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WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Dear citizens,

June, Water Month

Did you know that in 2017, the Government of Quebec proclaimed the month of June "Water Month" with the aim of raising awareness and educating the population of Quebec on water and its issues? The 2022 edition of Water Month is dedicated to lakes. It is by chance that locally the Lake Massawippi file occupies the foreground this year, since the discovery of the presence of zebra mussels last year.



The control measures at the accesses and launches of Lake Massawippi have been tightened this year and the controls by the nautical patrol will be more consistent. These changes are at the request of the lakeside municipalities grouped under the Régie du Parc régional Massawippi. The goal is to protect the lake from invasive species, including the zebra mussel.

Still related to water, regional county municipalities (MRCs) must implement a regional plan for wetlands and bodies of water. The objective is to integrate the conservation of wetlands and bodies of water into their land use planning, which directly affects municipalities.

All these changes affect our ways of doing things and sometimes impose new limits on us, but they go in the same direction, that of protecting the resource that is water. Your cooperation and solidarity in these matters are appreciated!

Road conditions

This spring has been particularly difficult for municipal roads and we thank you for your understanding. The road thaw period limits the possible interventions, but we have now taken control of the situation and are proud of the state of our country roads.

Open fires

To avoid waiting for an authorization to burn in the open air, I recommend that each of my fellow citizens have a fireplace equipped with a spark arrester cover and resting on a stone base. This type of fire does not require a permit and it is safer!

Ecocentres

As residents of the Canton de Hatley, you have access to the ecocentres of the city of Sherbrooke. It is an exceptional service that accepts a wide variety of materials.

Don't hesitate to use the service! (Proof of residence may be required)

A growing beauty

Since my arrival in the Canton of Hatley in 1996, our Municipality has become more and more beautiful. It is true that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but it seems true to me. The credit goes to each of you. The care you take of your property shows our environment and its natural assets at their best. And it is in the summer that we can fully admire it.

In a country where the cold is almost a constant, summer is precious. This is the perfect time to be outdoors. As summer goes by too fast, you have to know how to fully savor the season. I therefore invite you to rediscover our common gems such as the Massawippi River, Lake Massawippi, the walking trails and the bike path linking North Hatley to Sherbrooke.

I wish you lots of sunshine and joy!

Vincent Fontaine, mayor

FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Report to the citizens of the highlights of the financial report and the external auditor's report for the Municipality of Canton de Hatley



Dear citizens,

Pursuant to Section 176.2.2 of the Municipal Code, I hereby present to you the 2021 financial report.

Consolidated Financial Report

The consolidated financial report includes the following partnerships: Régie du Parc régional Massawippi (20%), Régie intermunicipale de protection incendie North Hatley et Canton de Hatley - RIPI (53.55%), Régie incendie Memphrémagog Est (13.60%), Régie des eaux Massawippi (24.5%) and the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets solides de la région de Coaticook (2.75%) However, in order to facilitate understanding, we will present the highlights of the municipal portion only. The consolidated report is nevertheless available on the cantondehatley.ca website. The 2021 report ends with a final surplus of \$463,813 for the 2021 fiscal year.

Municipal Financial Report

The audit of the 2021 financial statements was performed by the firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton. For 2021, revenues totaled \$4,590,433 while expenses and allocations totaled \$4,126,620 leaving a surplus of \$463,813.

Capital Assets

Major capital acquisitions 2021 include:

- Culvert replacement on Bel-Horizon \$86,406
- MacDonald, Dunant, Lake Road guardrails \$109,537
- Telemetry installation \$89,600
- Acquisition of snow removal trail maintenance equipment \$50,000

The year 2021, in the context of a 2nd year of the Covid-19 pandemic, was an exceptional year in terms of real estate sales, bringing the municipality \$239,000 more in transfer duties than the anticipated budget. Finally, the surplus is also explained by the savings related to recreational activities that were affected by the pandemic, i.e. a saving of \$64,500 including the costs of activities and resources allocated to them. There is also a temporary surplus due to the septic tank cleaning tax, which only takes place every other year. In 2021, we did not carry out the emptying, so we have a surplus of \$70,000 in a fund reserved for 2022.

In conclusion, the municipality's financial health is in very good shape, thanks to its constant concern for rigor and efficiency in the management of its resources.

Rest assured that your municipal council will continue to plan effectively in order to offer quality services, while respecting the citizens' ability to pay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Vincent Fontaine, mayor

COMMUNITY

PLEASANT VIEW BEACH (NORTH HATLEY)

Free for residents of the Canton de Hatley. Registration required at the North Hatley Town Hall.

Opening on June 18th until early September, depending on the weather.

Supervision hours From 10 am to 8 pm



MASSAWIPPI BEACH (AYER'S CLIFF)

Free access for all - parking \$10

Open from the end of June to the beginning of September, depending on the weather.

Swimming hours with lifeguard Monday to Thursday: 11 am to 6 pm Friday to Sunday: 10 am to 6 pm





PHOTO SEARCH FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR

We are looking for the most beautiful photos of the Canton for the production of our annual calendar. Do you have a magnificent view or a little corner of paradise for us to discover in the Canton of Hatley? Do not hesitate to send us your photos of the 4 seasons throughout the year at reception@cantondehatley.ca.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!



NORTH HATLEY FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday – 10 am to 12 pm From June 18 to October 15, 2022

At River Park (accessible by Capelton Road in the Village of North Hatley).

Come discover and support nearly thirty local merchants and producers in a festive atmosphere!

NO WIPPI IN 2022

The Wippi shuttle, allowing cyclists and pedestrians to cross Lake Massawippi between North Hatley and Ayer's Cliff, will not be in operation in 2022.

CROQUE-LIVRES

Open to young and old alike, our book box is waiting for you! This book sharing box is located near the main entrance of the Town Hall. Don't hesitate to come and exchange books at will. Happy reading! croquelivres.ca

COMMUNITY HELP

- Meals on Wheels (Monday and Wednesday)
- Blood pressure clinic
- Foot care clinic
- Friendly visits
- Community meals
- Social events
- Shopping
- Support for caregivers

For more information, contact Community Aid at 819 821-4779 or Judy Bean at 819 842-2995.



It's all of Quebec that's accelerating

ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET

An interactive map has recently been put online by the Quebec government in order to know the progress of the connection work and to visualize if your residence will be served by the High speed Internet access program in Quebec. Here is the link: quebec.ca/qouvernement/politiques-

<u>orientations/internet-haute-vitesse-etat-situation</u>. If your residence is not included in the program, we ask you to inform the government by email at: <u>carte.interactive@mce.gouv.qc.ca</u>.



Canton de Hatley, as a senior friendly Municipality (MADA - Municipalité amie des ainés), held workshops for our seniors and care givers in April and May. We also invited the seniors from North Hatley to join us for these highly successful activities that were really enjoyed by the participants.

- The Jog Your Mind workshop lasted eight weeks and participants received tips and advice to keep their brains active and preserve their intellectual vitality.
- The Technology Support workshop lasted five weeks and was intended to support seniors in the use of technology, namely smart phones, tablets and laptops.

The participants were divided according to their competencies with new technologies.

Both workshops were a real success, and we would like to especially thank Mrs. Sylvie Fowlis of Lennoxville Community Aid for her precious collaboration in helping us to get started.

We would also like to thank the presenters for *Jog Your Mind*, Stephanie Cramp and Line Tremblay and for the technical support: Samuel Kroft, Louis Ouellette and Rachelle Thompson.

The Municipality will continue to offer different workshops this coming fall for our seniors. We welcome ideas and suggestions.

For Council,

Patrick Clowery

President of the Canton de Hatley MADA Committee



COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2022

Quebec elected officials in solidarity with the Ukrainian people

In collaboration with the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, Council adopts a resolution of solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

Hiring of the assistant environmental inspector

The council confirms the appointment of Frédéric Hébert as assistant to the environmental inspector for the summer of 2022.

Appointment of the nautical patrol

The Lake Massawippi nautical patrollers, Mélodie Dugrenier, Paige Lavoie, Anthony Jolin, Orland Trujillo, Maxime Champoux and Arnaud Fontaine, have been appointed municipal inspectors for the purposes of enforcement for the 2022 season.

Albert-Mines development project – phase I agreement authorization

Council authorizes the signing of an agreement governing the road construction work with the Faubourg des Cantons, a development project off Albert-Mines road at the corner of Bel-Horizon road.

Massawippi vocal ensemble – 2022 contribution

Council authorizes a contribution of \$2,500 to support the activities of the Ensemble vocal Massawippi choir in 2022.

COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2022

Works on slopes

The municipality submits the issuance of various permits and certificates to the by-law on PIIA (site planning and architectural integration plans) and to evaluation criteria, when the work in question is located on slopes of 15% to 30% on the whole territory.

Permits for circulation aisles, access roads and embankments

The municipality requires a certificate for the development of all circulation aisles or access roads, in order to check in advance their location and their

development on land, when these developments are located on slopes of 15% to 30%.

The municipality also requires a certificate for backfilling and excavation work with an area of more than 100 m2, when these are done on slopes of 15% to 30%.

Memphremagog East Fire Department

Council approves By-law 2022-02 of the Régie intermunicipale de prévention et de protection incendie Memphrémagog Est relating to the purchase of breathing apparatus, firefighting gear and the installation of a communication tower. The share of the Municipality of the Canton of Hatley is 13.60% or \$20,400 out of \$150,000.

Appointment of members of the environmental advisory committee

Council appoints the following people to the committee: Danielle Côté, Sylvie Cassar, Marie Dorais, Dominique Grenier, Gilles Forget and Hilda Ashikian. Nominations are until December 31, 2023.

Lake Massawippi Conservation Club

The Municipality is contributing \$850 to the Lake Massawippi Conservation Club to support its activities in 2022.

Pedestrian bridge project

Council does not accept any of the tenders received in the pedestrian bridge project over the Massawippi River. This means that the project is shelved for the time being.

Tour du Courage PROCURE

The Municipality supports participation in this cause with appropriate temporary signage on Dunant Road. It also authorizes, for the duration of the participation, the installation of the participant's RV on municipal land located at the eastern intersection of Dunant Road and Capelton Road. The Tour du Courage is a cycling event in support of PROCURE, a charity in the fight against prostate cancer.



Outdoor fire permit

The municipalities members of the Memphrémagog Est fire prevention and protection board, including the Canton of Hatley, have chosen to centralize and standardize the management of outdoor fires.



Outdoor fireplace with screen



AT ALL TIMES WITHOUT A LICENSE

Outdoor fires contained in an outdoor fireplace fitted with a screen cover and resting on a stone base is authorized at all times. It is the responsibility of the person lighting the fire that the smoke does not bother the neighbors.



Open fire



WITH PERMIT LOW OR MODERATE INDEX



HIGH, VERY HIGH OR EXTREME INDEX

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FIRE HAZARD INDEX?

Every day and for each region, starting in the spring, the Society for the Protection of Forests Against Fire (SOPFEU) issues a fire danger index. We invite you to consult the **sopfeu.qc.ca** website before lighting an open fire.

. ALLOWED _ Low Moderate PROHIBITED.

Very high

Extreme



TO OBTAIN AN OPEN AIR FIRE PERMIT (NO COST)

By phone

Régie incendie Memphrémagog Est 819 838-5877 ext. 202

By internet form

Open air fire form:

regieincendieest.ca/feux-agrave-ciel-ouverts



Questions?

Régie incendie Memphrémagog Est 2100, route 143, Hatley QC JOB 4B0 819 838-5877 ext. 202 prevention@regieincendieest.com regieincendieest.ca

It goes to the ecocentre!



Objects and materials that <u>are not</u> large ultimate waste are accepted free of charge at the Sherbrooke ecocentres.

Free access for Canton de Hatley residents with proof of residence.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED AT SHERBROOKE ECOCENTRES THAT ARE NOT LARGE ULTIMATE WASTE:

Furnishing: Mattresses, wooden furniture

Sporting goods: Bicycles, tricycle, children's bike, scooter, golf clubs, skis

Appliances: Refrigerator, freezer, oven, microwave oven, air conditioner, washer, dishwasher, dryer, stove, fountain, cooler and water dispenser

Small appliances: Barbecue, kettle, pressure cooker, food processor, razor, hair dryer, blender, vacuum cleaner, coffee maker, iron, ironing board, toaster, bathroom scale

Electronic devices: Computer, TV, monitor, tablet, radio, audio player, electronic toy, UPS power system, charger

Transformed wood: Painted, treated, reusable or from pallets, furniture

Natural wood: Branches, logs, pruning residues and trunks

Miscellaneous: Coolers, books

Construction, renovation or demolition materials: Windows, mirror, planks, asphalt shingles, gypsum, chipboard or aluminum siding, insulation board, wood fiber board, wood chip board, door, patio door, wood treated, plywood, ceramic and tile, wooden pallet **Granular materials:** Asphalt, stone, brick, concrete, rock, sand and uncontaminated earth

Recyclable materials accepted in the blue bin: Paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, metal containers

Textile materials: Clothing, rags, sheets, towels, eiderdowns, quilts, fabric curtains, fabrics, fabric tablecloths

Metal objects: Steel and cast iron bathtub, metal shelf, filing cabinet, metal chair, water heater, steel sink, straps, iron, aluminum, empty paint containers, air exchanger

Gardening and soil maintenance tools: Lawn mower, leaf blower, snow blower, chainsaw, small engine

Electrical tools and accessories for construction: Drill, saw, table saw, generator, sander, pump, ladder and stepladder, grinder, etc.

Tires: Car tires with or without rims, light truck tires, bicycle tires without rims

Garden or raking waste: Dead leaves, plants, peat, grass and small branches

Household hazardous waste (HHW): Aerosol, light bulbs, paint stripper, paint, oil, solvent, tar, pesticides, batteries, propane, vehicle batteries, etc.

Styrofoam: Insulation, packaging or food



LARGE ULTIMATE WASTE ITEMS:

- Sofas and armchairs
- Storm drains
- Fiberglass and acrylic (showers, canoes, etc.)
- Child car seats
- ► Carpets, linoleum and underlay
- ► Tarpaulin
- ▶ Pool liner
- ABS pipe
- Vinyl

In length of 4 feet and less

WHAT TO DO WITH METAL OBJECTS?

Metal pick-up from August 18 to 24

Please put the metal objects by the side of the road from August 18.

Examples: Steel and cast iron bathtub, metal shelf, file cabinet, metal chair, water heater, steel sink, refrigerator, stove, fence, BBQ, etc.

LET'S UPROOT TOGETHER

Ragweed is a perennial and All Summer long! invasive plant that is gaining ground each year and making life difficult for nearly a million Quebecers during the summer season.

How can I help? Uproot this plant before its pollination period which begins at the end of July.

For more information:

<u>poumonquebec.ca/en/evenement/ragweed-uprooting-campaign</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

New standards for swimming pools

The provincial Residential Swimming Pool Safety Regulations have been amended.

New standards and provisions will apply to any existing swimming pool, regardless of its date of installation. In certain situations, this by-law provides a period for homeowners to bring their installation into compliance.

The regulations are available on the Internet:

mamh.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/securite-des-piscinesresidentielles/mesures-de-securite

TOPONYMIC HERITAGE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HATLEY

MONTÉE LAPOINTE AND ALFRED-LAPOINTE STREET: A FARMER WHO LIVED IN A CENTURY OLD HOUSE

The coming of the Lapointe family to Canton de Hatley is closely related to a house with a history of more than 175 years.

Alfred Lapointe was born at Saint-Georges, in the Beauce region, on July 14, 1895. He was the son of Marie Gagnon (1857-1929) and of Joseph Audet Lapointe (1856-1935). They had been married in Saint-Georges in 1881. Alfred married Augustine Carette (1897-1981) in 1916 in Sainte-Marie, also in the Beauce region. Between 1919 and 1938, they had seven children, now all deceased: Rollande, Roger, Jeanne d'Arc, Marcel, Jacques, Huguette and Yvan. Alfred Lapointe was at first a carpenter in Saint-Benoît-Labre, then a garage owner in Montreal and later, a day



Alfred Lapointe (courtesy of Jacques Lapointe, Magog)

laborer in Martinville. He settled in Canton de Hatley in 1937. In 1938, he bought the farm of Annie Sherry, the widow of Wyatt Woodrow, located on lots 599 and 600, south of present-day Alfred-Lapointe Street.

The history of the house on the farm began around 1844 when it was purchased by Obidiah Mawse from William Bowman Felton who, in fact, had first built a log home that was incorporated in the 1950s into a larger house, that is still standing at number 2, montée Lapointe. It is one of the oldest houses in Canton de Hatley. Prior to the Lapointe family, the house had been owned by a succession of families, including: Felton, Abel R. Johnson, Peter Colt (Pierre Poulin Jr.), Squire Colby in 1874, Jackson Gordon, Peter Colt once again, Thomas Kay in 1882, Marvel Kay in 1901, Tom Kay in 1905 and Wyatt J. Woodrow in 1920.

The Lapointe family did not live on Lapointe Road for many years. Alfred Lapointe retired around 1955 and moved to Chapais in northern Quebec with his wife and son Jacques. He died there on January 4, 1957, however his remains are buried in North Hatley's Sainte-Elisabeth Cemetery, where his wife would also be buried. In 1958, she had sold the Canton de Hatley farm to Jacques Codère, who completely renovated the house

and subdivided the property. Where the house stands, the land is now reduced to 27 acres.

The road leading to the Lapointe farm was likely called Lapointe as early as the end of the 1930s, as it was then the custom. But since the oldest farmhouse on Lapointe Road had been built by Obidiah Hawse shortly after 1844, the access road to it necessarily dates from that time.



The home in 1989 (Conner, Reginald (1989) The Vine and the Branches: History of Minton, Quebec. Lennoxville, p. 107)

Following this, the property at no. 2, montée Lapointe was sold in 1973 to Earl Stanley Smith, the breeder of purebred Clydesdale drag horses, and later to his widow Edna Lillian Smith in 1979, to notary Luc Lamoureux in 1979 as well as to the lawyer John Peter Weldon and his wife Patricia Godbout in 1983. Finally, John Peter Weldon has since been the sole owner beginning in 1990. There is a record that several children of the Lapointe family visited the property in the 1980s.

Lapointe Road would have been opened between 1933 and 1935 with the northern part located in Rock Forest and the southern section, in Canton de Hatley. The place name was made official in 1980 by the Commission de toponymie du Québec: in Rock Forest under the wording Lapointe Road and, in 1986, also under the same wording, for a length



The present home (courtesy of John Peter Weldon)

of about 200 meters in Canton de Hatley. As there was a street elsewhere in Sherbrooke called de la Pointe and because of the montée Lapointe in Canton de Hatley, so as to make sure there would be no confusion, the name Alfred-Lapointe Street was given in 2005 by Sherbrooke City Council, instead of Lapointe Road. This place name was made official by the Commission de toponymie du Québec on May 15, 2006. In Canton de Hatley, the name Alfred-Lapointe was already in use, however, Canton de Hatley Town Council asked the Commission de toponymie du Québec in 2021 to make it the official in the Township. This was finally done on December 9, 2021.

Gérard Coté (Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society) and Jean-Marie Dubois (Université de Sherbrooke)