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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORESSE

Happy early spring!

The milder weather is gradually returning, and the thaw period is now well underway. However, roads remain fragile and unpredictable at this time of year. We therefore encourage you to slow down and exercise extra caution when traveling.

Regarding Bishop Stewart Memorial Church...

The first meetings surrounding the launch of the philanthropic campaign to raise funds for the transformation of the Anglican church have taken place.

This major project, which aims to breathe new life into this emblematic building, will be presented to the public in the coming weeks. Stay tuned—your participation will be essential for what comes next.

Fallow land: a conversation to have

Did you know that since 1980, nearly 30% of the municipality's agricultural parcels have reverted to forest? As a result, nearly 200 hectares are now fallow.

In line with recommendations from the provincial government, the municipality is exploring different avenues to preserve some of this agricultural land. The goal is twofold: to maintain the integrity of our rural landscape and to protect our agricultural potential for future generations.

Among the options being considered, the Agriculture and Forestry Committee is studying the adoption of a bylaw aimed at limiting the expansion of fallow land. A map showing the areas concerned can be viewed on the municipal website under the "Advisory Committees" section.

If this issue interests you, you are invited to attend the presentation at Beat et Betterave on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Agriculture and Forestry Advisory Committee would like to hear from you and exchange ideas.

Bylaw on the occupancy and maintenance of buildings

The public consultation on the adoption of this bylaw was held on March 25; two residents were in attendance.

It should be noted that municipalities in Quebec are required to adopt this bylaw, which addresses concerns about preventing "demolition by neglect" and, more broadly, limiting building deterioration. The bylaw will be adopted at the next council meeting.

Happy Easter to all,

Lucie Dagenais

MUNICIPALITY

Fire Department

With the arrival of spring, we remind you that a burn permit is required for any open-air fire on your property.

Submit your request online at:

frelighsburg.ca → Burn Permit Application

Please allow 24 to 48 hours for authorization.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Easter Holiday

Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, April 6, 2026.

BY-LAW DRAFTS UNDER REVIEW

To consult the draft by-laws, visit frelighsburg.ca or go to Town Hall to obtain a copy. Once the notice of motion has been given and before the adoption date, you may submit comments or suggestions for amendments.

To access online by-laws related to urban planning:

- click on the "Urban Planning and Environment" tab at the top of the homepage;
- select "Urban Planning By-laws";
- scroll down to "Draft By-laws".

For other draft by-laws:

- click on the "Municipality" tab at the top of the homepage;
- select "Municipal By-laws";
- choose "Draft By-laws".

Draft Bylaw No. 182-03-2026 on the occupancy and maintenance of buildings

Notice of motion: March 9, 2026

Expected adoption date: April 7, 2026

Overview: This bylaw establishes rules regarding the occupancy and maintenance of buildings within the municipality. It notably requires that buildings be kept in good condition at all times.

Draft Bylaw No. 183-03-2026 establishing the code of ethics and professional conduct for elected municipal officials

Notice of motion: March 9, 2026

Expected adoption date: April 7, 2026

Overview: This bylaw sets out the municipality's core ethical values and the rules of conduct that must guide individuals in their role as members of council.

Draft Bylaw No. 184-03-2026 establishing the rules for the formation and internal governance of advisory committees

Notice of motion: March 9, 2026

Expected adoption date: April 7, 2026

Overview: This bylaw outlines the rules governing the creation and internal operations of the municipality's advisory committees.

Draft Bylaw No. 185-04-2026 establishing fees for funding certain goods and services

Notice of motion: April 7, 2026

Expected adoption date: May 4, 2026

Overview: This bylaw sets the fees the municipality may charge citizens or third parties for the use of its equipment, labor, and certain municipal services.

Draft Bylaw No. 186-04-2026 concerning agreements related to municipal works

Notice of motion: April 7, 2026

Public consultation: Date to be announced by public notice

Expected adoption date: May 4, 2026

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

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on April 7, 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

NEWS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

Earth Day – Cleanup Activity

Every April 22, Earth Day reminds us of the importance of taking concrete action to protect our environment. For a second year, the Environment Advisory Committee is organizing a large-scale roadside cleanup activity.

In 2025, several hundred kilograms of waste were collected in just a few hours—a clear demonstration of the impact of citizen involvement.

On the program...

On Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., participants will clean a section of roadway. You are invited to bring the collected waste to Paul-Goodhue Park between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. It will be weighed and then transported to the ecocentre for proper disposal. Hot dogs will be served on site.

Everyone is welcome!

CULTURE AND TOURISM

Les Folles nuits de Montréal: The Birth of Quebec Music, by Guy Paquin

Dive into the vibrant atmosphere of the 1950s, when Quebec music was taking off in cabarets, “blind pigs,” and even brothels, under the unexpected influence of mafia boss Vic Cotroni. With his colorful style, Guy Paquin will recount the glory years of Jacques Normand, Lise Roy, Monique Leyrac, Clémence Desrochers, Félix Leclerc, Dominique Michel, and many others—along with some juicy anecdotes about corrupt police and the “French Connection.”

Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m., at Beat & Betterave
Tickets available at beatbetterave.com (\$10)

Mont Pinacle: A Mountain Close to the Heart, by Danielle Dansereau

Come hear directly from one of the co-founders of the Mont Pinacle Land Trust about the 33 years of citizen effort devoted to protecting the natural heritage of Mont Pinacle.

This presentation retraces the work of a group of determined citizens to preserve the biodiversity of a valuable environment for future generations, followed by a question period.

Date: April 22, 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, 2 Place de l’Hôtel-de-Ville (2nd floor)

Speaker: Danielle Dansereau

Cost: \$10, no registration required

Information: uta.brome.missisquoi@gmail.com

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Discussion on Fallow Land

For a discussion on preserving the landscape and agricultural potential of the territory, the Agriculture and Forestry Committee invites you to Beat & Betterave on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Be there!

COMMUNITY

VITALITÉ FRELIGHSBURG

Festi’Bois

Good news! Festi’Bois is back on June 13 and 14 at the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church site.

A festive weekend awaits you, filled with activities for the whole family! The organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help ensure the event runs smoothly.

To join the team: inscription@festibois.ca

FR1 & FR2 Trails

The annual trail cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at Jane-Freligh Park on Richford Road, bring your gloves and tools.

The activity should wrap up around noon.

Annual General Meeting

Vitalité Frelighsburg invites you to its Annual General Meeting, which will take place at Beat & Betterave on Thursday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Come learn about all the activities organized by the various committees, as well as upcoming projects.

It’s a great opportunity to see just how active Vitalité is within the community.

Interested in getting involved? This is also the perfect time to join a committee.

Join us at Beat & Betterave, with pizza to wrap up this 5 à 7–style AGM!

Seedling Exchange at Paul-Goodhue Park

Calling all gardeners! The Nourishing Community Committee of Vitalité invites you to share or pick up seedlings for your vegetable garden.

On May 2, between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., come to the park with your containers—we’ll provide the soil. Have leftover seeds? Bring them along; someone else might be happy to take them.

Interested in volunteering for the Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie?

Brigham, Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge, Cowansville, Dunham, Farnham, or Saint-Ignace-de-Stanbridge... Several municipalities in the MRC are looking for volunteers to help ensure the success of this major event taking place on June 13.

To register:

- Go to inscription.legdpl.com
- Select “I register”
- Click on “La Boucle”
- Continue by indicating the municipality where you would like to volunteer

Support Program for Local Residents and Producers!

By participating in the “Proximité” card program, the Frelighsburg farmers’ market is joining a major initiative aimed at addressing food insecurity. Through this program, low-income residents can obtain a prepaid card that allows them to purchase fresh, locally produced food at the Frelighsburg farmers’ market.

With the Proximité card in hand, they gain free access to seasonal fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs, and baked goods.

The market takes place on Saturday mornings, from June to October, at Paul-Goodhue Park!

Information and registration:

Léa Richer-Leduc
Coordinator,

Frelighsburg Farmers’ Market
(450) 524-0595

