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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORESSE

Hello everyone,

At the beginning of this new year, I would first like to extend to you, on behalf of the Council and the municipal team, our most sincere wishes of good health, peace of mind, and exciting projects for 2026. May this new year be one of collective momentum and shared success for our entire community!

2026 Budget

Last December, during a special Council meeting, we adopted the 2026 operating budget as well as the three-year capital expenditures plan. This budget was developed with rigor in a context where several factors—such as rising operating costs due to inflation and more frequent emergency interventions caused by climatic conditions—are impacting our expenses. Despite these challenges, we have succeeded in controlling costs and an overall taxation that is lower than surrounding municipalities.

As such, the general tax rate—which includes property tax, the Sûreté du Québec, and MRC shares—will increase from **0.4158 in 2025 to 0.4278 in 2026**, representing an **increase of 2.9%**.

This increase remains moderate given the financial pressures we are facing and reflects our commitment to preserving quality services while remaining responsible in our management.

Addition of Four New Services

The following four services will be available this year: road maintenance on-call service, crossing guard, CNESST coordinator, and events coordinator. Despite these additions, and thanks to intermunicipal resource sharing, the payroll will decrease by \$13,200 in 2026.

A more comprehensive presentation of the budget and the three-year plan will be shared with you shortly to provide a detailed overview of the planned investments, particularly in road and municipal infrastructure.

A new water treatment plan for this year !

I am also pleased to announce that the call for tenders for the construction of the future waste water treatment plant has just been launched.

This marks a decisive step in a major project, the construction is planned for 2026. This progress represents a key milestone for the sustainability of our infrastructure, the development of the municipality, and the protection of our environment.

Finally, I would like to highlight the remarkable involvement of our community. Thanks to you—volunteers, organizations, partners, and engaged citizens—many inspiring projects came to life over the past year. Your active participation makes Frelighsburg a vibrant, supportive community looking toward the future.

I sincerely thank you for this. I look forward to continuing this wonderful collective journey together in 2026.

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COMMUNITY

CAMP GARAGONA

2025 was a year of heart and momentum for Garagona.

Thanks to the community, families, partners, and volunteers who surround us, we were able to continue offering a welcoming, safe, and deeply human environment to people for whom every moment matters.

Day after day, Garagona remains much more than a camp: it is a place of respite, connection, and possibility.

And 2026 is shaping up to be full of hope and concrete projects: improved infrastructure, new inclusive spaces, mobility projects, and community initiatives...

Everything ahead is guided by one overarching goal: to welcome better, support better, and continue growing together.

Thank you for believing in Garagona. Your support truly makes all the difference.

Garagona, more than a camp.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR WANTED FOR THE FRELIGHSBURG COMMUNITY DAYCARE

Would you like to work with children in a childcare setting surrounded by nature and rooted in its community?

You will share the space with another educator (six children per educator, multi-age groups), while working as a self-employed worker.

Contact the coordinating office *Les Pommettes Rouges* for any questions or send your résumé to:

direction@cpelespommettesrouges.ca



Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on January 12, 2026, 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

RESIDUAL MATERIALS COLLECTION

Following new directives from the Government of Québec, significant changes are being made to the various residual materials collection services. As of January 2026, recyclable materials collection will be handled by a new carrier.

Recyclable Materials Collection (Blue Bin)

The MRC of Brome-Missisquoi is now responsible for recyclable materials collection in Frelighsburg.

- There are no longer collections spread over several days; the collection for the entire municipality is on the same day, every other Friday.
- The trucks mandated by the MRC to carry out this collection are operated by the company NRJ. These trucks are equipped with side-loading mechanical arms: if your bin is not properly positioned, it will not be collected.
- Place your bins at the curb or roadside, with the wheels facing your house. Keep a minimum distance of 60 cm (2 ft) between bins and any adjacent object (including other bins).
- Do not place locking systems or heavy objects on the lids. The weight of the bins must not exceed 91 kg (200 lbs).
- Any additional items left on top of or beside the bin will not be collected.

Organic Materials Collection (Brown Bin)

Our carrier remains the same, and collections will continue at the same frequency—every other week.

Please note: collection for Zone 3 is now carried out on Wednesdays instead of Fridays.

Christmas Tree Collection

Place your trees near the shed in the parking lot of Jane-Freligh Park (Richford Road) before January 24.

Your 2026 Collection Schedule

To obtain the schedule, visit **frelighsburg.ca** or contact reception by email at municipalite@frelighsburg.ca or by phone at **450-298-5133**, extension 125.

UPDATE ON AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, HEAT PUMPS, AND GENERATORS

Did you know that the construction and installation of accessory equipment such as air conditioners, heat pumps, and similar devices must comply with the following conditions?

- 1.It is prohibited to install an air conditioner or heat pump in the front yard.
- 2.An air conditioner or heat pump is permitted on a roof slope other than the one facing the street.
- 3.When installed in a side yard, an air conditioner, heat pump, or generator must be concealed by landscaping so that it is not visible from the street. The unit may also be covered with a fire-resistant architectural material that matches the building’s colors.
- 4.The permitted noise level for air conditioners and heat pump units is 60 decibels.

Thank you for taking these elements into consideration. Please note that verifications will be carried out in 2026 by the inspection team to establish conformity.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

New year, new challenge. Join our fire department!
As you reflect on your New Year’s resolutions, why not choose one that truly makes a difference?

Our fire department is always looking for motivated recruits to join a dynamic team committed to its community.

We are currently recruiting:

 Firefighters

 Support staff

Whether you want to challenge yourself, acquire essential skills, or give back to your community, there is a place for you with us. If you are interested, contact us to learn about training, requirements, and registration details: incendie@frelighsburg.ca

MUNICIPALITY

DRAFT BY-LAWS IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION

To consult the draft by-laws that have been tabled, visit frelighsburg.ca or come to Town Hall to obtain a copy.

Reminder: Once a notice of motion has been given and before the by-law is adopted, it is always possible to submit comments or suggestions with the view to making amendments.

To access draft by-laws related to planning online:

- click the Urbanisme et environnement tab at the top of the home page;
- select Règlements d’urbanisme;
- scroll down to Projets de règlement.

To access other draft by-laws online:

- click the Municipalité tab at the top of the home page;
- select Règlements municipaux;
- choose Projets de règlement.

Draft Bylaw No. 164-09-2024 concerning agreements related to municipal works

Notice of motion: September 25, 2024

Expected adoption date: February 9, 2026

Overview: This bylaw governs agreements between the Municipality and real estate developers to ensure that residential developments include all required infrastructure (roads, water supply, sewer systems, etc.) and that costs are shared fairly between the developer and future beneficiaries.

Draft Bylaw No. 179-11-2025 amending the Permits and Certificates Bylaw No. 134-2021

Notice of motion: November 24, 2025

Adoption of the first draft : November 24, 2025

Public consultation: December 1, 2025

Adoption of a second draft : December 1, 2025

Public consultation: December 15, 2025

Expected adoption date: January 12, 2026

Overview: This bylaw revises the prerequisites for issuing a construction permit, including the availability of water and sewer services within the urban perimeter.

Draft Bylaw No. RM 330-2025-2 concerning traffic and parking

Notice of motion: December 1, 2025

Expected adoption date: January 12, 2026

Overview: This bylaw establishes rules governing traffic, parking, and the use of streets and public spaces within the municipality.

Draft Bylaw No. 180-12-2025 granting remuneration to members of Municipal Council

Notice of motion: December 1, 2025

Expected adoption date: January 12, 2026

Overview: This bylaw sets the remuneration of Frelighsburg’s municipal elected officials for 2026 and provides for automatic annual indexation starting in 2027. It also provides for the reimbursement of certain expenses.

Draft Bylaw No. 181-01-2026 establishing municipal taxes for the year 2026

Notice of motion scheduled: January 12, 2026

Expected adoption date: February 9, 2026

Overview: This bylaw establishes Frelighsburg’s municipal taxes for the year 2026, including the general property tax and various service taxes, and also specifies payment terms.