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# Newsletter

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## Municipal Council Meeting

### April 7, 2015 - Highlights

- ✂ Mayor Burcombe reminded members of the audience that there would be a public consultation on draft By-laws 596-1 (zoning), 596-2 (zoning), 597-1 (subdivision) and 601-1 (PIIA) April 11, 2015, at 10 am, at the Centre Lac-Brome, located at 270 Victoria Street.
- ✂ The Council authorized the payment of \$ 435,000 to the Recreation and Community Services Inc. as its financial contribution for the year 2015.
- ✂ It also authorized the purchase of \$ 78 424.45, including taxes, for fire safety equipment for the Fire department.
- ✂ Council awarded contracts for a total of \$ 94, 016.41, taxes included, for grading gravel roads. It adopted By-law 349-1 amending By-law 349 concerning sittings of Council and agreed that its officials responsible for issuing licenses and certificates be responsible for the implementation of RCI 03-0315 on its territory.
- ✂ It also appointed the members of the Planning Advisory Committee and authorized the following expenses as financial contributions to the organizations cited: \$ 108, 000, Pettes Memorial Library; \$ 50, 000, Brome County Historical Museum; \$ 20, 000, Brome Lake Theatre.

## Public consultation of April 11 : Follow up

Public consultation on the draft By-laws 596-1 (zoning), 596-2 (zoning), 597-1 (subdivision) and 601-1 (SPAIP) was held April 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Centre Lac Brome, located at 270 Victoria Street. Of these draft regulations, only 596-1 contains provisions which may be subject to approval by referendum, 596-2 and 597-1 being draft By-laws adopted in concordance with the Brome-Missisquoi RCM's Planning and Development plan.

Mayor Burcombe and the Director of the Land Management and Environment Department presented the various draft regulations and necessary steps to take before a rehabilitation center project, to be located at 17 Victoria Street, can be realized. The promoter of the rehabilitation center project elaborated on the subject: adoption of a second draft By-law is a pre-requisite to the project seeing the light of day and would be followed by issuance by the Town Clerk of a public notice, content of which is prescribed by Law. Those wishing to do so had the opportunity to ask questions and share their observations and comments on the various draft regulations.

## Spring thaw period

The *ministère des Transports du Québec* reminds shippers and heavy vehicle users that authorized load limits are reduced on all public roads during the spring thaw period. These annual restrictions are in force because of the lower load-bearing capacity of the road network during this period.

Target dates for 2015 - Zone 1

From Monday, March 30 ( 00 : 01 a.m.) to Friday, May 29 (11 : 59 p.m.)

For more information, visit the *ministère des Transports du Québec*'s website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.mtq.gouv.qc.ca/usagers/vehiculelourd/degel/Pages/Periode-de-degel.aspx>



## Pothole season: call for vigilance



The annual thaw is a harbinger of pothole season and the Town is launching a general call for vigilance.

The Department of Public Works has begun repairing these scourges for motorists who are encouraged to exercise extra caution, both for their own safety as well as that of Town employees working on roads.

Road users' patience and cooperation will contribute to the safe and effective unfolding of blue collar repair and maintenance activities. Anyone can report the presence of a pothole on the Town's road network by contacting the Town Hall reception at 450 243-6111, extension 0.

## Dust control

Dust suppressants (35 % liquid calcium chloride) will be applied on approximately 165 kilometers of the Town's gravel roads. The spraying operations will cover the gravel road network after the spring thaw as needed based on complaints and ride quality.

The dust suppressant used is in liquid form and must be applied on a dry, graded surface. Hygroscopic properties of the dust suppressant enable it to capture moisture from the ambient air, thus contributing to stabilize the gravel.

Its application reduces potholes, "washboards" and other road damage as well as reducing vehicle transport related to dust during dry weather.

The dust suppressant seals the road surface and prevents water infiltration thus reducing associated erosion.

# Street cleaning/sweeping

As part of its annual spring cleaning, the Town will shortly proceed to sweep paved roads and street surfaces to collect debris and materials that have accumulated during the winter and that could pose a danger to traffic, pedestrians and cyclists as well as potentially clogging catch basins.

Sweeping operations will be carried out as quickly as possible in order to minimize the impact on residents and businesses.

Residents should avoid raking or blowing leaves, grass clippings or other debris onto the road. The start of road-sweeping operations (Spring) depends on weather but the work will be completed no later than June 15, 2015.

If you believe a street has been forgotten, contact the Town's reception desk at 450 243-6111, ext. 0.

Vehicles parked in identified «no parking zones» may be ticketed and towed.



Next opening date : **Saturday May 9, 2015**

The Ecocentre will be open every second Saturday of the month starting in April.

You also have access to the other Ecocentres located on the Brome-Missisquoi RCM's territory.

For more information, please consult the Brome-Missisquoi RCM's web site:

[http://mrcbm.qc.ca/en/eco\\_coordonnees.php?](http://mrcbm.qc.ca/en/eco_coordonnees.php?)

## Large items collection

Large items collection will begin on May 11 and end on September 15. Please consult your collection calendar for the exact dates.

## Rainwater : Distribution of recovery barrels

The IGA Eco Fund will distribute 70 rainwater recovery barrels on Friday, May 15, 2015, from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the IGA located at 461 Knowlton Road, Town of Brome Lake. The barrels are available to citizens at a cost of \$30 (\$85 value): a mandatory prior registration at the store is required.



# Temporary car shelters

Temporary car shelters must be removed by April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the latest according to article 36, Zoning By-law 596.



## Ground Water Catchment and Protection Regulation, CQLR c Q-2, r 35.2

The *Ground Water Catchment and Protection Regulation* provides that all water catchment installations must remain accessible and visually identifiable at all times. Is your well visible?

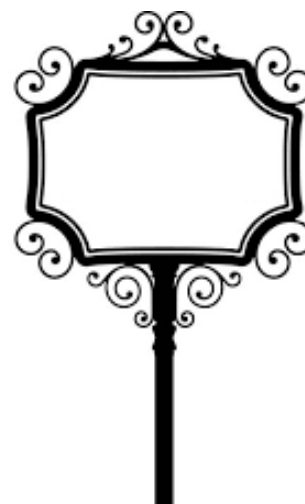
For more information, contact an expert in this field or the Town of Brome Lake at 450 243-6111.

# Signs

Any person wishing to install or modify a sign on property located within Town of Brome Lake's territory must obtain a certificate of authorization prior to doing so.

Note that in certain zones the SPAIP (Site Plan and Architectural integration Program) By-Law applies. The processing of requests in these sectors will take longer.

Standards for the installation or modification of signs can be found in sections 50 and following of Zoning by-law number 596 which is available on the Town's website. You can also contact the Land Management Department at 450 243-6111.



# Recycling and composting : Free info session

**FREE SESSIONS 2015**

*Recycling and composting*

**ÉCOCENTRES**  
BROME-MISSISQUOI

RECYCLING  
VALORIZATION  
COMPOSTING

What to put in your blue bin?  
What to bring to the ecocentres?  
How to compost effortlessly?

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Session begins at 7 p.m.  
Town Hall of Sutton, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
11, Principale Street, Sutton

**WEDNESDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Session begins at 7 p.m.  
MRC Brome-Missisquoi  
749, Principale Street, Cowansville

**TUESDAY MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Session begins at 7 p.m.  
Town Hall of Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge  
900, Principale Street, Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge

Come to our information sessions

**Register now!**  
MRC Brome-Missisquoi  
Tél. : 450 266-4900, ext. 221 - recyc@mrcbm.qc.ca

Visit our website at [www.mrcbm.qc.ca/en/](http://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/en/)



# Regional shrub distribution day



**SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

*Enhance the beauty of your shoreline while protecting our watercourses !*

You now have the chance to obtain mature shrubs during the regional shrub distribution day. This initiative aims to promote citizen participation in efforts to revegetalize riverbanks and fight against shoreline erosion.

**First come, first served**, next Saturday **May 16 2015** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Municipal garage located at 50 Mill Road. Please note that there is a maximum of 20 shrubs per person.

Available species may vary among the following: Dogwood, Myrica (sweet) Gale, Ninebark, Canada Elderberry and Highbush Cranberry

For more information on the available species, please go on the Brome-Missisquoi RCM's web site by clicking on this link :

[http://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/en/forest\\_pepiniere\\_riv\\_arbustes.php](http://www.mrcbm.qc.ca/en/forest_pepiniere_riv_arbustes.php)

## Activities



**Registration for summer activities:** Monday, **May 11** to Friday, **May 29**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: **8 a.m.** to **noon** and **1 to 4:30 p.m.**

Thursday: **8 a.m.** to **noon** and **1 p.m.** to **6 p.m.**

Day camp, swimming, tennis, classes for adults. Detailed schedule available online and delivered to doorsteps at the beginning of May.

Check out the **Event Calendar** on the Town's website or on Recreation and Community Service's website to find out more about what's happening in Town of Brome Lake.

## Chamber of commerce

The Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce will take part in the 9th edition of the *Gala d'Excellence* (Brome Missisquoi region), to be held Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the Euro-Spa in Saint-Ignace-de-Stanbridge. The Gala is the perfect opportunity for regional businesses to highlight their achievements and successes. There will be 5 nominations for each of the 13 categories. In addition to the "Business of the Year" grand prize, 2 special awards - "person of the year" and "innovation" - will also be presented on this occasion. Registration of a business or organization must be made before midnight, April 30, 2015, at the following website: [www.ccrq.quebec/gala/miseencandidature](http://www.ccrq.quebec/gala/miseencandidature). A representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Cowansville will contact applicants for interviews.

**BROME LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Coup de Coeur category**

The Gala's *Coup de Coeur* category highlights local business achievements and a Brome Lake business will be awarded the prize by the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce: any business that is a member in good standing of the BLCC may participate. Applicants must obtain a form from the BLCC which must be submitted by email to it no later than April 30, 2015. All applications received will be evaluated by a committee of the BLCC. The winner will be notified and invited to participate in the *Gala d'Excellence*. For more information: Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce - 450 242-2870.

# Jobs

Town of Brome Lake is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Attendant for maintenance of green spaces - student job
- Public market parking attendant - student job (2)
- Firefighters (2) Part-time
- First Responders
- Caretaker on call (Centre Lac-Brome)



Please consult the Town's website <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca> to read the job descriptions and requirements for positions to be filled.

## Air exchanger: Brome Lake calls for caution

The Town's fire department asks citizens to exercise caution concerning air exchanger type installations that have recently been the object of a manufacturer's warning. For more details concerning the warning, steps to take and the manufacturer's improvement program, please consult the following site:

<http://www.venmar.ca/programme-amelioration-de-la-securite.html>

## Brome Lake water level

When Brome Lake will be completely thawed, dam sluice valves will be adjusted so as to restore the lake's surface to its normal level for the summer season.

## Dog medallions

Dog medallions are valid between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed annually.

A medallion can also be obtained for a three year period, at a cost of \$ 30.



## Garage sales

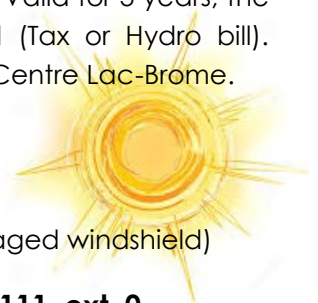
Garage sales are allowed on residential properties located within Town limits, between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusively.

Any person wishing to hold a garage sale must, prior to doing so, obtain a permit at a cost of \$ 10. Garage sales can be held Saturdays and Sundays.

## Douglass Beach passes

Any TBL resident (home-rental or home-owned) can purchase a Douglass beach pass. Valid for 3 years, the pass must be attached to the vehicle's windshield. Proof of residence is required (Tax or Hydro bill). Maximum of 2 passes per address. You can have one at the Town of Brome Lake or at Centre Lac-Brome.

- First pass : \$ 6 for year 1, \$ 4 for year 2, \$ 2 for year 3
- Second pass (additional pass): \$ 2
- Replacement pass : \$ 2 (reason for replacement required, ex. sale of car, damaged windshield)



**For more information, contact the Town's reception desk at 450 243-6111, ext. 0.**





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## To contact us

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[reception@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:reception@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca)

### **Land Management and Environment Department**

5 Victoria Street  
(450) 243-6111 ext. 241  
[marianne.bergeron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:marianne.bergeron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca)

### **Municipal Garage**

50 Mill Road  
(450) 243-6111 ext. 400  
[daniele.duval@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:daniele.duval@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca)

### **Fire Station**

27 Mount-Echo Road  
(450) 243-6111 ext. 500  
[brigitte.caron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:brigitte.caron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca)

### **Centre Lac-Brome**

270 Victoria Street  
(450) 242-2020  
[info Loisirs@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:info Loisirs@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca)



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If you have information you want to be published, please contact us at [marianne.bergeron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca](mailto:marianne.bergeron@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca).

The Newsletter's next edition will be published next **Friday, May 22**.

Please take note that the deadline for reception of information you wish to be published in the next edition of the Town's Newsletter is Friday **May 15**, at **3 p.m.**