



NEWS FROM COUNCIL

AUGUST 2016

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

1. Council approval for the purchase of new truck and equipment for the Public Works Department.
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1. Council approval for the purchase of new truck and equipment for the Public Works Department.

At an extraordinary Council meeting that took place on Monday July 18th at 5:00 pm, Council approved the purchase of a new six wheeler (four wheel drive) truck and equipment, from the company Tardif Diesel, for the amount of \$221,860.00 plus taxes. The truck will be purchased through a five year lease with monthly payments, after which time the municipality will have the option to purchase the truck and equipment for the amount of \$1.00. Council has also given its approval for the exercising of this purchase option at the end of the lease.

2. Council's support for a special project for 2017 in order to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary of the Confederation.

July 1st 2017 will mark the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation. For this very special occasion, the Department of Canadian Heritage has created a funding initiative for communities to come together in order to celebrate this historic milestone. In addition, the Municipal Regional County of Memphrémagog has recently signed an agreement with the Québec Minister of Culture and Communication in order to make funds available to support new cultural initiatives in municipalities within its territory. In order to allow North Hatley citizens to benefit from these opportunities and to showcase our local artists, artisans and musicians, Council is supporting a one of a kind project for North Hatley's public parks.

The project will bring together North Hatley citizens, local artists and community organizations who will work with the municipality in order to celebrate and raise awareness about an important part of Canada's natural heritage: our waterways. Council has therefore dedicated an amount of \$22,500.00 (\$7,500.00 in cash and \$15,000.00 in services) to the project, and supported the submission of grant applications to both the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Municipal Regional County of Memphrémagog for the balance of the cost of the project. The project will be confirmed at the beginning of 2017, pending the results of the grant applications.

Council would like to invite North Hatley citizens and local artists and organizations who are interested in participating in the project to write to Council at communication@northhatley.org or to drop us a note at the town hall office.

3. Council continues to encourage everyone to sign up for the municipality's free e-newsletter service.

Council is continuing to encourage citizens to sign up for the municipality's free e-newsletter service. This service will enable you to receive *News from Council*, as well as the municipality's *InfoVillage* publication, by e-mail. The monthly agendas for Council meetings and important notices are also sent via this electronic service and it is therefore an excellent way to remain up to date. Despite our many efforts to encourage citizens to sign up for this service, response has been poor and the municipality has had to revert back to mailing its publications by post. Council would again like to encourage citizens to sign up for its e-newsletter, if they have not already done so, and to help spread the word. Use of this form of communication will enable quicker receipt of information, save cost to the municipality, and use less paper which is better for our environment. Sign up is easy and can be made from the main page of the municipal web-site @ <http://www.northhatley.org/>

This completes the August 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 JOB 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LABOUR DAY, SEPTEMBER'S COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12th AT 7:00 PM.