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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Several projects have moved forward in recent weeks. But let's first briefly look back at the weather events of June 30.

The microburst that hit Frelighsburg did a lot of damage. Residences were destroyed, numerous buildings crushed and damaged, roads and traffic obstructed by large felled trees, dangling electrical wires, etc.

The Chute Hunter campground sustained major damage, as many trailers, tent trailers and infrastructure were impacted. All campers were evacuated to allow extensive tree cutting and pruning.

Throughout our territory, the community mobilized to support the firefighters who spared no effort to clear the roads and assist people in need.

Thank you!

Tanker Truck

As announced in the last Messenger, we opened the register regarding the loan settlement of \$755,000 for purchasing a tanker truck on June 10. Remember that this procedure allowed citizens opposing the loan regulations to make their position known. If more than 115 signatures were collected, a referendum would have been held on this matter.

Four signatures having been affixed to the register, the loan by-law will take effect as soon as the Ministère des Affaires municipales have confirmed its acceptance.

Bishop Church Roof Repair

The replacement of the church's slate roof, for which we received a 50% subsidy, is progressing well. Efforts were made to preserve the old slate, but given the fragility and condition of the material, this time-consuming and costly operation proved inconclusive.

Roads

Road grading and dust suppressant spreading were completed by the end of June throughout our territory.

Also, the contract for reprofiling the roads was awarded to the St-Pierre & Tremblay company. A project start-up meeting on the coordination and monitoring of the work site has already been held, and the contractor plans to begin upon returning from the construction vacation.

Poor drainage being a major issue affecting the condition of our roads, most of this summer's work aims to resolve this problem at the source, for a more durable improvement.

As recommended in the report produced by the consulting firm, Pinacle, McIntosh and Verger-Modèle roads will be prioritized first. However, we believe we can create sufficient financial flexibility to work on other problematic ditches.

Art, Nature and Heritage

You've probably noticed that three of the four welcome signs located at the entrances to the village were vandalized in June using black paint to cover the word "ART".

In reaction to this offence and to emphasize the importance of art in the signature of Frelighsburg, we called on two artistic painters and a trio of students from the Saint-François d'Assise school to return the word ART on the signs using the offending black paint as a source of inspiration, in a distinct and unique creation for each. What better way to spotlight the very message the vandals wanted to hide!

Thank you to Cédric Loth, Jacques Lajeunesse and Fauve, Édouard and Sarah for their artistic contribution!

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MUNICIPALITY

Reminder – Property Tax

The 3rd installment of your municipal tax bill is due on July 29.

Green Fridge

The green fridge is located behind the Paul-Goodhue Park daycare and is restocked every Tuesday. Help yourselves!

Library

For the summer season, the library will be open during the Town Hall opening hours: Monday to Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m.).

Adoption Process of the Regulation on Dampers

At the request of our insurer and following the recommendations of the Fédération Québécoise des Municipalités, we are amending our construction regulations and adopting a regulation on the requirement to install protection against water damage. This revision offers the dual benefit of protecting the drinking water supply network and releasing the Municipality from any recourse in the event of non-compliance with this regulation.

Accordingly, all new constructions will be required to include backflow prevention devices. Also, because any inadequate installation in a building can cause contamination of a well or a municipal drinking water network, the owner of any building connected to a sanitary, storm or combined sewer network must ensure that the required number of backflow preventers are installed, regardless of the building's year of construction.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held Monday, July 8 2024, 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.

Town Hall Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday from 8 : 30 a.m to 12 h 00 p.m, and from 13 p.m to 4:30 p.m
Friday: by appointment only

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Agriculture & Forestry

1-Forest Management

As part of the Municipal Park development project, 1000 trees were planted in the spring of 2023 to enhance the previously thinned red pine plantation.

This project continued in the spring of 2024 with a planting phase of around 600 trees under the cover and at the edge of the red pine stands. Six species of deciduous trees and two species of conifers made up this diversified new plantation.

A forest corridor was also created in the middle of the large meadow. This new woodlot will serve as a display to promote basic forestry adapted to various ecological issues. In this first phase, 29 species of trees, shrubs and bushes were introduced and others will follow in the fall and spring of 2025.

All deciduous trees and shrubs are protected from deer grazing with nets attached to a post firmly anchored at the base of each tree.

The next step is to set up interpretive signs on the various issues linked to tomorrow's forestry and the health of forest ecosystems.

Many thanks to the Caisse Desjardins de la Pommeraie who donates \$2 to Festi'Bois 2024 for each tree planted, and to Arbres.eco, to Hubert Mailhot of For-Eco, to Vitalité Frelighsburg and to the thirty or so people who helped make this planting project a success!

2-"LE TERRITOIRE" Evening

Following the information and discussion evening held last February, the Committee wishes to raise awareness among field owners on the importance of maintaining these open spaces. Nearly a third of the Municipality's open areas have been reforested in recent decades.

Whether it's to preserve the food production potential on our territory, keep sceneries visible from public roads or maintain habitats for animals and plants that seek open environments, we encourage you to farm your fields or have them farmed, or simply to have them mowed down.

For references or information on this subject, write to Bob Lusier, Council representative on the Committee: conseiller2@frelighsburg.ca.

Environment

1-Invasive Exotic Plants Squad

Isabelle Grégoire, from the Mount Pinnacle Land Trust, leads this Squad of committed citizens. The Squad has already made two field trips.

The goal is to identify mainly buckthorn and Japanese knotweed, locate them using the Sentinel and iNaturalist mobile apps, and eventually implement control methods.

You have questions or suggestions, or would like to take part? Please write to conseiller4@frelighsburg.ca.

2-Stay informed

Committee members will be present at one of the August farmers' markets. An opportunity to discuss the issue of invasive exotic plants, including those we add to our landscaping!

COMMUNITY

Arts Centre

tourism@frelighsburg.ca

From June 27 to July 21, the Arts Centre presents the Porter exhibit by artist Anne Billy.

"Porter" refers to a guidance and support experience where the young and the old come together. The artworks, grouped under the title "Je, Jean-Marc, j'étais", are inspired by the illness of her father suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Anne was his natural caregiver for several years. In the form of a quilt made up of pages from his last diaries, these artworks bring up the memory process. The pages are hand-stitched with dangling threads whose colours are reminiscent of nature and the rhythm of the seasons.

Anne Billy is a multidisciplinary artist. Since 1983, she has held several individual exhibitions in Montreal and various regions of Quebec. She has taken part in group exhibitions in Quebec and internationally.

Her artworks are featured in the Canadian Art Bank of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Art Loan collections of the Musée national des Beaux-Arts du Québec, the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, the Cirque du Soleil, Air Canada and the Leonard & Bina Ellen Gallery.

Adélard

adelard.org

In July, the summer season is in full swing at Adélard with four events:

At the barn, Claudie Gagnon presents a creation that revisits still life based on elements found in Frelighsburg. Various objects, food, plants and minerals will be integrated into an evolving artwork to be completed throughout her residence.

In the studio, Mexican artist Marcela Armas explores the ties between soil health and human health. The artist is looking for participants for her Mirrors of the Holobiont project, which combines photographs of people's irises and chromatography prints, a technique for studying soils that gives amazing visual results. Interested? Write to gauthier@adelard.org.

Some spaces are still available for the first Art Day Camp for teenagers (12 to 18 years old) which will take place August 19 – 23. They will collaborate in creating a protective mural at Camp Garagona with artist Frédérique Ulman-Gagné. The Art Camp is free, but places are limited. Register soon!

Don't miss the 2nd "Apéro culturel" at the barn on July 5, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A great way to meet artists Claudie Gagnon and Marcela Armas!

La Brimbalante

laruquebec.com/clown

La Brimbalante is launching a crowdfunding to produce a documentary film with a positive impact on the mental health of young people aged 15 to 29. All donations are accepted as of now.

Many thanks to the community for making this great project possible!

Camp Garagona

campdejourfrelighsburg.com

As already announced, the Day Camp will be held this year at the Stanbridge-East Community Center.

Spaces are still available. Don't miss this unique opportunity to provide your children with a positive and rewarding summer experience!