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A WORD FROM THE MAYORESS

Hello everyone,

At the start of March, the joys of winter are still in full swing, much to the delight of our children who are starting march break.

That being said, even though it might not align with the weather conditions we are currently experiencing, please note that the dates for the thaw period in 2025 are set from Monday, March 17, to Friday, May 16. A reminder that during this time, the authorized weight limits are reduced on all roads.

It is important to remember that during the thaw, our gravel roads remain frozen deep beneath the surface, while the surface itself thaws, creating an unstable roadway. To avoid any unfortunate situations, please exercise caution and reduce your speed.

Tax Bills

The 2025 tax bills have recently been mailed out. Due to limited space on the document, tax descriptions are often abbreviated, which can make reading a bit challenging. For greater clarity, the abbreviations used in the "Tax Description" column are explained on the back of the *Message*. By adhering to the deadlines, you can still pay your bill in four installments without interest charges this year. And a new addition to note: Interac direct payment has been added to the accepted payment methods. You can now come to the town hall reception to pay with your debit card.

Moulin-à-Scie Bridge

Good news for residents in the area. The Ministry of Transportation and Sustainable Mobility has informed us that the bridge repair work on Moulin-à-Scie Road will take place this spring, as soon as weather conditions permit.

We will update you with more details on the schedule as soon as we receive them.

Financial Statements

At the next regular meeting, a representative from Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton will present the 2024 financial statements of the Municipality. Following this meeting a summary of these results will be sent to you by mail.

Dog Licenses

Did you know that it is mandatory for the owner or guardian of a dog to register their animal with the SPA des Cantons? And that you are required to renew your license annually? Please refer to the column on the back of this page for details on how to register.

Finally, don't forget that next weekend, from the night of March 8 to 9, we will be switching to daylight saving time!

Enjoy the start of sugar season!

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NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

Invasive Exotic Plants (IEP)

The presence of IEPs is a concern for municipalities in the Montérégie and Estrie regions. These are plants that were introduced into our environment and are spreading rapidly, often to the detriment of native plants.

They lead to a loss of biodiversity, restrictions on recreational activities, a decrease in property values, and hinder the natural regeneration of forest ecosystems like sugar maple forests. They have environmental, social, and economic impacts, and even affect the health of waterways as well as human health.

An IEP Brigade, formed by members of the Environmental, Agriculture, and Forestry Advisory Committees, along with citizens from the community, was created in 2022.

The group is supported by the Mount Pinnacle Land Trust and ecologist Isabelle Grégoire.

The members received training to help them identify three common IEPs in our area: Japanese knotweed, found along the Rivière aux Brochets and in ditches along roads; alder buckthorn and common buckthorn, which have started to colonize our woodlands.

The citizen science platform "Sentinelle" is being used to identify and map the IEPs. Several surveys have already been conducted to identify the occurrence of this issue at the Jane-Freligh Municipal Park and the PRÉ (ecological riverbank prairie located along Route 237 North at the entrance to the village).

Observation: The problem is significant and raises many questions.

For example, to intervene on private residential, agricultural, and forest lands, property owner permission is required. The question of "what to do and how to do it?" also arises. It is unfortunately easy to make the situation worse by acting too hastily.

This is why we are working to implement measured and coordinated actions to achieve sustainable results.

For more information or to join the brigade, visit <https://environnementestrie.ca/teeee> or follow us on the Facebook group "Brigade PEE de Frelighsburg".

SOCIETY

Improving the quality of life for seniors!

Would you like to help improve the quality of life for seniors in Frelighsburg? The Society Committee is looking for citizens aged 60 and over to develop a new action plan under the Municipalities for Seniors (MADA) program.

Your experience and ideas will help create a village that is even more welcoming and inclusive for all. The meetings will take place in person and will span over several months.

Interested? Write to municipalite@frelighsburg.ca to join the group.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on March 3, 2025, at 7pm. To send a question to the Council, visualize the agenda or take part in the meeting online, go to: frelighsburg.ca/conseil

Town Hall Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday : 8:30 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 4:30pm
Friday is by appointment only
450 298-5133 — municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

MUNICIPALITY

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

To review draft bylaws, visit frelighsburg.ca or stop by Town Hall to obtain a copy.

Note: Before the adoption date of a bylaw, you can always submit comments or suggestions for potential modifications.

Draft Bylaw No. RM 330-2025 on Traffic and Parking

Notice of motion: January 13, 2025

Expected adoption date: March 3, 2025

Draft Bylaw No. 164-09-2024 regarding agreements related to municipal work

Notice of motion: September 25, 2024

Expected adoption date: April 7, 2025

DOG LICENSES

Here are three ways to obtain or renew your dog's license:

- **Online:** <https://frelighsburg-spadescantons.alatrace.org/login>
- **In person:** 1507, rue Principale in Granby
- **By phone:** (450) 263-1117

When registering for the first time, you will receive a tag for your dog, which your pet must wear at all times.

Laws and regulations regarding the care of all dogs also states that in a public place, a dog must always be under the control of a person capable of managing it.

A dog must be on a leash, except in a dog exercise area or during a dog-related activity. The leash must be a maximum of 1.85 meters long. For dogs weighing 20 kg or more, the leash must be attached to a harness or halter. Finally, a dog cannot be on the private property of a third party without their permission.

EXPLANATION OF TAX PRESENTATION CODES

Here is the presentation of the tax descriptions with the abbreviations used in bold and italics for clarification. Note:

- The **PAVL VOIRIE 2022** loan bylaw is associated with a grant from the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) from the Ministry of Transportation, covering 75% of the cost.
- The **BATIMENTS MUN 2024** loan bylaw is supported by a grant from the Ministry of Culture, covering 60% of the cost.
- The **CPRQ EGLISE 2024** loan bylaw is supported by a grant from the Quebec Religious Heritage Council (CPRQ), covering 50% of the cost.

Tax Description

GE - FONCIERE GENERALE

GE - SURETE QUÉBEC

GE - QUOTE-PART MRC

RB – AQUEDUC

Water Maintenance, applicable to users only

RB – ÉGOUTS

Sewer Maintenance, applicable to users only

RS - MAT.RESIDUELLES

Residual Materials Collection

RE - CAMION 761 2024

Loan bylaw for Fire Tanker Truck, applicable to all

RE - RES AQ/EG ENS 2013

Loan bylaw for Water and Sewer Network, applicable to all

RE - PAVL VOIRIE 2022

Loan bylaw for Roadwork under the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL), applicable to all

RS - RES.AQ.VILL. 2013

Loan bylaw for the Water Network, applicable to users only

RS - RES.EG.Vill. 2013

Loan bylaw for the Sewer Network, applicable to users only

RE - BATIMENTS MUN 2024

Loan bylaw for Restoration of Municipal Buildings (Church, Town Hall, and Grammar School), applicable to all

RE - VOIRIE 2024

Loan bylaw for Roadwork, applicable to all

RE - CPRQ EGLISE 2024

Loan bylaw for Church Transformation, applicable to all

COMMUNAUTY

CAMP GARAGONA

Are you a dynamic and passionate person?

Camp Garagona is looking for dedicated counselors for this summer!

Experience a rewarding journey with a warm and engaging team, while making a real difference for the campers.

To be part of the Garagona adventure or for more information, email info@campgaragona.qc.ca.

MOUNT PINNACLE LAND TRUST

Film Screening of *Malartic*, March 13

This will be followed by a pizza 5 à 7 and a discussion about the film's issues, with special guests.

At Beat & Betterave, at 7:00 PM.

SOCIOCRACY TRAINING OFFER

Do you know what sociocracy is? It is a form of cooperation/collaboration that focuses on participation, efficiency, and strengthening solidarity ties.

This horizontal governance method will be useful in supporting your collective projects and can be applied to various areas of your involvement.

Location: Frelighsburg Town Hall

Date: Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, April 13

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Cost: \$89 (12-hour training over 2 days)

Spaces are limited.

Do you have questions or want to confirm your participation?

Email: jadelangevin@outlook.com.

VITALITY

On Thursday, April 10, at 5:00 PM, Vitalité Frelighsburg invites you to its Annual General Meeting at Beat & Betterave. Come and learn about all the activities led by various committees and get to know upcoming projects. You will see how active Vitality is within the village.

Want to get involved? There is space available on the board of directors. This is the perfect opportunity to join a dynamic and committed team!

ADÉLARD

In March, Adélarde is focusing on creative activities for both children and adults.

Over several dates in March and April, the **École en Résidence** program returns to Saint-François d'Assise School in Frelighsburg. With two workshops per class, all students will participate in a **ceramics exploration lab** with Michel Viala and Sara Mills of Poterie Pluriel Singulier. The students will explore a variety of shaping and decorating techniques to create a series of ceramic artworks.

On March 15 and 16, Adélarde will offer a **botanical ink workshop** led by artist Crystel Pereira. In this creative workshop, you will learn how to make natural inks from plants and local materials, and how to make charcoal sticks.

Free. Registration is required at adelard.org.