



NEWS FROM COUNCIL

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This issue of News from Council will bring you up to date on the following :

- 1. September 2016 Council Meeting :**
 - Announcement of winners of North Hatley in Bloom contest;
 - Agreement with the Canton de Hatley for the sharing of resources in emergency situations.
- 2. October 2016 Council Meetings:**
 - Additional members and new mandate for the CCUP (Town Planning and Heritage Committee);
 - Resolution passed for debt refinancing costs.
- 3. North Hatley joins municipalities of the MRC Memphrémagog to help revitalize Mount Orford Park.**
- 4. Upcoming Public Consultations for MADA (Senior Friendly Municipality) protocol initiative.**

1. September 2016 Council Meeting.

- The winners of the North Hatley in Bloom contest were announced at Council's September meeting. First, second and third prizes were also presented to the winners within the categories of residential, commercial and flower container arrangements. For the first time ever, a Special Jury prize was presented, in order to recognize outstanding horticultural achievement. This year, the winner of this prize was The Hovey Manor for its beautiful flower garden. Council wishes to congratulate all of the winners and to thank them for their wonderful contributions to our village.
- In order to ensure residents' safety in times of emergency, Council has passed a resolution for an agreement between the municipality of the Village of North Hatley and the *Canton de Hatley* for the sharing of building locations as part of their emergency planning.

2. October 2016 Council Meetings.

- Council is happy to announce the appointment of three new members to its CCUP (Town Planning and Heritage Committee) : Mr. Richard Gourde, Mr. Richard Lalumière and Mr. Serge Rodrigue. Council would like to welcome its new CCUP members and to thank them for their valuable contribution to our village. The CCUP has also been given a new mandate by Council which involves making recommendations for the creation of a new bylaw for the issuance of permits for building demolition.
- A notice was given at the October 3rd council meeting for a resolution that was passed at its October 6th extraordinary meeting. This meeting was held in order to approve a loan to cover the refinancing costs of a significant portion of the municipality's debt which is due to be refinanced on December 20th 2016.

3. North Hatley joins municipalities of the MRC Memphrémagog to help revitalize Mount Orford Park.

Council decided not to exercise its right to withdraw from a revitalization project of Mount Orford Park. Sixteen out of the seventeen municipalities within the MRC Memphrémagog have chosen to support this project which will update existing infrastructure and make Mount Orford a year round destination. The MRC used municipal assessment values to calculate the percentage contribution of each municipality, with the municipalities of Orford and Magog covering approximately 60% of the total contribution from all of the municipalities. North Hatley's contribution, which represents 1.8%, will be \$4,562.90 per year for a period of five years. Due to Mount Orford Park's proximity to our village, both North Hatley residents and North Hatley businesses will benefit from this contribution to the project

4. Upcoming Public Consultations for MADA (Senior Friendly Municipality) protocol initiative.

The MADA committee has been hard at work with its new project manager, Mrs. Daphnée Poirier. The committee is now ready to consult with the general population in order to help it to define and recommend an effective seniors' policy to Council. The adoption of a new policy will not only guide the municipality in the making of future decisions regarding community programs and capital investments, but it will also enable the municipality to apply for much needed funding from the provincial government to help make these programs and investments a reality. The provincial government is already assisting North Hatley financially during the MADA process and MADA recognition will enable the municipality to seek out more substantial funding for future projects.

Council requires your input to help it define its new seniors policy so please participate ! Public Consultations are open to everyone and will take place as follows (complimentary food and refreshments will be served) :

- **Thursday November 17th at 7:00 pm, Royal Canadian Legion of North Hatley (95 Jackson Heights Road)**
- **Friday November 18th at 11:00 am, North Hatley Library (165 Main Street)**
- **Saturday November 19th at 10:00 am, North Hatley Community Centre (3127 Capelton Road)**

Transport service available upon request (Mrs. Natacha Prince at 819 842-2754). All locations are wheelchair accessible.

This completes the September / October 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.