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Newsletter

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Town Council Meetings

December 7, 2015 - Highlights

- ▶ Mayor Richard Burcombe presides over the Council meeting. He reminds those present that a special sitting of Council will be held concerning the 2016 budget, on December 14, 2015, at 7 p.m., at the Centre Lac-Brome.
- ▶ Council awards *Avizo Experts-Conseils Inc.* the AO 2015-07 contract of \$ 35 573.27, taxes included, for professional services (safety barriers) and *Matrec Inc.* the AO 2015-21 contract for collection and transport of residual matter. It awards *Monty Sylvestre* (attorneys) a general representation mandate as well as a representation mandate for two files before the Courts.
- ▶ Statements of pecuniary interests of 6 out of 7 elected officials are filed.
- ▶ Council authorizes the hiring of an administrative assistant for Land Planning and Management.
- ▶ It mandates representatives to sign various documents.
- ▶ Mayor Burcombe gives a notice of motion concerning a by-law decreeing a loan for capital expenditures.
- ▶ Council decides on various land planning and management files and names a new member to the Land Planning advisory committee (CCU). It makes a request to the MTQ concerning the crosswalk near the intersection of route 243 (Knowlton Road) and James Street and approves an expense for work on the road network, subsidized by a \$ 20 000 grant.
- ▶ Council authorizes \$ 7 500 in financial aid to the *École Saint-Édouard*. It supports three requests to the *Pacte Brome-Missisquoi* and names three of its members to sit on the *Pacte's* selection committee.
- ▶ It adopts the 2016 schedule for regular sittings of Council and approves the principle of the transfer of deed of title concerning an unused portion of Eugène Street.

December 14, 2015 - Highlights

- ▶ Mayor Richard Burcombe presides over the Council meeting.
- ▶ He gives an account of the accomplishments for the year 2015 and explains the vision behind the 2016 budget as well as the legal basis for the distribution of planned costs and expenses for the new financial exercise.
- ▶ The mayor's budget address is followed by presentations by the Treasurer, Ms. Caroline Cusson, concerning details of the 2016 budget and by the General Manager, Mr. Gilbert Arel, concerning the three-year capital expenditures program for years 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- ▶ Council adopts *By-law 616 providing for the adoption of a budget and the imposition of general and special property taxes for the year 2016*, and *By-law 617 tariffs for the financing of certain goods and for year 2016* as well as the Town's capital expenditures

January 11, 2016 - Highlights

- ▶ Mayor Richard Burcombe presides over the Council meeting.
- ▶ Council renews, for 2016, *ACCEO Solutions Inc.*'s maintenance contract in the amount of \$ 69 785.26, taxes included. It awards *Les Consultants S.M. Inc.* the AO 2015-22 contract for professional services (Argyll path) in the amount of \$ 69 517.79 , taxes included and authorises transfer of contracts 2014-17/18/19 (snow removal) to *Excavations R.P. Hume Inc.* as well as indexing of annual salary of management and non-unionized employees.
- ▶ Councillor Fortin's statement of pecuniary interests is tabled.
- ▶ Council adopts *by-law 618 an expense and a loan of \$ 1 500 000 for capital expenditures for Town of Brome Lake*. It decides on various land planning and management issues and names the members of the Environment Protection Committee. It approves an expense for work on the road network, subsidized by a \$ 20 000 grant.
- ▶ Council authorizes an expense of \$ 15 000 as a financial contribution to the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce's operating expenses for 2016.
- ▶ It supports four requests to the *Pacte Brome-Missisquoi*. Council declares its participation in *Municipalité amie des aînés (MADA)* and names an administrative assistant as well as a person in charge of the seniors portfolio.
- ▶ It offers *Aluminium Knowlton Inc.* an indemnity (\$ 3 860.70 , plus interest) for loss of a property right and authorizes the Town's participation in the *Union des municipalités du Québec's (UMQ)* group agreement and insurance contract concerning the protection of the privacy and reputation of elected representatives and officials.

Property Valuation Roll

Your 2016 property tax assessment is on its way, if you haven't received it already.

The first instalment is due on February 24, 2016. There are three simple ways to pay your property taxes:

- ▶ Via online banking
- ▶ By cheque (we accept postdated cheques)
- ▶ By debit card or in cash at the Town Hall

The property valuation roll is new this year, and the value of your property may have changed since your last assessment. You have **until April 30, 2016** to ask for any revisions. In order to contest your assessment, you must fill out an official form at the Town Hall and pay a non-refundable fee. **Requests must be made in this way in order to be considered.**

Grants for Seniors

Starting in 2016, the Quebec government is offering a grant to help seniors keep up with property tax increases.

If the increase in your property tax is significant enough to qualify, you will receive a copy of Form FM-210.1 along with your tax bill. The amount of assistance to which you may be entitled is indicated on the form. Please check that you meet the other criteria for eligibility. You can apply for the grant for 2016 in your 2015 tax return.

To find out more, visit [Revenu Québec's website](#).



Garbage and Recycling 2016

You will receive your garbage and recycling schedule in the same mailing envelope as your 2016 municipal tax bill.

Please note the following additions to the schedule :

- ▶ Two additional leaf collections in May and June
- ▶ Two additional pickup dates for large items in October and November
- ▶ The summer schedule is extended until the end of September.

You can find the schedule online anytime on the [Town's website](#).



Frozen Pipes

When the temperature really starts to drop, your water and sewage pipes can freeze.

A qualified plumber is the best person to advise you in this type of situation.

With regards to the cost of repairing frozen pipes, **Bylaw 617** states the following :

Thawing water and sewage pipes

- ▶ *If the pipe freezes between the external stop valve and the house, the homeowner pays for the repairs.*
- ▶ *If the pipe freezes between the external stop valve and the mains pipe, the cost of repairs will be split equally between the homeowner and the Town.*

Thawing a culvert (driveway entrance)

If the Public Works Department is called out to thaw a culvert, the cost of repairs is considered to include the actual cost of the work plus associated administrative costs, as set out in this bylaw.



Winter Parking

Winter parking regulations are in effect!

Overnight Parking

There is **no parking allowed** on the Town's public roads **between 11 pm and 7 am, November 15 to March 31.**

This ban does not apply between **December 23 and January 3.**

Snow Clearing

Please do not obstruct snow removal. **No parking is allowed where signs are posted.**

Signs forbidding overnight parking will soon be installed in the following Town car parks:

- Lakeside Rd, next to *Star Café*
- Knowlton Rd, behind the *Uniprix* pharmacy
- Knowlton Rd, next to KDC

Our goal is to make snow clearing as efficient as possible, for everyone's safety.



Skating Rinks

Don't forget that there are beautiful outdoor skating rinks in every sector !

The rinks are open every day, weather permitting. Free skating times are posted.

New in 2016

Rink on Brome Lake (Douglass Beach)

213 Lakeside Rd

In partnership with Mini Excavations G.A.L.

Bondville

Prouty Park, 5 Mill Rd.

Knowlton

Lions Park, 270 Victoria St

(two rinks)

Foster

Ovide-Dagenais Park, 25 Taylor St

Fulford

Davis Park, 62 Davis Rd

West Brome

Edwards Park, 6 Scott Rd

Saturday,
January 23, 2016

**ALL THE
RINKS ARE
OPEN**

Events and Activities

See our online [Community Calendar](#) to find out more about activities in Town of Brome Lake this winter.





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