



NEWS FROM COUNCIL

JULY 2016

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

1. **Members of Council and senior staff to attend the 2016 Quebec Federation of Municipalities congress.**
2. **Hiring of project manager to complete North Hatley's application to become a senior friendly municipality (MADA – Municipalité Amie des Aînés).**
3. **Municipal embellishment : “North Hatley in Bloom” Contest and visit from *Fleurons du Québec*.**
4. **Québec and Canada Day events.**

1. Members of Council and senior staff to attend the 2016 Quebec Federation of Municipalities congress.

As in past years, the mayor, director general and three councillors will be attending the annual Quebec Federation of Municipalities congress this fall. The QFM congress is the largest municipal event in Quebec and brings together over 2,000 elected officials each year. In addition to providing valuable information about new legislation, challenging urban planning issues, budgeting and finance and methods of communication, the congress also hosts presentations by municipalities who have successfully resolved problems that are commonly shared by others. The yearly event also facilitates networking and provides information about municipal products and services that are currently on the market.

2. Hiring of project manager to complete North Hatley's application to become a senior friendly municipality (MADA – Municipalité Amie des Aînés).

Thanks to a provincial government grant that was recently awarded to the municipality, North Hatley is currently working with the CAMF (Carrefour Action Municipale et Famille) in order to complete the senior friendly municipality protocol and become a recognized MADA municipality (Municipalité Amie des Aînés). MADA municipalities that have adopted a senior friendly approach are eligible to receive special funding for projects to help improve their communities. In accordance with the CAMF's recommendations and following an interview process, the municipality has assigned an experienced project manager to accompany its MADA committee (made up of citizens, members of Council and municipal staff) in the completion of the MADA protocol. This protocol includes the use of a variety of research tools, such as demographic studies and public consultations, to help assess the needs of seniors in our municipality. Public consultations will begin in early fall and an invitation for citizens to participate in this process will be sent out in the coming weeks.

3. Municipal embellishment : “North Hatley in Bloom” Contest and visit from *Fleurons du Québec*.

North Hatley will again be recognizing outstanding contributions to the village's beauty and charm through citizens' embellishment of their own private residences. Judges will be coming to tour our village this summer, in order to select first, second and third place winners in each of three categories : residential, commercial and hanging baskets, flowers containers. In order to recognize as many deserving citizens as possible, winners for the past two years will not be eligible for a prize this year, but they will be eligible to receive an honourable mention for their spectacular efforts. *Fleurons du Québec* will also be visiting North Hatley this summer and, in addition to our « North Hatley in Bloom » contest judges, the officials from *Fleurons du Québec* will also be touring the village to determine whether it deserves to maintain its current ranking of three *FLEURONS* or if this ranking should be adjusted. Council would like to invite everyone to participate in having a positive influence on the village's stellar reputation as one of the Most Beautiful Villages in Québec.

4. Quebec and Canada Day events.

Council would like to thank those of you who came out to enjoy the municipality's events, which took place on the occasion of Québec's National Holiday (June 24th) and Canada Day (July 1st). It was indeed a pleasure to see so much talent on display by our many regional artists and featured musicians. In addition to a feast for the eyes and ears, many had the chance to sample a variety of delicious treats including barbecued burgers and hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy, specialty ice-cream and locally made gourmet chocolates, jams and desserts. And while Québec's National Holiday concluded with the traditional St. John's bonfire, no Canada Day would be complete in North Hatley without our RIPI fire department's presentation of amazing fireworks over Lake Massawippi. On June 24th, the municipality also had the pleasure of welcoming the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau (our Member of Parliament representative and the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie) and Monsieur Pierre Reid (our Member of the National Assembly of Québec representative).

Council would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers, whose hard work and tireless energy made these days possible, as well as all of the incredible artists and merchants who also volunteered their time and talents for the benefit of our community. Council would also like to thank all of those who made financial contributions to these events, including the *Mouvement national des Québécoises et Québécois*, Omer de Serres and many of our very own North Hatley merchants. If any of you wish to participate as volunteers for any of the municipality's future events, Council asks that you contact Mrs. Natacha Prince at the town hall office (819 842-2754).

Don't forget that the municipality's free summer concert series at the gazebo in Dreamland Park will continue to feature local and regional musicians throughout the months of July and August. Presentations will take place every Saturday evening at 7:30 pm and every Sunday at 1:00 pm. In case of bad weather, concerts will take place at the North Hatley Community Centre (3127 Capelton Road). Council encourages everyone to come and enjoy the music and to support our local and regional talent.

This completes the July 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.