



VILLE DE LAC-BROME  
TOWN OF BROME LAKE

# Newsletter



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## Municipal Council meeting

February 2, 2015

Council mandated Mayor Richard Burcombe and Director General, Gilbert Arel, to sign the Town's first collective agreement on work relations within the framework of the recent union certification of the Town's "blue collar" employees.

Law firm **LeChasseur & associés** received a mandate to undertake all legal remedies, including expropriation, to obtain rights of way and easements required by the MTQ for the realization of its Stagecoach bridge rehabilitation project.

The firm of **Bergeron Gagnon** was awarded a contract for a maximum value of \$ 18 005.09, taxes included, for an inventory of heritage buildings in the Town's territory.

The firm **LCL Environment Inc.** was awarded a contract for a maximum value of \$ 9 830.36, taxes included, to draft a report required under the simplified terms of the pilot project experimenting various restoration measures concerning Brome Lake.

Council authorized the hiring of Mrs. Caroline Cusson, as Treasurer.

Councilor Lee Patterson gave notice of motion that five by-laws would be presented for adoption at a future sitting of Council. Four of these modifying land use and planning by-laws, one replacing By-law 133 concerning the Planning Advisory Committee.

Next meeting : Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Centre Lac-Brome.

## Tax payments

### Taxation Department

Town of Brome Lake's property tax bills were mailed the week of January 19, 2015.

If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the Taxation Department at 450-243-6111, ext. 223.

2015 Installment Dates:

1st installment: Feb. 24, 2015

2nd installment: June 16, 2015

3rd installment: Sept. 15, 2015

Payment methods :

- Online banking
- Cheque (post-dated cheques accepted)
- Debit card at the reception desk at Town Hall
- Cash at the reception desk at Town Hall



Richard Burcombe

## Mayor's newsletter A first year chock-full of challenges!

In a letter sent earlier this year to Brome Lake's population, Mayor Richard Burcombe takes stock of the new Council's achievements as well as the challenges it has faced.

Among those cited, Mayor Burcombe recalls the steps taken by the new Council in response to the 2013-2014 winter ice storm, the drinking water supply problem and urgent administrative issues confronting the Town's management.

He also reminds readers of the four principles that governed the development of the Town's 2015 budget: fiscal prudence and discipline, respect for citizens' taxpaying capacity, respect for the administration's capacity to act and a fair distribution of projects between the Town's districts.

The mayor's letter also gave a brief summary of the results of a CROP survey conducted on behalf of the Town during the fall of 2014 within the framework of the new Council's strategic planning exercise that will, along with the indoor aquatic center project, be the subject of a public consultation process whose dates and locations have yet to be determined.



### Portrait de la situation Rapport

Ville de Lac-Brome  
Le 12 septembre 2014

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## Activities

All activities will be at the Brome Lake Center at 270, Victoria Street.

### Preteen dance

Friday, **February 13**, from **7 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.**

For kids, grades 4 to Sec. 1.

On site cantine. Admission: **\$3.**

### Opera on the Big Screen

Sunday, **February 15** at **1 pm**

Musical films with Mario Lanza, the "American Caruso"

Double Bill: *That Midnight Kiss* and *The Toast of New Orleans*,

Presented on the big screen with commentary and discussion to follow. Admission: **\$5**



# Activities (next)

## Family movie night

Friday, **February 27** at **6:30 p.m.**  
*Big Hero 6* (2014) G  
 In English on the big screen.  
 Admission: **\$3.**  
 Popcorn and juice: **\$1** each

## Movie Matinée

Sunday, **March 1** at **1 p.m.**  
*Qu'est-ce qu'on a fait au Bon Dieu?*  
 (2014) G  
 In French on the big screen.  
 Admission: **\$3.**  
 Popcorn and juice: **\$1** each.



## District 270

Free activities for **12 to 17-year-olds.**  
 Every **Friday** night from **6 to 10 p.m.** in the Teen Room at the Brome Lake Center

## Club 9-12

Free activities for **9 to 12-year-olds.**  
**Wednesdays** after school at **3 p.m.** in the Teen Room at the Brome Lake Center  
 Ping pong, games, arts and crafts, cooking, science, sports and more!

## Book the Date!

Annual General Meeting of Brome Lake Recreation and Community Services:  
**Monday, March 23**  
 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening:  
**Friday, May 1**

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.



# New collection calendar

For 2015, the Town has changed the presentation of certain information intended for its population. The collection schedule has therefore been revised to improve its appearance and make it easier to understand. Said schedule was mailed during the week of January 19, 2015.

An electronic version has also been posted on the Town's website.

<http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/residual-materials/>



# Eco-centers of the RCM

**ÉCOCENTRES** Accueil

## ÉCOCENTRES

### BROME-MISSISQUOI

Réseau de six écocentres accessibles **GRATUITEMENT** à tous les citoyens résidentiels de la **MRC Brome-Missisquoi.**

HORAIRE régulier à partir d'avril 2015

The Brome-Missisquoi RCM hired three shoreline communications agents in the summer of 2014 to educate residents on the importance of shorelines and regulations in effect.

More than 1,000 waterfront properties were visited, in agricultural, urban or resort settings. This exercise led to a picture of the state of the current regional situation of shorelines on the territory.

In Brome Lake, despite many and varied efforts by the Town, associations and certain citizens, the situation is not as rosy as some might think. Indeed, many riparian (shoreline) property owners do not seem to understand the importance of having a 10 to 15

meters, minimum, natural vegetation strip abutting bodies of water.

The shoreline is critical to the health of our lakes, rivers and streams. Among other things, it reduces bank erosion and slows sediment and pollutant runoff towards bodies of water.

The shoreline plays an essential role in water quality by naturally filtering out certain nutrients responsible for the proliferation of algae and aquatic plants. The different plants making up the shoreline also serve as a water coolant as well as providing shelter and food for many of the species that are necessary for ecosystem maintenance.

It also regulates river flow, thus reducing the frequency and magnitude of floods and droughts.

You can read the Brome-Missisquoi RCM's report by following this link (In French only)

<http://brome-missisquoi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Rapport-bande-riveraine-MRC-BM.pdf>

## Permit applications : Process and delays

The arrival of spring invariably leads to maintenance or construction work that is conditional on obtaining a permit from the Town

Several permit applications are already being processed at this time of the year.

Any person planning to undertake such work must take into account the delays inherent to the administrative treatment of a permit application.



**Receipt of application**

**Verification of content and accompanying documents**  
*Upon receipt*

**Study of application**  
*Delay : 2 weeks as of moment of receipt of all required information and documents*

**Request for further information or documents**  
*Permit application is put on hold, pending receipt of requested information or documents*

**Application review by Land planning advisory Committee**  
*Monthly meeting, third Monday of every month*

**Municipal Council resolution**  
*Monthly sitting, first Monday of every month*

**Issuance and payment of permit**  
*Permit must be claimed within 90 days of issuance.*



## Summer Jobs

Lac-Brome Recreation and Community Services is looking for bright, enthusiastic, caring, bilingual people to join our team this summer.

We have job openings for:

- lifeguards and swimming instructors at Douglass Beach;
- Counselors, Counselors-in-Training and Shadows for Salamander Summer Day Camp. Details online.

<http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/loisirs/>

## Job Fair Event

Job seekers requiring help in their job search can participate in the "Optimize your job search" workshop.

More than 500 jobs will be offered by businesses located in the Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska regions. Thirty-six companies will participate in the Fair and all sectors of activity will be represented.

### Information (In French only)

1 866 733-8822

<http://www.emploibromemissisquoi.com/>  
[info@emploibromemissisquoi.com](mailto:info@emploibromemissisquoi.com)

## Web news

The Town recently published many articles provided by several organisations.

You can access different articles by clicking the following links :

Mayor's newsletter : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/mayors-newsletter-january-2015-2/>

CROP survey : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/crop-survey-results/>

Raymond chabot Grant Thornton report : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/report-town-of-brome-lake-raymond-chabot-grant-thornton-in-french-only/>

S.Q. Firearms collection (in French only) : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/communique-surete-du-quebec-remise-des-armes-a-feu-in-french-only/>

S.Q. Citizen-Info guide (in French only) : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/guide-surete-du-quebec-in-french-only/>

RCM Press release : 2014 eco-center results : <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca/news/resultats-2014-des-6-ecocentres-de-brome-missisquoi-in-french-only/>





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The newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis.

If you have information you want published, please contact us.

The Newsletter's next edition will be published next **Friday, March 20.**

Please take note that the deadline for reception of information you wish to have published in the next edition of the Town's Newsletter is Friday **March 13, at 3 p.m.**

## Municipal buildings

### **Town Hall**

122, Lakeside Road  
(450) 243-6111

### **Fire Station**

27, Mont-Écho road  
(450) 243-6111 ext. : 500

### **Land Management**

5, Victoria Street  
(450) 243-6111 ext. : 241

### **Community center**

270, Victoria Street  
(450) 242-2020

### **Municipal garage**

5, Mill Road  
(450) 243-6111 ext. : 400