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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Summer is almost here, and it comes with good news: the Municipality's eligibility for the PRIMEAU-2 subsidy program has been confirmed. Tangibly, this means that the upgrading works of the Drinking Water Treatment Plant will be subsidized up to 95%. Very reassuring news, considering that this costly upgrade is indispensable.

I'll get back to you with more details on costs and timelines once the plan is approved.

Good News on the Fire Station

The building of a new fire station was deemed a priority by the ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, and it was preselected for financial assistance. According to the program conditions, the estimated financial assistance rate is 70%.

Once the upgrade of the Treatment Plant is complete, we will move forward with this long-delayed but now prioritized Fire Station project, which we will build on the same site as the Treatment Plant.

Speaking of firefighting, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding job our firefighters did to put out the fire at Camping des Chutes Hunter on May 4. As you surely know, this tragedy took the lives of two people.

Our Fire Brigade arrived on the scene quickly and spared no effort to contain the fire and prevent the risk of explosion as there were propane tanks. In these difficult times for loved ones and the community, our firefighters demonstrated exemplary professionalism, which prevented the fire to spread and cause even more losses.

The Track is all Pumped Up

In operation since May 29 at Paul-Goodhue Park, the pump track is already delighting many fans. The official inauguration will be on June 19, with Isabelle Charest, MNA for Brome-Missisquoi and Minister responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors. She awarded a \$63,307.45 grant for this project. Children from our school will come to show their skills.

For the Sake of Wildlife, Air Quality and Prevention

Please note that the Municipality will adopt a regulation prohibiting fireworks on our territory. Several factors motivate this ban, primarily fire hazards, air pollution and – most of all – negative impact on wildlife.

The Generation Chair

On the initiative of citizens members of the "Mères au Front" civic and social organization, a **Generation Chair** decorated by the children of the Saint-François d'Assise school will be presented to the Council at the June meeting. The Council is committed to keeping this chair visible during all meetings and deliberations. It will act as a constant reminder of our children's expectations towards the climate emergency and to stay on course with bold choices to preserve nature and bestow a more promising future to our children and grandchildren.

Have a great start to summer!

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MUNICIPAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environment and Agriculture & Forestry

On May 4, the committees co-organized a conference on invasive alien plants that affect our territory. The event was a big hit, and close to 50 participants showed up.

The two guest speakers, biologist and Laval University professor Claude Lavoie and forest engineer Marie-Josée Martel discussed the issues and proposed solutions related in particular to the invasion of the common reed, Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Japanese barberry and buckthorn.

The information provided at the conference will be available on the Municipality's website. Have you identified an invasive species on your property? Contact the Municipality at: urbanisme@frelighsburg.ca.

Society

Benevolent Squad

Benevolent Squad volunteers and all people interested are invited to attend an information and discussion session to touch on the trajectory of this project and launch new initiatives. It's June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. You don't want to miss it!

Book Donations

This fall, a Community Library will open on the second floor of the Town Hall.

We are looking for wide-ranging interesting books in good condition. You can begin dropping off your donations at the entrance of the Town Hall right now.

We will share details and info on opening hours soon!

Outdoor Youth Cinema

In collaboration with the Mont Pinnacle Land Trust and Beat & Betterave, the Society Committee presents a series of outdoor youth movie nights starting in mid-August. We are looking for five young volunteers to help organize the project. Please contact: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

MUNICIPALITY

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7 p.m. To send a question to the Municipal Council, see the agenda or take part in the meeting online at: frelighsburg.ca/conseil.

Town Hall Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday : on appointment only

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Frelighsburg Arts Centre

“Carnaval”, by Marie-Hélène Sirois

From June 8 to July 9, Marie-Hélène Sirois presents paintings she designed as fragments of a theatre set evoking a masquerade ball as described in a 19th-century novel inspired by Schumann’s music. The artist has depicted nine characters who could have participated in this ball. Was life just one long masquerade ball? Who am I? These are the questions these artworks ask viewers.

Vernissage on Sunday, June 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We hope to see many of you there!

Adélar

Artist Milutin Gubash continues his residency at the Barn until June 25. To help him produce his video artwork on the repurpose of disused objects, we are calling on people from the local community to participate in his film, either as extras or by donating trinkets or decorative objects you no longer use. For more information, please contact: info@adelard.org

Saint-François-d’Assise School

On June 21 at 1 p.m., the revised logo poster will be unveiled during a simple ceremony outside the school. People from the community who have worked with Alexandre Gauvin – creator of the school logo – are invited to attend. It is important for today’s students to know the story behind “their” logo. A pupil of Saint-François-d’Assise, Alexandre left too quickly but his legacy to the school is remarkable. His parents, Ginette and Richard, who restored the poster, will also be present.

Everyone is welcome to share this beautiful moment among parents and the school team.

Mount Pinnacle Land Trust

On June 10, do not miss the kayak trip on rivière aux Brochets with geographer Charles Lussier. You will learn about this river’s fascinating history and ecology in its area southwest of Pike River village.

Come to discover a riparian corridor rich in diversified forests and history influenced by the different land uses.

Two trips are scheduled: 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Registration (includes kayak rental): montpinacle.ca/activites.

COMMUNITY

Camp Garagona

Camp Garagona (23, chemin Garagona) is having a garage sale on June 3 - 4. Thank you to everyone who donated items to be sold!

Farmer’s Market

From June 10 to October 7, the Frelighsburg Farmer’s Market will be held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parc Paul-Goodhue.

Get to know the 2023 exhibitors and read market news on our Facebook and Instagram accounts @marchefrelighsburg.

Feel like participating?

The Committee needs volunteers to help set up and take down the Market tents during the summer.

Visit social media to view the volunteer offer

DOMe Exhibit in Frelighsburg

The DOMe exhibit, produced with the Montreal Planetarium, will be presented throughout the summer on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall. Vernissage on June 19, at 1:30 p.m.

About the DOMe project:

To enhance its collection of meteorites and induce research, the Planetarium has created the Detection project. Cameras are aimed at the sky to determine by triangulation the trajectory of the meteors entering the Earth’s atmosphere above our regions.

Frelighsburg is one of the few communities participating in the DOMe project, associated with the French FireBall Recovery and Inter Planetary Observation Network (FRIPON) which has been criss-crossing different areas of Europe since 2016.

The exhibit will showcase the main stages and discoveries of this fascinating project.

Don’t miss it!

Frelighsburg Historical and Heritage Society – Membership Drive

Do you have a soft spot for history? Become a Society member! Simply complete the coupon below and mail it to 2 Place de l’Hôtel-de-Ville, to receive your membership card.

Attached is my membership cheque (\$10 for one year).

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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