



## A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

You may have already heard about the revision of the Municipal Property Assessment Roll, which takes effect in 2024. Let's take a few moments to put this revision into context.

First, what is the property assessment roll?

This inventory is mandatory of all properties (land and buildings) located on our territory, and must be conducted every three years. This assessment makes it possible to know the actual value of each property on a given date. July 1st, 2022, is the reference assessment date for all municipalities – including Frelighsburg – that introduce a new three-year role in 2023.

The values included in the new three-year assessment roll are therefore based on the real estate market as of July 1st, 2022, a peak date in the housing market evolution. Consequently, property value in the Frelighsburg territory has doubled since the last assessment roll.

### What impact will this increase have on your tax bill?

If the law requires that property assessments be established based on the actual value of the properties, your Municipal Council will determine the applicable tax rate.

This tax rate will be made public upon the adoption of the 2024 municipal budget during a special Council meeting in December. The Council will limit the impact of this increase in new assessments on the tax bill by lowering the tax rate.

The new assessment of your property will appear on the tax bill you will receive in February. To obtain this information earlier, visit [mrcbm.qc.ca/role-devaluation-fonciere](http://mrcbm.qc.ca/role-devaluation-fonciere) or call the Town Hall.

### The New Mobile Park Lodge Is Here

Skating enthusiasts will be happy to learn that the new Mobile Park Lodge will be set up and ready to welcome them in December.

This multi-purpose lodge, complete with toilets, will be used during popular events such as Fête au village and Festi'Bois. It can also be offered for rental for other events on our territory.

### Free Christmas Market – this Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall

The Society Committee is preparing – through its Benevolent Squad – a first (but certainly not the last!) Free Christmas Market.

A great opportunity to come together, meet with one another and chat around pancakes and coffee! This will also be a chance to offer used items in excellent condition and service certificates, or to bring back home items that suit your needs.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organization of this extraordinary activity. See you there on Sunday!

### Remember this date: December 16 at 4 p.m.

It's when the new cultural policy will be revealed! This policy was diligently and professionally drafted by the Culture and Tourism Committee and will influence the Council's decisions in cultural matters.

Come in large numbers to familiarize yourselves with this policy. At the same time, you can join in the inauguration of the brand new Frelighsburg Library, in the Council room, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall.

On my behalf and on behalf of your Town Councillors and the Municipal Team, I wish you holidays filled with love, sharing and happiness.

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### Annual Christmas Card Drawing Competition

This year, the theme for the Greeting Card Collection drawn by the school children is "Christmas Market".

The six selected drawings will be sold in a set at the Christmas Market, the Anglican church and the Grammar School. Proceeds will be used towards an activity for the school children.

Drawing selected to reflect the wishes of the Municipality. This drawing was made by Camille Jobin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## MUNICIPALITY

### Fire Safety

The Fire Department and the Council are proud to announce the appointment of two new fire brigade lieutenants: Sébastien Giguère and Julien Bourbeau.

Their mandates will be to increase efficiency and safety during interventions and help forward several agendas.

We thank them for their involvement and wish them good luck in their new roles!



Sébastien Giguère (lieutenant), Pierre Saint-Onge (operations captain), Marc Fortier (director), Julien Bourbeau (lieutenant).

### Calls for applications for the Urban Planning and Built Heritage Advisory Committees

Would you like to be part of one of these Committees? Please send your resume along with a cover letter to: [municipalite@frelighsburg.ca](mailto:municipalite@frelighsburg.ca).

The selected applications will be published during the first Council meeting of January 2024.

### Collection Calendar

Out of environmental concerns, and given that each citizen can access their personalized calendar on the website, the Municipality no longer sends the garbage/recycling/compost collection calendar by mail.

However, you can still stop by the Town Hall and ask for your calendar to be printed out for you.

To view your calendar on [frelighsburg.ca](http://frelighsburg.ca), click on the **Personalized Collection Calendar** tab in the drop-down menu on the right.

Select your street and enter your address. You can then print your calendar or view it if necessary.

### Holiday Closures

Please note that the Town Hall will be closed from December 22 to January 2, 2024 inclusive. In case of emergency, leave a message at 450 298-5133, ext. 132 or write to: [voirie@frelighsburg.ca](mailto:voirie@frelighsburg.ca).

### Night Parking Prohibited

A friendly reminder: until April 2024, parking between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. on streets and roads is prohibited throughout the Frelighsburg territory.

### Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7 p.m. To send a question to the Municipal Council, see the agenda or take part in the meeting online, go to: [frelighsburg.ca/conseil](http://frelighsburg.ca/conseil)

## NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### Environment

December is already here and preparations for the holidays are well underway. Here are three suggestions for a more eco-friendly Holiday season:

1. Did you know that colour glossy wrapping paper is not recyclable? Instead, use newspaper, cardboard boxes, paper and fabric bags; they are colourful and reusable.
2. For packaging material, we can also use pieces of clothing, bedding or kitchen containers which are part of the gift (for example: scarves, stockings, pillowcases, etc.). Let your imagination run wild!
3. Use a timer with your exterior lighting (preferably LED lights) to limit their use to dark hours and to when occupants are present (for example: from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.).
4. Buy local. Not only will you support local artisans, but you will help reduce travel by car or truck for deliveries. In Quebec, road transportation accounts for 34 % of total greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information: [quebec.ca/gouvernement/politiques-orientations/plan-economie-verte/actions-lutter-contre-changements-climatiques/reduire-ges-transport](http://quebec.ca/gouvernement/politiques-orientations/plan-economie-verte/actions-lutter-contre-changements-climatiques/reduire-ges-transport)

## COMMUNITY

### Mont Pinnacle Land Trust – [montpinacle.ca](http://montpinacle.ca)

Evening of Possibles, December 7 at 7 p.m., at Beat & Betterave SWEETGRASS documentary by Ilisa Barbash and Lucien Castaing-Taylor

A tribute to the American West, Sweetgrass follows the last modern cowboys who herd their sheep to their summer pastures in Montana's breathtaking and often dangerous Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains.

This astonishingly beautiful but uncompromising film unveils a world in which nature and culture, animals and people, vulnerability and violence are all inextricably connected.

Evening preceded by a pizza + beer 5 à 7. Reserve for the 5 à 7 at (579) 440-8600.

### Christmas Markets – [marchenoelfrelighsburg.com](http://marchenoelfrelighsburg.com)

There will be two simultaneous Christmas markets in our village on December 16 and 17 From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You will find the first one at **the Anglican church**, where offerings from various passionate producers and artisans will be showcased.

The second will be at the **Grammar School** and will have products made by Camp Garagona users.

On the menu: musical entertainment, bonfires, ready-to-eat meals and – above all – lots of fun!

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Camp Garagona – [garagona.org](http://garagona.org)

December is the ideal month to talk about joy and gratitude. When we refer to caring and committed people and people who sometimes don't count their hours, we can talk about the permanent team working at Camp Garagona.

Working in Garagona is no ordinary job. It's about creating a second family. Being around campers every day brings a feeling of happiness, of making a real difference in people's lives.

Employees often have to deal with all kinds of unforeseen events to stay on course and provide a pleasant stay for users. Congratulations to this tight-knit team for their exceptional work and commitment. Without you, the camp could not function!

Want to get involved and make a difference? call (450) 298-5159. To donate: Canadon – Association Garagona inc.

### La Brimbalante – [brimbalante.com](http://brimbalante.com)

The season ends with energizing training on December 3 and 4: Global issues in the eyes of the clown.

Back in mid-March!



**CONCOURS DÉCORATIONS DE NOËL**

VILLAGE DE NOËL DE FRELIGHSBURG

Comment participer?

1. Être commerçant(e)s ou résident(e)s de Frelighsburg.
2. Décorer l'extérieur de votre maison ou votre commerce en priorisant un éclairage rouge et blanc chaud.
3. Envoyer une photo, avant le **lundi 11 décembre**, à l'adresse suivante : [marchenoelfrelighsburg@gmail.com](mailto:marchenoelfrelighsburg@gmail.com)

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