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A WORD FROM THE MAYORESSE

Hello everyone,

We can finally start to believe it: the soft green of our landscapes should begin to appear very soon!

This is a very busy time of year, and many activities are being prepared. First, we would like to highlight that an initial road grading pass has helped reduce significant potholes on our territory; please note that additional road leveling work is planned over the coming weeks.

Developing Modern and Accessible Public Transportation

This topic is very timely. Did you know that in 2025, more than 37,000 trips were made using adapted transportation services, intermunicipal public transit, or intramunicipal and interregional pilot projects?

These services are essential for access to healthcare, work, education, and social activities, especially for vulnerable individuals or those without a vehicle. However, it must be acknowledged that service availability remains uneven from one municipality to another, schedules are very limited, and depending on the service used, reservations must be made anywhere from one to several days in advance.

The MRC is therefore proposing an ambitious expansion of the network, which would notably:

- offer intramunicipal service in all municipalities;
- improve travel between municipalities without systematically having to go through Cowansville;
- extend service hours until 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week;
- reduce reservation delays to 2 hours;
- introduce modern tools: online booking, a mobile app, real-time vehicle tracking, and updated ticketing.

These improvements pursue one simple goal: making public transit more accessible, more reliable, and better adapted to the realities of families, workers, seniors, and young people.

To better meet the needs of municipalities and residents, the council of mayors is taking a favorable position regarding an expansion of public transportation services. However, it has ruled out using a vehicle registration tax as a source of funding and instead wishes to explore other possible options. Stay tuned!

The Legend of the Otters

You may have already noticed... A crew is currently in the village preparing for the filming of the French-Canadian co-production "The Legend of the Otters."

Town Hall, the Grammar School, the church, the school, Jane-Freligh and Paul-Goodhue parks, as well as the banks of the Rivière aux Brochets, will all be used during filming, which will take place from May 24 to July 4.

Please note: Town Hall offices will be temporarily and briefly relocated to the Grammar School during filming. Thank you for your patience and your warm welcome.

Ditch Cleanup

Congratulations to the members of the Environment Committee, as well as to all the citizens who participated in the ditch cleanup activity on April 18.

I can't help but think that if everyone took care of the ditches bordering their property, we could devote this time to other more meaningful activities. It seems to me like a fairly simple rule for better living together.

Have a wonderful month of May!

Lucie Dagenais

MUNICIPALITY

RAIN BARRELS

Because it is important to preserve our precious resources, in this case water, the Municipality offers a \$50 subsidy to property owners for the purchase of a rain barrel (under certain conditions and while the annual budget allocated for this program lasts).

At the moment, the Sutton Men's Shed & Sutton Legion are running a rain barrel sales campaign. Since part of the proceeds will benefit the community, why not take the opportunity to order directly from <https://rainbarrel.ca/shedsutton!>

You can then pick up your barrel on Saturday, May 23, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., at 2 Curley Street in Sutton.

Please note: To qualify for the subsidy, all financial assistance requests must include the required supporting documents, notably:

- An original detailed invoice, including proof of payment for the purchase of the rain barrel;
- A photo of the barrel installed and connected to a residence downspout.

For more information: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca.

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. 185-04-2026 Establishing Fees for the Financing of Certain Goods and Services

Notice of motion: April 7, 2026

Expected adoption date: May 4, 2026

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

Draft Bylaw No. 186-05-2026 Establishing a Compensatory Transfer Duty

Notice of motion expected: May 4, 2026

Expected adoption date: June 1, 2026

Overview: This bylaw imposes the payment of a compensatory transfer duty in all cases where a property located within the municipality is transferred and where an exemption deprives the municipality of receiving transfer duties related to that transfer.

Draft Bylaw No. 187-05-2026 Concerning Agreements Related to Municipal Works

Notice of motion expected: May 4, 2026

Public consultation: June 1, 2026

Expected adoption date: July 7, 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 shared fairly between the developer and future beneficiaries.

COMMUNITY DAYCARE SERVICE

As many already know, the educator from our community daycare service has decided to continue her activities from home as a family-based childcare provider. The coordinating office is currently looking for two educators interested in joining our community setting. More good news should follow shortly.

SECOND TAX INSTALLMENT

As a reminder, the second tax installment is due on May 21. As some scenes from the film "The Legend of the Otters" are being shot at Town Hall in May and June, we would appreciate it if you could prioritize electronic payment through your financial institution or Interac payment rather than payment by cheque.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Max Lacoste!

We would like to highlight the exceptional work of Max Lacoste, a member of our Fire Department, who successfully completed his training after more than 300 hours of learning and practice. His commitment, diligence, and determination are a great source of pride for the entire team. Congratulations Max on this wonderful achievement!

In addition, the Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you would like to get involved and make a difference in your community, do not hesitate to contact us at 450-298-5133, extension 127, or at incendie@frelighsburg.ca.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on May 4 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

COMMUNITY

VITALITY

Trail Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Meeting point: Jane-Freligh Park on Richford Road.

Bring your gloves and tools.

Free Tree Distribution

May 23 at noon.

Meet in the parking lot of Saint-François d'Assise School.

Festi'Bois 2026

Don't miss it! Mark your calendars for June 13 and 14: Festi'Bois will return to the grounds of Bishop Stewart Church in Frelighsburg!

A festive and community-oriented weekend awaits you, featuring many innovative wood artisans and their unique craftsmanship.

Would you like to get involved?

We are always looking for volunteers — feel free to join us:

incription@festibois.ca

ESCOUADE BIENVAILLANCE

We're Here for You!

Did you know that the Escouade Bienveillance, created by the Municipality's Society Advisory Committee, was established to help the citizens of Frelighsburg?

Here are some of the services offered by this dedicated and dynamic volunteer team:

- transportation for groceries, errands, shopping, or appointments;
- small repairs;
- outdoor chores;
- homework help;
- assistance filling out forms;
- and more.

Let's spread the word about this squad!

Because they do not have access to social media or the Internet, many residents are unaware that this service exists in our community. Please feel free to share this information with those around you and provide the squad's contact information to anyone who might benefit from it:

Phone: 450-298-5133, extension 129

Email: escouade.freli@gmail.com

ADÉLARD

In May, Adélarde reopens its doors to the public with a variety of activities.

Summer Launch

Saturday, May 16, at 4:00 p.m., join us for Adélarde's Summer Launch. We are preparing a festive program featuring:

- inauguration of the outdoor artwork *The Sky Still Carries the Stories* by Stina Baudin;
- opening of the barn to the public and a meeting with artist-in-residence Charlotte Clermont;
- ongoing creative activities for all: textile printing on T-shirts and tote bags (bring your own T-shirt or purchase one on site!);
- unveiling of the summer programming;
- DJ GPG on the turntables and a bar featuring local products.

School in Residence

From May 21 to 30, in connection with Stina Baudin's outdoor artwork, elementary school students will take part in 12 creative workshops leading to the creation of a collective artwork centered on the cosmos and the stories carried by the sky.

Consultation Meeting with Estrie Artists

Friday, May 22, Adélarde will host a consultation meeting for professional visual artists from the Estrie region on the theme:

Reducing artist isolation and accessing collective intelligence to develop solutions to challenges related to artistic practice.

Register through Culture Estrie.

More information about our activities is available at adelard.org

MOUNT PINACLE LAND TRUST

As part of the "Evenings of Possibilities"

Screening of the documentary "Deep Quebec"

Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m., at Beat & Betterave

Preceded by a pizza happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

CAMP GARAGONA

Camp Garagona warmly invites people from the region to take part in its annual volunteer workday in preparation for the summer season.

It's a wonderful opportunity to lend a hand, discover the site, and contribute directly to preparing the camp.

The workday will take place on May 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Whether for a few hours or the entire day, all help is welcome! Light tasks, site maintenance, and a friendly atmosphere will be part of the day.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

FRELIGHSBURG HISTORICAL AND HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Society invites you to its Annual General Meeting.

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Everyone is welcome.

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environment

Does the idea of reducing your transportation costs and greenhouse gas emissions while meeting great people appeal to you?

The Town of Dunham, together with its Environment Commission, invites its citizens as well as those of Frelighsburg to an information session on community car-sharing and bike-sharing.

This presentation will take place on May 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Dunham Town Hall, located at 3777 Principale Street in Dunham.

The session will be led by Patricia Lefèvre, project manager for Réseau Locomotion, the organization behind the "Ça roule en Estrie" pilot project.

This pilot project aims to establish a community car-sharing network complemented by a shared fleet of bicycles and electric cargo bikes across eight Estrie communities.

Agriculture and Forestry

On May 7 at 7:00 p.m., the committee is organizing an information and discussion evening on the theme of land overgrowth.

What is land overgrowth? It is the process by which forests gradually reclaim parcels of land that were previously used for agriculture.

We love trees, and forests provide important habitats for biodiversity. However, at the current rate of overgrowth across the territory, there will be almost no open land remaining by the end of the century.

The result: fewer landscapes, reduced potential for local food production, and this in a future where we imagine that local food production will continue to be important.

If we want to preserve some open spaces in the region, there are fairly urgent actions that need to be taken.

Interested?

Come join the discussion!