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A WORD FROM THE MAYORESS

Hello everyone,

Spring is slowly settling in, and with it comes the time to roll up our sleeves and take care of our village together.

Community Cleanup - Saturday, May 3

We invite you to join our community ditch-cleaning event on Saturday, May 3 (postponed to Sunday in case of rain). The activity is open to all: children, adults, families, friends, and neighbors!

Please bring the waste you collect in a bag to **Paul-Goodhue Park**, where it will be weighed.

A BBQ lunch will be served at noon, organized in collaboration with our fire brigade. A great opportunity to get together and chat!

Let's keep our ditches clean. Always.

The Environmental Advisory Committee has already begun cleanup efforts along **Chemin du Pinacle**, between **Route 213** and **Abbott's Corner Road**. The results? Four large green bags filled with litter: beer cans, Gatorade bottles, chip bags, clothing. They even pulled five tires with rims and a satellite dish with its pole out of the ditch.

It's really disheartening.

Respecting our land and our neighbors starts with one simple action: learning how to dispose of waste properly.

Raccoon Rabies: Be Alert

Raccoon rabies is present in our area, with several confirmed cases. A vaccination campaign is underway for wild animals, and vaccine-laced bait is also being put out.

Please note: **Do not relocate wild animals** (raccoons, skunks, etc.), even if they seem harmless. Doing so could spread the disease.

If you see a dead animal or one showing abnormal behavior (disoriented, injured, unusually aggressive or paralyzed), call **1-877-346-6763** or visit **quebec.ca/rageduratonlaveur**.

Make sure your pets are vaccinated: dogs, cats—even those that rarely go outside. If exposed, they can become carriers, especially around children.

We understand that vaccinations can be costly. That's why we're actively working to set up a **low-cost community vaccination clinic**. Stay tuned for more information.

Grading, Dust Control, and Moulin-à-Scie Bridge

Road grading has begun throughout the area and will continue all month. Dust suppressants will be applied shortly after.

Meanwhile, work has begun to **replace the deck of the bridge** on **Chemin du Moulin-à-Scie**, over the **Rivière aux Brochets**, and will continue until mid-June.

Once complete, **load restrictions will be lifted** on the newly restored bridge, which has been closed since 2023 as a precaution. A long-awaited reopening!

Moving Forward Together

Thank you to everyone taking concrete actions to improve our community. Respect, solidarity, and civic engagement are what make **Frelighsburg** so special.

We hope to see many of you on May 3rd!

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MUNICIPALITY

PROPOSED DRAFT REGULATIONS IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION

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 By-law No 164-09-2024 concerning agreements related to municipal works

Notice of motion: September 25, 2024 Expected adoption date: June 2, 2025

Draft By-law No. 173-04-2025 to amend Urban Plan No. 130-2022

Notice of motion: April 7, 2025 Public consultation: April 30, 2025 Expected adoption date: May 5, 2025

Draft By-law No. 174-04-2025 to amend Zoning By-law No. 131-2022

Notice of motion: April 7, 2025 Adoption of the first draft: April 7, 2025 Public consultation: April 30, 2025

Expected adoption of the second draft: May 5, 2025

Draft By-law RM No. 460-2025 concerning peace, order, and nuisances

Notice of motion: April 7, 2025 Expected adoption date: May 5, 2025

TAX INCREASE GRANT FOR SENIORS

Has your property's assessment increased more than the average?

To support seniors affected by this situation, the Government of Québec has introduced a grant program.

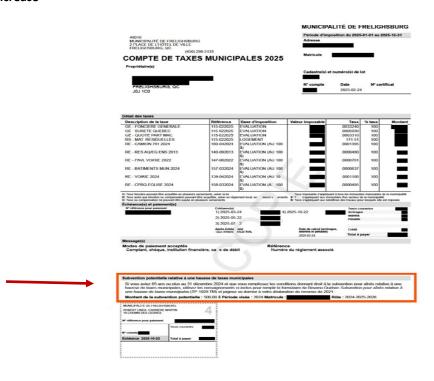
You may be eligible for this grant if you meet the following conditions:

- •You are 65 years of age or older;
- •Your family income for 2024 does not exceed \$62,900;
- $\bullet \mbox{You have been the owner of your residence for at least 15 consecutive years.}$

For properties that experienced a significant increase in value, a note will appear on your tax bill, specifying the amount of the potential grant.

However, the Municipality is not able to assess all the eligibility criteria for the grant (age, family income, number of years as a homeowner, etc.). You are therefore responsible for verifying your own eligibility.

For more information and to download the application forms revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/tax-credits/grant-for-seniors-related-to-a-municipal-tax-increase



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Don't forget to fill out a burn permit if you plan to burn brush. The application form is available on the municipality's website.
 - Please note: a permit is mandatory and free of charge.
- We're happy to welcome Renaud Tilquin to the fire brigade!
- Lastly, the Fire Department has several fun activities planned for this summer, which we'll be revealing in the coming weeks.
 - Looking forward to seeing you!

TRANSPORTATION

Great news for mobility in our region!

The MRCs of Brome-Missisquoi and La Haute-Yamaska have just reached a historic agreement to launch the first interregional bus route. This one-year pilot project will serve the municipalities of Cowansville, Bromont, Granby, Saint-Alphonse-de-Granby, and East Farnham.

The next major step is to select a transportation provider. Once the contract is awarded, the technical details of the service will be made public.

The two MRCs aim to launch the route in August 2025, to coincide with the back-to-school period and to meet the needs of students at Cégep de Granby and the Brome-Missisquoi Campus, among others.

New Local Carpooling Service

An innovative initiative developed for the Estrie region in collaboration with Amigo Express now enhances the overall offering of public and adapted transportation in the area.

Thanks to this partnership, you now have access to a user-friendly and secure platform to organize your trips within the MRC and throughout the Estrie region. This local carpooling service is designed to meet daily transportation needs while promoting a sustainable and community-driven approach.

To learn more about the Amigo Express Local app, visit: mrcbm.qc.ca/transport/projets/covoiturage-amigo-express -local.

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

We are kicking May off beautifully with collective action!

Clean the ditches near your property, collect the waste in a sealable bag, and join us at Paul-Goodhue Park for the official weigh-in and group photo.

Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided to participants!
*In case of rain, the event will be postponed to Sunday,
May 4.

Ark Your Calendars

The Invasive Exotic Plant Brigade (IEPB) invites you to three botanical outings featuring workshops, patrols, and cleanup efforts targeting buckthorn.

Join this energetic brigade on Thursday, May 15, June 5, and June 12, for 5–7 PM gatherings at Jane-Freligh Municipal Park.

Don't forget your work gloves and pruning shears!

All information is also available on the Brigade des PEE facebook page.

See you soon!

COMMUNAUTY

FARMERS' MARKET

marchefrelighsburg@gmail.com

The Frelighsburg Farmers' Market will once again be held at Paul-Goodhue Park, every Saturday from June 7 to October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @marchefrelighsburg to discover the 2025 vendors and stay updated with all market news.

The market committee is looking for volunteers to help with setup and takedown. Visit our social media pages or send us an email to learn more about the opportunities.

ADÉLARD

adelard.org

laruchequebec.com/adelard2025

Adélard invites you to a festive and artistic day to launch its summer season on Saturday, May 17, starting at 2:00 p.m. Here's what's in store:

- 1) Opening of the outdoor group exhibition d'une poignée de terre / in a handful of soil, in the presence of curator Noémie Fortin and the featured artists. The exhibition unfolds across the cemetery-gardens of Frelighsburg, weaving connections between past, present, and possible futures. Artists Amélie Bélanger, naakita f.k., Frédéric Lavoie, Anne-Marie Proulx, and Eve Tagny explore themes of collective memory loss and ecological resilience. Their outdoor installations reflect on feelings of loss linked to our changing natural environment and the fading of commemorative practices in modern society.
- Opening of the artist residency space and a meet-and-greet with Douglas Scholes, the first 2025
 Immersion Artist-in-Residence, who will present a collection of beeswax sculptures in the reopened barn.
 - Ongoing creative activities
 - Bar and DJ on site
- 3) It's not too late to contribute to our annual crowdfunding campaign—a great chance to support Adélard's educational and artistic mission while enjoying 100% local products!

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

frelighsburg.ca

The library will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, for the long weekend. Scavenger hunts for adults and story time for children as usual. Snacks will be provided, thanks to the generosity and culinary talents of our volunteers—THANK YOU!

CAMP GARAGONA

info@campgaragona.qc.ca

Summer is fast approaching, and Camp Garagona is actively looking for lifeguards to join the team!

If you have your National Lifeguard certification and want to spend an unforgettable summer in a unique natural environment, surrounded by a caring and energetic team, we need you!

The pool is a central place for our camoers to have fun and relax. Want to learn more or join the Garagona adventure this summer? Send us a message today!

EXHIBITION – "A TREE TELLS A STORY..."

frelighsburg.ca

Organized by the Historical and Heritage Society in collaboration with the Municipality, this exhibition retraces the history of Frelighsburg through the growth rings of an oak tree cut down in 2019. It is on display at the Art Center (2nd floor of the Grammar School) until the end of May.

Vernissage: Sunday, May 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see many of you there!

HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE SOCIETY

shpf2020@outlook.com

Annual General Meeting The board members warmly invite you to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room (2nd floor of Town Hall). A light snack will follow the meeting. Please confirm your attendance by email by May 10.

Membership Drive Interested in history? Become a member of the Historical and Heritage Society—membership is free! Just send your name, full address, email, and phone number by mail (to the SHPF, 2 Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Frelighsburg) or by email.

LA BRIMBALANTE

brimbalante.com

This May, La Brimbalante welcomes top-tier instructors (Sylvie Moreau and Marcelle Hudon) to explore humanitarian clowning.

Reminder: these workshops are open to adults, with or without artistic experience.

On Saturday, May 17, don't miss the chance to see an improvised clown show—live, spontaneous, and full of surprises. Stay tuned!