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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYORESSE

Hello everyone,

The month of November was particularly busy for our municipality. Between the early arrival of snow, power outages, the breakdown of the water system generator, a water shutdown, water boiling advisories, faulty pumps, the first meeting of the new Council, and the preparation of the upcoming budget, challenges were certainly not lacking!

Water Leak

A leak in the water system had been detected for several weeks. The public works team spared no effort in trying to locate its source. Normally, this type of break causes a visible surge of water that is easy to spot. However, no anomaly was observed on the system, and no residents reported any unusual accumulation of water on their property.

On Thursday, November 20, we were informed that the school had been experiencing water pressure issues for some time. The leak was then located and quickly repaired on the afternoon of November 24.

Road Maintenance

We are aware that some roads remain bumpy. If weather conditions allow, one final grading operation will be attempted before winter to improve travel conditions.

Holiday Decorations

Thanks to the commitment of dedicated volunteers—Monique Désourdy, Francine Jobin, Michèle Jobin, Johanne Ouellet, Gilles Prairie, and John Roy—the north entrance of the village has been transformed into a magical holiday display. Thank you for this valuable contribution to our community!

An Act of Generosity and Remembrance

The Mount Pinnacle Land Trust recently received, as a donation from the heirs of Daniel Langlois, a wooded parcel of 144.9 hectares located on Mount Pinnacle. They have also entrusted to the Trust, under lease, an adjacent 77.4-hectare parcel that includes the summit.

Daniel Langlois had expressed the wish that the natural environments of the properties he acquired in 1997 be protected in a sustainable manner. Thanks to this generous gesture of his heirs, the wish is now being honored.

May he rest in peace.

Lucie Dagenais

COMMUNITY

Mount Pinnacle Land Trust

The Mount Pinnacle Land Trust continues its activities focused on raising awareness and protecting natural environments.

- Launch of the *Calendar of the Living*: at the Sutton School of Art, starting at 5:00 p.m., on Friday, December 5
- Presence at the Frelighsburg Christmas Market: December 13 and 14
- Screening of the documentary *Les blues du bleuet*: as part of the *Soirées des possibles*, at Beat et Betterave, on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The screening will be preceded by a pizza happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Movie Night at Saint-François-d’Assise School

Screening of the film *Mlle Bottine*, on Saturday, December 6, in the school gymnasium. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., and the film will begin at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds will go toward supporting activities, games, and school supplies for children.

Tickets: beatetbetterave.com

Christmas Eve Celebration – December 24

The community is invited to take part in a Christmas Eve celebration to be held at the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church. The format will be simple and festive, allowing everyone to enjoy the evening in a spirit of community.

Dress up in your finest outfits! Boots will be left at the entrance—please bring indoor shoes and a warm sweater.

Program: potluck-style shared meal, followed by an evening of traditional music and dance

Date: December 24, 2025

Location: Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, 5 Garagona

Schedule: potluck at 5:00 p.m.; music and dancing from 7:30 p.m. until midnight

Voluntary contribution: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child

Tickets: reveillonfrel@gmail.com

Volunteer organizers—Julie Girard, Lou-Gabrielle Vaugeois, Ludovic Drano, and Chris Moran—are also looking for volunteers to help with setup on December 23, hosting on December 24, or clean-up on December 26.

Boulevard des Arts – Call for Proposals 2026

Boulevard des Arts invites regional artists and craftspeople to take part in its 6th edition. Proposals must be submitted by December 7, 2025.

This art circuit, which continues to grow in popularity, attracted visitors in 2025 from Brome-Missisquoi, the Eastern Townships, Montérégie, Greater Montreal, and even Vermont.

Studios in Frelighsburg, Saint-Armand, Stanbridge East, and Dunham will open their doors on September 4, 5, 6 and 11, 12, 13. Artists must have an accessible and safe workspace where they can welcome visitors, give demonstrations, and present their work.

Proposals must be submitted on the website www.leboulevarddesarts.com. For more information, contact Louise Charlebois by phone at (450) 288-2318 or by email at leboulevarddesarts@gmail.com.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on December 1, 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

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CULTURE AND TOURISM

The committee is pleased to announce a training activity for residents aged 50 and over. In partnership with the *Université du troisième âge* (UTA) of the Université de Sherbrooke, an engaging course entitled “History of Quebec and Canada, from First Nations to the Present Day” will be offered.

This course provides a unique opportunity to revisit our country’s history, gain a better understanding of contemporary issues, and share a collective learning experience.

- Dates: Monday, January 26 to Monday, March 23
(break on March 2)
- Schedule: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Location: 2nd floor of Town Hall
- Cost: \$130

Registration will begin on December 17 at 10:00 a.m., either online on the UTA website or in person the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pauline-Martel Room of the Cowansville Library.

SOCIETY

The committee is preparing a special Christmas movie screening on December 20. Details will be shared shortly, but be sure to mark your calendar now and come celebrate with family and friends in a festive atmosphere.

MUNICIPALITY

SAFETY FIRST

Do you have one day a week or every two weeks to help ensure children’s safety? Your presence at the school drop-off area between **7:40 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.** will make a real difference for our young people and for parents’ peace of mind.

Join the volunteer group by writing to: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

GOOD NEWS!

Thanks to the *Grand défi Pierre Lavoie* Foundation, 40 pairs of snowshoes for young children (3 sizes) were donated to *Vitalité Frelighsburg*:

- 22 pairs were given to the elementary school for school activities;
- 18 pairs are available at the municipal library (2nd floor of Town Hall) for free loan.

A great opportunity to enjoy winter as a family!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed from December 23 to January 4 inclusive.

In case of emergency, please leave a message with the Public Works Department at 450-298-5133, extension 124.

MUNICIPALITY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Several positions are open or up for renewal on the advisory committees. These committees play an important role in guiding municipal projects and contributing to local vitality.

Committees concerned:

- Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee – 1 position
- Environment Advisory Committee – 1 position
- Built Heritage Advisory Committee – 2 positions
- Community Advisory Committee – 1 position
- Planning Advisory Committee — 3 positions

Each committee is made up of four community members appointed by Council, as well as one elected official who serves as the liaison with councillors.

Interested? Please submit a letter of interest and your résumé by January 5 to: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca. Council will appoint the selected candidates at its meeting on January 12, 2025.

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 By-law No. 164-09-2024 concerning agreements related to municipal works (planning)

- Notice of motion: September 25, 2024
- Expected adoption date: February 9, 2026
- Overview: This by-law governs agreements between the Municipality and real estate developers to ensure that residential developments include all required infrastructure (roads, water supply, sewers, etc.) and that costs are shared fairly between the developer and future beneficiaries.

Draft By-law No. 179-11-2025 amending the Permits and Certificates By-law No. 134-2022 (planning)

- Notice of motion scheduled: November 24, 2025
- Public consultation meeting scheduled: December 1, 2025
- Expected adoption date: December 1, 2025
- Overview: This by-law revises the conditions required prior to the issuance of a construction permit under the Permits and Certificates By-law No. 134-2022, in particular the availability of water and sewer services required within the urban perimeter.

Draft By-law No. RM 330-2025-2 concerning traffic and parking (other by-laws)

- Notice of motion scheduled: December 1, 2025
- Expected adoption date: January 12, 2026
- Overview: This by-law establishes the rules governing traffic, parking, and the use of streets and public spaces within the municipality.