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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Even though many things are in motion this month, I want to take a moment to reflect on the **Regional plan for natural environments** of the Brome-Missisquoi County.

This regional plan, the result of in-depth reflection spanning several years, has been approved by the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs. It aims to integrate the conservation and enhancement of natural environments into land-use planning for the next ten years. While submitting such a plan was a requirement for all counties in Quebec, there are always different ways to do things well...

I would like to highlight the foundational work done by the planning team, as well as the openness of the Brome-Missisquoi County's Council, which led to the adoption of an innovative approach that integrates forest environments with wetlands and water bodies. The result: our regional plan for natural environments plan takes into account ecological connectivity and the sustainable enhancement of the forest.

Concrete measures already in place

Before the adoption of a comprehensive regulatory framework, the Brome-Missisquoi County Council acted promptly by adopting an Interim by-laws to ensure the conservation of significant wetlands and limit the impact of urban development and recreational properties on important forested areas.

The interim by-laws allow for:

- Protection of nearly 15,000 hectares of wetlands (both open and wooded);
- Preservation of over 15,000 hectares of large forest cores, covering some of the last major wooded areas in southern Quebec, including the **Mont Pinacle**.

Due to the recognition of the exceptional forest character of Mont Pinacle, a ban on any residential development projects is in force, which supports our own regulations adopted in 2022 and helps sustain this vision.

Your Council is proud to contribute to the sustainable management and development of Brome-Missisquoi, rich in biodiversity and resilient to climate challenges. For more information: mrcbm.qc.ca.

Roads

We are finishing preparations for the roads in anticipation of the winter season. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the planning, upgrades, profiling, and maintenance efforts invested in recent months will help keep the roads in acceptable conditions this winter.

Commissioning of the Water Softener

It's done, at last!

The new water softener is now fully operational. Remember, the goal of this installation is to reduce the level of limestone in the water before it is distributed through the network.

Wishing you a bright November,

Lucie Dagenais
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COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Good news... The recreational activities, offered free of charge by the Municipality in the evenings at the Saint-François d'Assise school gym, have resumed for the fall!

Please note: In the event of the absence of the person responsible for opening and closing the venue, activities will be canceled (without prior notice).

Here is the schedule until the end of december 2024 :

Monday, 6pm to 9pm:	Volleyball
Tuesday, 6pm to 9pm:	Basketball
Wednesday, 6pm to 9pm:	Soccer
Thursday, 6pm to 9pm:	Pickleball & badminton
Sunday, de 10 am to noon:	Open gym for families

BOULEVARD DES ARTS 2025

The artistic circuit, which provides local artists and artisans with opportunities to meet the public and showcase their skills and creations, has met with much success in previous editions.

Are you interested in participating in 2025?

The call for applications for the upcoming season is now open. To participate, artists and artisans must have a workshop, a creative and production space that is accessible, safe, and pleasant, where they can welcome visitors in one of the four municipalities of the circuit: Frelighsburg, Saint-Armand, Stanbridge East, and Dunham.

You have until November 17 to submit your proposal at www.leboulevarddesarts.com.

For more information, please contact Louise Charlebois at (450) 288-2318 or write to: leboulevarddesarts@gmail.com.

CAMP GARAGONA

Following the eventful summer experienced by Camp Garagona, due to prolonged power outages, the management intends to acquire a generator to improve its infrastructure.

The unforeseen challenges faced during the last season have highlighted the need for a reliable energy source. To ensure the comfort and safety of campers, Camp Garagona is in need of the community's support to make this essential investment possible.

Would you like to help?

Write to info@campgaragona.qc.ca.

Municipal council

Next town council Monday November 4 at 7pm
To send in a question, consult the agenda or participate online:
frelighsburg.ca/conseil

Hours of operation for Town Hall

Monday to Thursday : 8 :30am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm
Friday is by appointment only
450 298-5133 — municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

SOCIETY

The popular Free Christmas Market is back!

The Benevolent Squad happily invites you to the second edition of the Free Christmas Market on December 1, at Bishop Memorial Stewart Church, located at 5 Garagona Road, from 11 AM to 2 PM. It's the perfect opportunity to experience a unique moment of sharing!

Bring your items in excellent condition or offer gift certificates for your services (babysitting, weeding, pet walking, etc.) either on the day of the event or the day before, between 11 AM and 2 PM, to gift to our wonderful community.

Together, let's showcase the generosity of our village. Plus, you can enjoy fair trade coffee and delicious pancakes for free!

ENVIRONMENT

Let's take action!

The advisory committee continues to actively engage in the issue of invasive exotic plants (PEE).

In this spirit, a team of volunteers will meet on Saturday, November 2, at 9:30 AM, at the Jane-Freligh Park (Municipal Park). Come learn how to identify invasive plants and record them on the citizen app: Sentinelle. You will then be able to spot these invasive plants in your own area and create your own botanical inventory.

Furthermore, if you observe invasive plants in your yard or in nearby ditches, don't hesitate to inform the municipality, as they plan to map this information.

Spring 2025 Project

The committee aims to initiate a bike rack project that will allow for rakes to be installed in public places and various businesses throughout the municipality.

To achieve this, committee members are working together with the Coopérative Bois d'exception of Frelighsburg, which will supply the wood, and the nonprofit organization Pleins Rayons in Cowansville, which will handle the manufacturing. Village merchants will be contacted to gauge their interest in this project. We will keep you informed of developments!

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Green Fridge

The fresh fruit and vegetable sharing service has ended for the season. Thank you to the Centre d'Action Bénévole of Cowansville for providing fresh produce throughout the summer. Thank you also to those who donated items to share, and a special thanks to Jean Chênevert and Luc Letendre for transporting the fruits and vegetables from Cowansville to the Paul-Goodhue Park. Stay tuned for 2025!

Message to Landowners

The Institut de la Statistique du Québec (ISQ) has published a report titled: *Compte des terres du Québec méridional 2024*.

An interesting conclusion from this article is that the loss of cultivated land in Quebec is not primarily due to the artificialization of agricultural land, but rather to the abandonment of farming, leading to land becoming dormant.

It's important to note that the committee has developed maps showing that 25% of agricultural land in our area has been transformed into dormant land over the past 40 years. If you are not farming your land and need guidance for mowing or cultivating your parcels, please write to urbanisme@frelighsburg.ca and they will assist you with these processes.

Local Supply

Access to local vegetables, fruits, and provisions is becoming increasingly easy in our region, particularly thanks to the availability of local products at the village grocery store, as well as various businesses and farms in the area that regularly drop off their products at different pickup points in the village.

And good news: this will continue over the winter!

MUNICIPALITY

FIRE SERVICE

With the cold weather approaching, here are some important safety reminders.

- Do you have a wood stove? Have your chimney cleaned at least once a year.
- Keep all combustible materials at a safe distance from any heat source.
- Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector if you use wood, propane, or oil heating.
- Place your ashes in a metal container with a lid for at least 72 hours outside before disposing of them.
- Remember **that with the time change, it's time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.**

Training

We are pleased to announce that, recruit, Maxime Lacoste will begin his Firefighter 1 training this month.

Community Dinner

Organized in partnership with the municipality and local businesses, a community dinner will take place on Saturday, November 30, at the Bishop Memorial Stewart Church, located at 5 Garagona Road, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be on the menu, and all citizens and friends are invited to come enjoy this event to connect and, of course, have fun with the team!

Tickets are available directly at the Town Hall for \$10 per person (cash only).

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

To consult the submitted draft regulations, visit frelighsburg.ca or visit the town hall for a copy.

Reminder: Once the notice of motion has been given and before the date of adoption of the regulation, it is still possible to submit comments or suggestions for modifications.

1. Draft regulation No. 164-09-2024 regarding agreements related to municipal works
Notice of motion: September 25, 2024
Adoption of the regulation: possibly in December
2. Draft Omnibus Project No. 162-08-2024
Notice of motion: August 5, 2024
Adoption of the first draft regulation: September 9, 2024
Public consultation: October 7, 2024, at 7:15 PM
Adoption of the second draft regulation: October 7, 2024
Public notice for a request to participate in a referendum: until October 29, 2024
3. Draft regulation Project No. 166-11-2024 on the internal management of municipal council meetings in Frelighsburg
Planned notice of motion: November 4, 2024
Planned adoption of the regulation: December 2, 2024, during a regular meeting
4. Draft regulation Project No. 167-11-2024 on the contractual management of the municipality of Frelighsburg
Planned notice of motion: November 4, 2024
Planned adoption of the regulation: December 2, 2024, during a regular meeting