



NEWS FROM COUNCIL

JUNE 2016

The June edition of News from Council will bring you up to date on the following :

1. **Council's decision to join other municipalities in adhering to a new insurance program which protects the reputation and right to privacy of elected officials and senior staff ;**
2. **Approval of the creation of the position of Administrative Assistant, in recognition of the additional responsibilities added to the position of Secretary-Receptionist, and the assignment of this new position to Mrs. Natacha Prince ;**
3. **Council approves the hiring of four summer students to assist with office administration, maintenance of green spaces and the tourist kiosk: a slight increase in summer help thanks to more federal funding ;**
4. **\$21,000.00 accorded to The North Hatley Recreation Society: \$18,000.00 in monetary funding and \$3,000.00 in maintenance support;**
5. **Council approves a zoning change for use of a building as a pediatric hospice care centre;**
6. **Summer events being presented by the municipality this year**

1. Council's decision to join other municipalities in adhering to a new insurance program which protects the reputation and right to privacy of elected officials and senior staff;

All individuals have the right to publicly give their opinion. However, no one has the right, either at the town hall, in the media or on the internet, to slander, harass or viciously insult another individual. Council has therefore decided to join other municipalities in adhering to a group insurance that protects elected officials and senior staff from public attacks that would unfairly harm their reputation and private lives.

2. Approval of the creation of the position of Administrative Assistant, in recognition of the additional responsibilities added to the position of Secretary-Receptionist, and the assignment of this new position to Mrs. Natacha Prince;

Municipal administration has become much more complicated over the past decade and this has required that many new responsibilities be added to the position of Secretary-Receptionist. The new position of Administrative Assistant has therefore been created and Mrs. Natacha Prince has been named to occupy this position. As Secretary-Receptionist Mrs. Prince has exceeded the expectations of her superiors and over the years she has also taken on many new responsibilities. Council wishes to congratulate Mrs. Prince on her new position and to thank her for her excellent work.

3. Council approves the hiring of four summer students to assist with office administration, maintenance of green spaces and the tourist kiosk, a slight increase in summer help thanks to more federal funding;

At the June council meeting, Council passed four resolutions for the hiring of summer students to work in the offices of the town hall, on maintenance of our green spaces and in our tourist kiosk. Thanks to additional federal funding for this year, North Hatley was able to increase the number of hours of student help that it receives during the summer months and these additional hours will be put to good use for the benefit of our community.

4. \$21,000.00 accorded to The North Hatley Recreation Society: \$18,000.00 in monetary funding and \$3,000.00 in maintenance support;

Council has decided to accord The North Hatley Recreation Society a total amount of \$21,000.00 for their community activities in 2016: \$18,000.00 of this amount will be in the form of monetary funding and \$3,000.00 will be in the form of maintenance support by the municipality.

5. Council approves a zoning change for use of a building as a pediatric hospice care centre;

Council has accepted a recommendation from its Consultative Committee on Heritage and Urban Planning for a change in zoning on Massawippi Road in order to enable the conversion of a building into a pediatric hospice care centre. Council is extremely cognisant of the valuable contribution that such a centre would make to our community.

6. Summer events being presented by the municipality this year

North Hatley's farmers' market has already gotten off to a good start and its official opening will take place on Saturday June 18th. Activities are also planned for the June 24th, Québec national holiday, and for Canada Day on July 1st.

On June 24th, Main Street, between Sherbrooke and School Streets, will be closed off to traffic between the hours of 11 am and 6:00 pm in order to celebrate with a number of fun family activities such as art and pottery exhibits, community art projects for both adults and children, live music by one of our local groups (IGOR JR), make up artists and games for children, popcorn, cotton candy and other goodies, and more. Events will kick off at 2:00 pm in the centre of the village but art and pottery demonstrations and exhibits will also take place on the footbridge and in Dreamland Park. In Dreamland Park at 7:30 pm, the group Danse Trad will perform a concert while the caller Donald Dubuc leads everyone in some traditional dance steps. At 9 pm, a traditional bonfire will take place in River Park. Take note that artists will continue presenting their work and giving demonstrations, on the footbridge and in Dreamland Park, throughout the rest of the weekend.

On July 1st, festivities will begin at 3 pm in River Park with a family picnic, games for the children and a barbecue by the Royal Canadian Legion of North Hatley. At 7:30 pm in Dreamland Park, the Kevin Groves Band will entertain us with great music and at 10 pm, the Hatley Township and North Hatley fire department will present their spectacular Canada Day fireworks over Lake Massawippi.

Following these two special events, beginning on Sunday July 3rd and continuing until Sunday August 28th, North Hatley will be presenting local and regional musicians in its *Dreamland Concerts* series. Free concerts will take place in Dreamland Park every Saturday evening at 7:30 pm and every Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Council would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy these wonderful summer events.

This completes the June edition of *News from Council*. Remember to send any questions and concerns to communication@northhatley.org or by mail to The Municipal Council, Village of North Hatley, 3125, ch. Capelton, North Hatley J0B 2C0. You can also continue to check our website and attend monthly Village Council meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the North Hatley Community Centre : 3127, ch. Capelton.