion at cdion@mille-isles.ca or 450 438-2958 ext. 2615.

MILLE-ISLES ROAD CLOSED

Please note that Mille-Isles Road, between Black Road and Hammond Rodgers Park, will be closed during the event.

DISCOUNT FOR DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS POTABLE

This year H2Lab is once again offering discounts for drinking water analysis.

The procedure will take place online between July 31 and August 7 inclusive. Here's how to register:

1. Visit the <https://boutique.h2lab.ca/en/collections>
2. Click on the collection "**Drinking water analysis**"
3. Select the analysis package of your choice (packages 1 to 7) and fill in the information
4. Select the "Collect" delivery method. Then select "Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts" in the Pick-up Centers section, so that there are no delivery charges
5. To apply the discount, enter the code **MISLES2023** in the **Discount code box**, then complete your purchase. *This code is valid from July 31 to August 7 inclusively and gives a 40% discount on selected packages*
6. Identify your bottles with the 5-digit order code (starting with BXXXXX) available in the "Analysis request" e-mail. Also write the sampling date and customer name on the containers, before bringing in your samples
7. Pick up containers during the Fête de Mille-Isles & Environment day or at the Town Hall reception desk (From August 1 until 7 - during office hours)
8. Take your sample on August 7 and return it to the Town Hall between 9 a.m. and noon (1262 Mille-Isles road)



MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

July 2023 Edition

Public 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 no later than 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."

2022 Financial Statements

The financial statement required of municipalities by the MAMH is very complex and provides 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 2022, tabled in May 2023, demonstrate that the value of the citizens' assets amounts to \$9,689,916 compared to \$9,527,485 in 2021. This includes our infrastructure such as the town hall, the fire hall, public works garage, all municipal roads and buildings, vehicles, etc. as well as the reserved funds and surpluses.

Fiscal year 2022 ended with a fiscal year surplus of \$36,302, a decrease of \$168,204 on the previous year, included the COVID-19 grant from the Quebec government in the amount of \$133,868. The balance of this surplus is once again explained by the significant increase in the number of transfer duties and by sound management of municipal finances. Concretely, the surplus allowed the Municipality to limit the tax increase by balancing the 2023 budget, so that the accumulated surplus allocated and reserved for the 2023 budget stands at \$330,000 for the second year in a row. The reserved funds amount to \$378,318 and are made up of the available balances of closed loan by-laws in the amount of \$142,153, the working capital fund of \$222,539 and the new mandatory fund since 2022 of \$13,626 in anticipation of an election or referendum. The long-term debt as of December 31, 2022 for the Municipality of Mille-Isles as a whole is \$3,504,363, of which \$1,199,964 is payable by the Government of Quebec and its organizations.

The independent auditor's report indicates that the financial statements give, in all their material aspects, a true picture of the financial situation of the Municipality of Mille-Isles as of December 31, 2022, as well as of the results of their operations, changes in net financial assets (of their net debt) and of their cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Remuneration of 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 clerk-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 2022 remuneration for municipal council members:

Function	Annual remuneration	Annual Allowance	Yearly total
Mayor	16 690 \$	8 346\$	25 036\$
Mayor (MRC)	12 900\$	6 450\$	19 350\$
Councillors	5 564 \$	2 781 \$	8 345 \$

List of contracts

The mayor tables the list of all contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$2,000 concluded during the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 with the same co-contractor when all of these contracts include a total expenditure that exceeds \$25,000. This list indicates, for each contract, the name of the counterparty, the amount of consideration and the purpose of the contract.

Highlights of the Year 2022

In 2022, the Municipality of Mille-Isles obtained \$170,495 grant from the Government of Quebec and the Government of Canada under the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (TECQ). This grant includes the addition of \$7,474,366 in the Argenteuil district for municipal infrastructure, of which \$233,698 was dedicated to Mille-Isles. This recurring grant enabled the Municipality, in 2022, to replace several culverts on Montée du Pont Bleu, to replace the large culvert at the outlet of Lac de la Vierge on Côte Saint-Joseph and to replace two culverts on Côte Saint-Eustache.

In 2023 and 2024, the Municipality will have to complete all the investments in its five-year program under the TECQ 2019-2023 program, ensuring that it meets the minimum capital expenditure threshold of \$411,000. If we add this amount to the government contribution of \$1,257,539, we are talking about investments worth \$1,668,539 over the five years of the program, to be carried out from 2019 to 2024. To date, \$1,396,490 in eligible work has been carried out in the first four years. The balance of \$272,049 will be used to replace culverts on Benny and Edwise roads, and for paving in the Lac Paul area.

As of December 31, 2022, there are twenty-four (24) homes under construction with a total estimated work value of \$10,029,500. There were applications for seven (7) detached garages for an estimated value of \$393,000 and twenty-seven (27) permits for the expansion and/or renovation of existing buildings for an estimated value of \$725,965. These data still shows a significant increase over the previous years, from a total estimated value of \$6,831,470 for 2020, \$8,205,468 for 2021 and \$15,270,618 for 2022. It is important to note that the values reported for work generally differ from the value assigned by the appraiser when the work is completed.

The property value used for 2023 taxation is \$299,858,900 in assessed value compared to \$294,100,100 for 2022 taxation, an approximate increase of 2%. Of this assessed value, \$34,010,157 comes from the category of non-residential buildings (NRB). The NRB category is primarily composed of commercial properties, while the residual property category includes all other properties, including residential, vacant land and agricultural and forestry. A property may belong to both categories, depending on its activities. In the year 2020, Municipal Council made the decision to implement different tax rates for these two categories of buildings, as NRBs generally require more municipal services than residual buildings.

In closing, I invite the citizens of Mille-Isles who wish to know more about the Municipality's financial situation to consult the website under the "Documentation" tab and the "Budget and Report" sub-tab. The 2022 financial report, the list of contracts and the 2023 budget forecast are available there. These documents are also available for consultation at the municipal office.



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For three years, from 2021 to 2023, the current three-year roll was renewed in 2020 without being balanced by the MRC, so we did not see a significant increase in taxable values in 2021, 2022 and 2023. However, this will be the case when the next three-year roll is balanced, as the Municipality currently has a comparative factor of 1.52, which means that Mille-Isles properties have sold, on average over the past few years, for amounts 52% higher than the taxable property assessment on which the Municipality bases its taxation. As a result, we can already foresee that the balancing of the next triennial roll, starting in 2024, will bring a historic increase in property values, as was the case with our neighbors to the south in the Municipality of Gore Township.

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Mayor Howard Sauvé

Original signed

June 7, 2023

Notice to readers: This report was presented at the regular council meeting of June 7, 2023

REMINDER

FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

The Municipality of Mille-Isles wishes to remind its citizens that the due date for the fourth instalment of municipal taxes is **Friday, August 11, 2023**.

FOREST FIRE

Forest fires on an unprecedented scale are still burning in Quebec. Hundreds of thousands of hectares have already been ravaged by a large number of fires, which could take weeks to completely burn out.

Let's be vigilant and on the lookout for preventive measures.



List of current restrictions Société de protection des forêts contre le feu - SOPFEU
<https://sopfeu.qc.ca/en/maps/>

Interactive map of smoke travel forecasts fumée
<https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>

Air quality index in real time
<https://www.iqair.com/ca/>

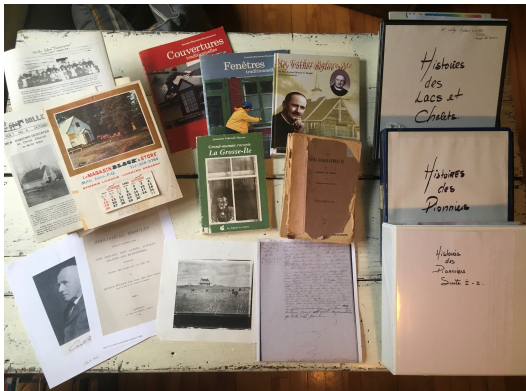


HERITAGE

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CALL TO ALL

We'd like to add to our archives. We're looking for memorabilia, whether photos or heritage items that have left their mark on our history. Dust off your treasures and come and meet us at the Town Hall. We'll make photocopies or, if you prefer, you can e-mail them at mayerlauzon@yahoo.ca
Patrimonially yours!



CITIZEN CONSULTATION

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our citizen consultation questionnaire. The main purpose of the questionnaire was to validate whether the proposed sketch met your expectations, while allowing us to take note of your suggestions for additions or modifications.

Some highlights:

61 respondents

93% responded that this proposal "fully meets their expectations"

Among the vocation ideas

Library / Cultural venue;

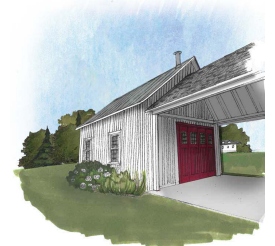
Museum, exhibition, intimate musical performance;

Community event and space for social gatherings.

** This project benefits from a grant from the Programme de développement économique du Québec / Fonds canadien de revitalisation des communautés)*



Proposed sketch
Maple Grove building



PUBLIC WORKS

SIGNAGE - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES



The excessive speed of vehicles on our roads is a recurring issue that we have to deal with throughout Mille-Isles. We are taking various measures to reduce the speed of traffic on our roads. In addition, with the closure of Route 329 during the summer season, traffic flow has increased considerably on our local roads. To raise driver awareness, we have reinstalled 30 km/h and 50 km/h beacons in the center of two traffic lanes to remind drivers of speed limits. Removable speed bumps have also been installed at specific locations to slow down traffic. If you notice a speeding problem on your local road, we invite you to inform the Public Works Department by telephone at 450 438-2958 ext. 2612 or by e-mail at jraymond@mille-isles.ca or contact the Sûreté du Québec to inform them. The police are here to help..



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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
August 5 Fête de Mille-Isles & Environment day *	August 6 (* delivery date - Fête de Mille-Isles, if postponed)	August 7 1 p.m. Monday Group	August 8 7 p.m. Conference D.O.A. (\$) in French	August 9 9 a.m. Walking group	August 10 9:30 a.m. Eco-Educational Workshop	August 11 A.M. Picking workshop (\$)
		August 14 1 p.m. Monday Group		August 16 9 a.m. Walking group	17 août 5:30 p.m. Culinary workshope	18 août 8 p.m. Contes et légendes in French



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CONFÉRENCE DE D.O.A.
 (Développement ornithologique d'Argenteuil)
Aménagement de sa cour pour les oiseaux forestiers
 August 8 - 7 to 8:30 p.m.

FREE for D.O.A. members
 (5\$ for non-members)
 Reservation by e-mail to cdion@mille-isles.ca or
 phone 450 438-2958
 (Conference in French)






Mushroom picking workshop

Friday, August 11 - 3 p.m.
 \$15 Limited seating

Register by e-mail at cdion@mille-isles.ca
 or 450 438-2958

Activity offered in collaboration with Domaine Larouge

Cinéma en plein air

Thursday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m.

LE CHAT POTTÉ 2 - LA DERNIÈRE QUÊTE
 (1262 ch. Mille-Isles)



Visit mille-isles.ca under the heading *leisure-and-community-life*, tab *Events and activities* to find out more about upcoming activities and events

JAPANESE KNOTWEED ERADICATION OPERATION 2023

The municipality's efforts to eradicate this invasive species have resumed on July 3 and will continue throughout the summer season. An employee specially trained to intervene appropriately will always make prior contact with citizens before visiting an affected property.

We remind you that it is important not to cut the plants, but to report their presence to us.

Your cooperation is essential to help us control the spread of these species.

450-438-2958, ext. 2612 or by e-mail at jraymond@mille-isles.ca

JAPANESE KNOTWEED



To find out more about invasive alien species

Visit mille-isles.ca/urban_planning_and_environment/environment under *invasive alien species*

ÉCOCENTRE LES BONS VOISINS - REMINDER

The ecocenter is the ideal place to dispose of residual materials in a way that promotes reuse, recycling and recovery. It's important to remember, however, that it's not the place to bring waste that can only go to landfill.

To find out what is eligible (or not), we invite you to consult the back of your pick-up calendar, or visit our website under environment section, residual materials tab.

Thank you for your cooperation!



MILLE-ISLES LAKES CONCERTATION TABLE



On July 18, 17 lake residents and representatives of lake associations gathered around the same table to discuss and help each other deal with lake health issues. The aim of these meetings is to strengthen the ability of lakeside residents to act, by relying on the strength of numbers in the search for solutions to the various problems identified: invasive alien species, riparian buffer strips, mobilization of lakeside residents, etc. The meeting gave rise to some highly pertinent discussions that will undoubtedly help shoreline residents enhance the value of their lakes. To find out more, contact Gabriel Therrien: 450 438-2958 ext. 2602, or e-mail gtherrien@mille-isles.ca.

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URBAN PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

We would like to remind you that community composting containers are available throughout the Municipality.

These containers are located at:

- Town Hall ;
- the intersection of Chemin Tamaracouta and Chemin Black ;
- the intersection of Chemin de Mille-Isles and Côte Saint-Joseph;
- the intersection of Chemin du Lac Hugues and Route 329;
- intersection of chemin Tamaracouta and Côte Saint-Gabriel;
- entrance to chemin Scaire.

Here are three (3) simple rules about materials accepted in community containers:

- ✓ Can be eaten or is part of something that can be eaten (fruit, vegetables, bones, meat, fish, shellfish, etc.).
- ✓ It's made of paper or cardboard (soiled or for packaging, otherwise it goes to recycling);
- ✓ It's garden waste (branches **and regular biodegradable plastic bags are not accepted in the containers. Only paper bags are allowed**).

DEPOT - TOWN HALL

Did you know that the Mille-Isles Town Hall is a disposal site for **non-working pencils** and **dead batteries**? We invite you to drop yours off in the boxes provided on your next visit.

COMMUNITY

LOW-COST HEALTH BASKETS

Baskets of low-cost fruit and vegetables offered by the Café Partage d'Argenteuil organization are distributed throughout the year in Mille-Isles. They are delivered to City Hall every second Thursday, and you can choose from two (2) different formats: **small at \$18 and large at \$24**.

For more information or to register, contact Café Partage at 450 562-0987. The service is open to all, so don't hesitate to sign up.

THE READERS' VOICE

It's still possible to send us your text, since a space has been reserved for an open forum, allowing Mille-Isles residents to express their views on a subject of interest to them. To do so, please send it to us at the following address questions@mille-isles.ca.