

THE FUTURE OF THE TAMARACOUTA SCOUT RESERVE



The Municipality of Mille-Isles invites you to a **public information session** regarding a major transaction on our territory: the sale of the **Tamaracouta Scout Reserve**. After more than eight years of abandonment, a new chapter in the history of this iconic site is about to be written.

Given the importance of this transaction and the decisions that will result from it for the Municipality, we wish to inform you and actively involve you in the process. This public session aims to ensure full transparency: all stakeholders will be present to answer your questions and gather your comments.

During this session, the new purchaser will present their vision and the key elements of their revitalization and conservation project for the site, in collaboration with a conservation organization and the Municipality.

Saturday, July 19 at 1 p.m. – Live broadcast on our Facebook page: Municipality of Mille-Isles



The video and the presentation content will also be added to the Municipality's website during the following week.

MILLE-ISLES EXPRESSES ITS PRIDE IN ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT

On May 22, 2025, a press release reported on an ongoing study aimed at identifying potential solutions to improve the efficiency of fire safety services in the participating territories of the Argenteuil MRC.

On July 2, the Municipality of Mille-Isles announced its decision to withdraw from this process. This decision follows a rigorous internal analysis, which demonstrated that the specific needs of the Mille-Isles community, as well as the unique characteristics of its territory, could not be adequately met by the options considered within this regional initiative.

The Municipality would like to thank the partners involved in this initiative for their collaboration and openness. For its part, it will continue its ongoing efforts to improve fire safety services, focusing on solutions adapted to its local reality.

The Fire Department and its firefighters occupy a central place in Mille-Isles' identity, representing an important source of local pride and belonging. Thanks to many years of structured investments, the Municipality has succeeded in making its fire department a model recognized for its efficiency and rigor. The Municipality intends to continue managing this essential service with the same vision.

MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION

July 2025 Edition

Pursuant to section 176.2.2 of the Municipal Code of Québec:

“At a regular council meeting held no later than June, the mayor reports to citizens on the highlights of the financial report and the external auditor’s report. This report is distributed throughout the municipality in accordance with the distribution methods determined by council.”

2024 Financial Statements

The external auditor’s mandate includes, among other things, verifying the Municipality’s financial statements for the fiscal year for which they were appointed and reporting to the municipal council. In their report, the auditor specifies whether the financial statements accurately reflect the Municipality’s financial position as of December 31, 2024, as well as the results of its operations for the year ended on that date, in accordance with section 966.2 of the Municipal Code.

Prepared by the firm Gariépy Bussière CPA Inc., the audited financial statements for the year 2024 were tabled at the regular municipal council meeting on May 7, 2025. These statements show that the citizens’ equity reached \$12,374,395, compared to \$9,870,965 in 2023. This value includes our infrastructures (buildings, vehicles, municipal equipment), reserved funds, and surpluses, reflecting the efficient management and the significance of the projects completed in 2024.

The 2024 fiscal year ended with an excess of revenues over expenditures totalling \$28,205. This surplus can mainly be attributed to higher revenues, notably from transfer duties, as well as strict management of municipal expenses. Practically, this surplus enables the Municipality to curb any future increase in taxes by balancing its budgets. Thus, the accumulated surplus allocated to the 2025 budget stands at \$330,000.

Reserved funds total \$429,571, including the balances from closed loan by-laws (\$142,153), the working capital fund (\$212,866), the fund allocated for election expenses (\$13,626), and that for municipal infrastructures and equipment (\$60,926). As of December 31, 2024, the long-term debt of the Municipality of Mille-Isles amounted to \$2,756,700, of which \$1,075,656 is assumed by the Government of Québec and its related bodies.

The independent auditor’s report confirms that, in all material respects, the financial statements provide a fair view of the financial situation of the Municipality of Mille-Isles as of December 31, 2024, as well as the results of its operations, changes in its net financial assets (or net debt), and its cash flows for the year ended on that date, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Remuneration of elected officials

Section 11 of the Act respecting the remuneration of municipal elected officials requires the clerk-treasurer of a municipality, when the by-law is in force, to indicate in the financial report the remuneration and expense allowances paid to each council member by the municipality, by a mandating body, or by a supra-municipal organization.

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Here is the remuneration for municipal council members in 2024:

Position	Annual remuneration	Expense allowance	Total annual
Mayor	\$18,087.13	\$9,043.61	\$27,130.74
Mayor (councillor at the MRC d'Argenteuil)	\$9,458.68	\$4,729.34	\$14,188.02
Substitute mayor (substitute councillor at the MRC d'Argenteuil)	\$433.88	\$216.95	\$650.83
Councillors	\$6,029.40	\$3,014.74	\$9,044.14

List of contracts

The mayor tables the list of all contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$2,000 entered into during the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, with the same contracting party when the total spending for those contracts exceeds \$25,000. This list indicates, for each contract, the name of the contracting party, the contract amount, and the purpose of the contract.

2024 Highlights

The Municipality was able to carry out major infrastructure projects thanks to substantial grants received through the PAVL program: \$524,769 for the rehabilitation of the Bonniebrook Creek culvert, \$2,482,581 for the Hammond Road rehabilitation, and \$75,000 for the repair of a culvert on Mille-Isles Ouest. These financial aids are essential for the realization of these projects.

Paving of Chemin des Huards, Chemin du Vallon and Chemin du Pont-Bleu was completed through the TECQ Program, as part of the 2019-2024 and 2024-2028 envelopes. This program covers 85% of the project costs. Note that \$457,712 was temporarily drawn from the accumulated surplus to finance this project; this amount will be recorded as revenue in 2025 and reintegrated into the surplus.

As of December 31, 2024, fourteen (14) new residences were built in Mille-Isles, a decrease of four (4) compared to the previous year. However, the total value of work carried out saw a slight increase from \$10,418,861 in 2023 to \$11,018,720 in 2024. It is important to note that the declared value of the work may differ from that later assigned by the assessor.

For the 2025 taxation year, the total taxable assessed property value stands at \$529,576,000, compared to \$523,810,400 for 2024, an increase of approximately 1.1%. Of this value, \$62,414,163 comes from non-residential properties (INR), which includes mainly businesses, while residual properties include dwellings, vacant lots as well as agricultural and forestry sectors.

In conclusion, I invite the citizens of Mille-Isles wishing to obtain more information on the Municipality’s financial situation to consult the “Documentation” section under the “Budget and Report” tab on the Municipality’s website. The 2024 financial report, the list of contracts, and the 2025 budget forecasts are available there. These documents may also be consulted at the municipal office.

Howard Sauvé
Howard Sauvé, maire

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

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FÊTE DE MILLE-ISLES & ENVIRONMENT DAY



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



MUSIC | KIOSKS | GAMES | FOOD TRUCK
ARTISTS & ARTISANS AT MAPLE GROVE | FOAM CANNON
OBSTACLE COURSE TRAIL | PLANT GIVEAWAY | FACE PAINTING

INTERMUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE LIBRARY

Reading Within Reach, Thanks to Our Intermunicipal Agreement!

Thanks to a recent intermunicipal agreement, residents of our municipality can now get a **free library membership** at the Morin-Heights Library, with no fees to pay on-site.

But that's not all! If you prefer to visit another library, the Municipality also offers a reimbursement of up to \$40 per person.

To take advantage of this reading support, simply:

- Submit a request to the Municipality
- Provide a receipt showing the subscriber's full contact information

This summer, reading is more accessible than ever!

If you have any questions or wish to submit a reimbursement request, don't hesitate to contact your municipal office.

NEWSLETTER – PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES

Sign up online by clicking on Newsletter
At the top right of the screen: www.mille-isles.ca/



RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

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THE QUEEN STAGE IN MILLE-ISLES: 135 CYCLISTS IN ACTION

On July 4th, Mille-Isles came alive with the excitement of the major cycling race, welcoming no fewer than 135 young cyclists—among the most promising from across the country—as part of a stage in the regional series. Nicknamed the Queen Stage, this demanding and spectacular race showcased our scenic roads and the unique character of our territory.

Throughout the course, many residents enthusiastically cheered on the athletes, helping to create a warm and memorable atmosphere. The event was marked by a spirit of personal challenge, solidarity, and collective pride.

We warmly thank our municipal councillor, Julie Léveillé, the fire safety and public works services, as well as all those who contributed to the event's logistics. Their presence and efficiency ensured the safety and smooth running of the day.

A big thank you also goes to the organizers, volunteers, and partners, as well as the residents who actively participated, notably by encouraging the riders throughout the course. Mille-Isles can be proud of the success of this event, which highlighted our territory, our hospitality, and our ability to come together.



Photo crédit: Lou Chalifoux Chabot



MEN'S PODIUM

accompanied by
Mrs. Julie Léveillé, Councillor



**THE ASCENT OF "MOUNT BLACK",
RENAMED FOR THE OCCASION**
(this event included 7 climbs)



WOMEN'S PODIUM

MESURES ALTERNATIVES DES VALLÉES DU NORD - CITIZEN MEDIATION

Mesures Alternatives des Vallées du Nord (MAVN) is an independent community organization that offers an alternative to undesirable, conflictual, or harmful situations occurring within a community. Is a situation bothering you? Is a conflict with a neighbor affecting your quality of life? If so, this FREE service could be helpful to you. We invite you to contact this independent community organization by phone at 450-436-6749, extension 104, or toll-free at 1-800-265-6749. You can also send an email to info@mavn.ca or visit their website at mavn.ca.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



YOGA

MONDAY 6 P.M. - MAPLE GROVE

HATHA YOGA

Complete practice combining postures (asanas), breathing exercises (pranayama) and relaxation to harmonize body and mind. Hatha yoga helps you strengthen your body, improve your flexibility and calm your mind. Accessible to all.

MONDAY 7:15 P.M. - MAPLE GROVE

GENTLE YOGA

Slow, accessible approach. Simple postures, fluid movements and extended periods of relaxation. Perfect for beginners or when the body needs a little gentleness.



Starting September 8

For registration & information please contact Julie Morin at julie@yoganimation.ca



FREE ACTIVITIES

Silent Film with Live Piano

Saturday, September 27

WHEN IMAGES SPEAK AND THE PIANO MAKES THEM COME ALIVE



Art Exhibit and Hands-On Activity

Sunday, September 28

FLORAL ART IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR,
IN COLLABORATION WITH CHAMP FLORAL



CHAMP FLORAL
Mille-Isles Association

HERITAGE

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN MILLE-ISLES: A TIMELESS CHARM

As early as 1912, some had already recognized the recreational potential of our private lakes. That same year, the Tamaracouta Scout Camp—now known as the oldest continuously operating Scout camp in the world—was established on the shores of Dawson Lake, now called Lake Tamaracouta.

Around the same time, the arrival of the Northern Railway marked a turning point for our region. Mille-Isles quickly became a sought-after destination during the summer months. Prominent families from urban centers would come here to spend their holidays, drawn by the peaceful atmosphere and the beauty of the surrounding landscapes.

Upon arriving by train, visitors were greeted by a man offering transportation in a horse-drawn carriage. They stayed in the large homes of local farmers, which had been converted into boarding houses for the season. Hosts took great care to make their guests' stay enjoyable: walks to Bonniebrook Creek, swimming in the lake, and of course, the traditional Saturday night dances, where many vacationers joyfully took part.

Some of these guests returned year after year. Over time, cottages began to appear around the lakes. To name just a few: a former logging camp was converted into a summer cottage on Lake Anne; by 1926, two cottages already stood on Lake Hughes; Lake Dainava was named in 1956. The eastern sectors, including Lakes Robert and Massie, experienced growth in the early 1950s, followed by Lake Paul around 1958.

Lakeside residents' associations began to form, reflecting the deep attachment people had to their little corner of paradise. Today, many of those former summer cottages have been transformed into permanent residences, maintaining the strong connection between heritage and everyday life.

This summer, don't forget to savour the little moments.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Written by Ginette Mayer, Mille-Isles resident and passionate advocate for history and heritage.

DISCOUNT ON DRINKING WATER TESTING AND “LAKE & SWIMMING” PACKAGES

Once again this year, H2Lab is offering a discount to Mille-Isles residents for drinking water testing, as well as on the new “Lake & Swimming” packages.

Purchases must be made online only **between July 28 and August 4** (inclusive).

Here's how to register:

1. Go to the website: boutique.h2lab.ca/collections;
2. Click on the “Drinking Water Testing” and/or “Lake & Swimming” collection;
3. Select the test package of your choice and complete the required information;
4. Choose the “Pick up” delivery option. Then, under the Pick-up Centers section, select “Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts” to avoid delivery charges;
5. To apply the discount, enter the code MISLES2025 in the Discount Code box and complete your purchase. This code is valid from July 28 to August 4 and provides a 35% discount on selected packages;
6. Label your sample bottles with the 5-digit order code (starting with BXXXXX) found in the email titled “Analysis Request.” Also write the sampling date and customer name on the containers before bringing your samples;
7. Pick up your sample containers during the Mille-Isles Celebration & Environment Day or at the reception desk at the Town Hall (between July 28 and August 4, during business hours);
8. Collect your sample on August 4 and drop it off at the Town Hall (1262 Mille-Isles Road) between 9 a.m. and noon, or bring your bottles directly to H2Lab, making sure to respect the required timeframe based on the selected tests.



If you are requesting a “Lake & Swimming” package analysis, you must send an email to cbelanger@mille-isles.ca to specify the types of analyses required, so that we can ensure we have the correct sampling bottles. Please do so before July 18.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS ECOCENTRE - REMINDER

The Ecocentre is the ideal place to dispose of residual materials while promoting reuse, recycling, and recovery. It is important to remind everyone that this is not the place to bring waste that must be taken exclusively to the landfill site. To ensure what is acceptable (or not), we invite you to consult the back of your pickup calendar or visit our website at mille-isles.ca/Urbanisme-and-Environment, Residual Materials tab.



Thank you for your cooperation!



Did you know that wearing a tag for your dog is mandatory throughout the entire Mille-Isles territory?
For more information, contact us!
The tag is free of charge.



A. Roy Dog Patrol
1-800-950-4280
patrouillecanine@hotmail.com

ENVIRONMENT

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COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

We remind you that community compost bins are available throughout the municipality.

These bins are located at:

- The Town Hall
- The intersection of Tamaracouta Road and Black Road
- The intersection of Mille-Isles Road and Côte Saint-Joseph
- The intersection of Lac Hugues Road and Route 329
- The intersection of Tamaracouta Road and Côte Saint-Gabriel
- At the entrance of Scraire Road
- At the park on Domaine Road
- On Huards Road



Here are three (3) simple rules regarding the materials accepted in the community compost bins:

It is edible or part of something edible (fruits, vegetables, bones, meat, fish, shellfish, etc.);

It is paper or cardboard (soiled or used for wrapping, otherwise it goes to recycling);

It is garden waste (branches and regular or biodegradable plastic bags are not accepted in the bins. Only paper bags are allowed).

REMINDER

FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

The Municipality reminds you that the due date for the fourth installment of municipal taxes is Friday, August 22.

You can still send us your text, as there is a reserved space for an open forum allowing the residents of Mille-Isles to express themselves on a topic of their choice.

To do so, please send your submission to questions@mille-isles.ca.

PUBLIC WORKS
(Emergency number outside business hours)
1-855-960-0699



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