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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Summer has officially arrived in Frelighsburg, and roadwork season is now well underway. Improvements and maintenance on our municipal roads are in progress and will continue throughout the season to enhance our infrastructure and quality of life.

Filming of *The Otter Club (La Légende des Loutres)* is now drawing to a close in our municipality. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our residents for their warm welcome, patience, and cooperation throughout this exciting project.

From the beginning, the Municipality conducted thorough negotiations to ensure the production would take place under the best possible conditions for our community. We are very proud of the outcome: disruptions were kept to a minimum, while the benefits have been substantial.

In addition to generating economic activity for local businesses, artisans, and workers, the agreement has provided the Municipality with a \$70,000 contribution, which will be reinvested in projects that benefit the entire community. This is a great example of a partnership that creates value for everyone.

Good news for the community childcare service

I am very pleased to confirm that Naomi Landry has joined the community childcare service at the Paul-Goodhue Park as its educator. Beginning in August, she will be able to welcome six children.

At the same time, active recruitment efforts continue to hire a second educator, which would increase the number of available spaces to twelve.

As a reminder, this government-subsidized childcare model operates under specific provincial regulations. The educator runs the service as an independent entrepreneur and therefore has the flexibility to build her group according to established criteria and organizational priorities. As a result, children are selected based on creating a balanced group rather than on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Municipality is, however, able to require priority consideration for children from Frelighsburg, as well as for the children of municipal employees. To that end, the list of families who expressed interest has been shared with Ms. Landry, who will be contacting them directly.

The return of the rose window

The new wooden windows and the restored stained-glass panels that make up the church's rose window will be installed at Bishop Stewart Church during the month of July.

This milestone marks the completion of the extensive restoration work carried out on all of the church's windows. It is an achievement we can all take pride in and one that helps preserve our shared heritage.

I hope you enjoy everything this beautiful season has to offer—our landscapes, our activities, and the many opportunities to connect with one another that make life in Frelighsburg so special.

I look forward to seeing you at the town celebration on **August 1!**

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MUNICIPAL NEWS

Draft By-law No. 188-07-2026 on Contract management

Notice of Motion: July 6, 2026

Expected Adoption date : August 3, 2026

Overview: This by-law establishes measures governing contract management for all contracts entered into by the Municipality, including contracts awarded by mutual agreement involving expenditures below the threshold requiring an open public tendering process (\$139,000 as of January 1, 2026, subject to annual inflation adjustments).

Fire Department

Residential Fire Prevention Visits

Residential fire prevention visits will begin soon. Firefighters will visit selected homes to inspect smoke alarms and provide residents with fire safety information and prevention tips.

If you have any questions, please call **450-298-5133, ext. 127**, or email incendie@frelighsburg.ca.

Responsibilities of Dog Owners in Frelighsburg

In accordance with Québec regulations and their municipal enforcement, all dog owners and keepers must comply with the following requirements:

Registration and Identification Tag

All dogs must be registered with the Municipality of Frelighsburg through <https://spadescantons.com/services/medailles>.

Dogs must wear the identification tag issued at the time of registration at all times.

Control and Leash Requirements

In all public places, including roads and trails, dogs must remain under the control of a person who is capable of handling them at all times. Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 1.85 metres (6 feet), except in designated off-leash dog areas or during organized canine activities.

Dogs weighing 20 kg (44 lb) or more must be walked using a leash attached to a harness or head halter.

Respect for Private Property

Dogs are not permitted on private property without the property owner's permission.

Violations and Penalties

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a statement of offence and the issuance of a fine.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on July 6 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 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environment

Reusable Hygiene Products: Good for the Environment and Your Budget

More and more families are choosing reusable hygiene products such as cloth diapers, reusable menstrual pads, period underwear, and menstrual cups. Reusable incontinence underwear for adults is another environmentally friendly option. In addition to saving money over time, these products significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

The numbers speak for themselves: over the course of a lifetime, one person will use between 10,000 and 15,000 disposable menstrual products, while a child will typically use between 5,000 and 7,000 disposable diapers before becoming toilet trained. Many of these products contain plastic and can take hundreds of years to decompose.

The benefits of reusable products are numerous:

- Significantly less waste sent to landfill
- Reduced use of plastic and packaging
- Savings of several hundred dollars over time
- Durable, comfortable products that are often made from softer, more natural materials

The Municipality offers a financial incentive to encourage the purchase of reusable hygiene products. Residents may submit an application directly to the Municipality to receive the applicable reimbursement.

Choosing reusable hygiene products is a simple, practical way to reduce our environmental footprint while saving money every day.

Culture and Tourism

To celebrate the presence of artist Michèle Delisle in Frelighsburg, who lives in Italy and whose exhibition will be on display at the Frelighsburg Art Centre from July 16 to August 23, the committee invites you to two special events featuring the artist:

- **Artist Talk** – Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Beat & Betterave. Michèle Delisle will discuss her artistic career, her exhibition at the Frelighsburg Art Centre, and her reflections on art. Admission: \$10.
- **Introduction to Observational Drawing Workshop** – Saturday, August 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission: **\$45**. Weather permitting, the workshop will take place on the grounds of the Frelighsburg Mill. Space is limited to 12 participants. To register, contact marie.brissette@gmail.com.

Community

Call for Applications

The Municipality is seeking applications to fill one position on the Community Advisory Committee.

The committee consists of five citizens appointed by Municipal Council, one unicipal staff representative, and one elected Council member who serves as liaison with Council.

Residents interested in contributing to municipal life by serving on the Community Advisory Committee are invited to submit:

- a letter of introduction; and
- their résumé.

Applications must be received no later than **July 28, 2026**, at: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

Council expects to appoint the successful candidate at its meeting on **August 3, 2026**.

COMMUNITY

Town celebration – Saturday, August 1
Mark your calendar !

The town celebration is back with an afternoon of activities, live music, entertainment, and plenty of opportunities to gather with family and friends.

The full program will be announced soon through Vitalité Frelighsburg's Facebook page. Stay tuned!

COMMUNITY

Frelighsburg Art Centre

From July 16 to August 23, the Frelighsburg Art Centre presents The Chinese Cycle, an exhibition by artist Michèle Delisle.

Opening Reception: Sunday, July 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Michèle Delisle presents a series of paintings inspired by her travels in China in 1995–1996, which together form a kind of visual travel journal.

During her stay, she discovered the Guangzhou market and was captivated by the diversity of its products, the richness of its colours, sounds, and textures. Drawing on photographs she took there, she created paintings that focus on the everyday activities and intricate details of the bustling marketplace.

Using expressive brushwork to capture the interplay of colour and light, she conveys the vibrant energy of this everyday setting. The same painterly approach can be seen in works depicting the interior of the Guangzhou Museum, where she captures the light created by the striking combination of reds and greens.

Mount Pinacle Land Trust

Saturday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Wild Mushrooms in the Heart of Summer, with Paul Dorion

Join us for a guided walk on the trails of the Mount Pinacle Land Trust.

Registration: montpinacle.ca

Adélard

Throughout July, Montréal artist Guillaume Saur will be in residence at the Adélard Barn.

During his stay in Frelighsburg, Guillaume Saur will develop *What the Plants Keep*, a project centred on the handmade production of paper using native plants from the region that possess phytoremediation properties.

Using this paper, he will create a series of contact prints from objects collected during walks through fields, streams, and forests, revealing the subtle traces that human activity leaves on the landscape.

Friday, July 10 – 5:00 p.m.
Guillaume Saur will present techniques for making paper from native plants in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Saturday, July 25 – 4:00 p.m.
Closing discussion. The artist will reflect on his residency, his research on local native plants, and his experience in Frelighsburg.

For more information, visit adelard.org.

Enjoy Great Food and Wine for a Worthy Cause!

Hospital beds, walkers, wheelchairs, bath benches, crutches, commodes, oxygen concentrators... The Claude de Serres Foundation lends medical equipment free of charge, with no time limit, to support seniors and people who are living with disabilities, recovering from surgery, or healing from an accident so they can remain comfortably at home. The Foundation also provides delivery and pickup of equipment to residents of the municipalities it serves, including Frelighsburg.

The Foundation will hold its annual fundraising event on August 8, 2026, at Le Di-Vin Vineyard in Saint-Armand.

Enjoy wine tasting, a selection of cheeses and charcuterie, and a silent auction in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Cost: \$65

Location: 200 Ridge Road, Saint-Armand

Information: 450-203-9350 or fondationclaudedeserres@gmail.com

Please reserve by July 31, 2026.