



## NEWS FROM COUNCIL

### NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

In addition to bringing you up to date on a number of municipal issues and upcoming events, this issue of News from Council will give an update on regular and extraordinary council meetings which took place during the month of November, as well as December's regular council meeting.

1. Resignation from Council of Mr. Alain Beaulieu ;
2. Resolution passed for the refinancing of existing debt ;
3. Scheduled date for the passing of North Hatley's 2017 budget ;
4. Council awards \$5,000.00 grant to The North Hatley Curling Club ;
5. North Hatley earns its fourth *fleuron* from *Fleurons du Québec* ;
6. Municipality to host its first Christmas Market this Saturday at the Community Centre ;
7. Office closure during the holidays

#### 1. Resignation from Council of Mr. Alain Beaulieu.

After three years as Councillor (seat 6), Mr. Alain Beaulieu has decided to step down from the North Hatley Council. All Council members would like to thank Mr. Beaulieu for his dedication and commitment over the past three years and for his valuable contribution to our Village. The Municipality plans to fill the position of seat 6 on the municipal Council at its general municipal elections in November 2017.

#### 2. Resolution passed for the refinancing of existing debt.

At its extraordinary meeting of November 21, 2016, Council passed a resolution to renew a portion of the municipality's existing debt. The renewal is for the amount of \$4,739,000 at a real cost over the next five years of 2.32041%.

#### 3. Scheduled date for the passing of North Hatley's 2017 budget.

Council has set Wednesday, December 21, as the date for the passing of the North Hatley 2017 budget. The Council meeting will take place at 7:00 pm and citizens are all invited to attend this very important annual meeting.

#### 4. Council awards \$ 5,000.00 grant to The North Hatley Curling Club.

In recognition of the valuable contribution that the Curling Club makes to the North Hatley community, Council has decided to award the Curling Club the amount of \$5,000 in order to assist in the replacement of its old refrigeration system.

#### 5. North Hatley earns its fourth *fleuron* from *Fleurons du Québec*.

Following an evaluation by the judges of *Fleurons du Québec* this past summer, North Hatley has advanced from three to four *fleurons* for the beauty of its green spaces and the charm of its flower arrangements. Particular mention was made by the judges of the new plantings at the entrances to the village, the wonderful flower containers along the Main Street bridge, our beautiful parks and all of the care that our commercial residents, churches and library have taken to make North Hatley so beautiful. The judges also noted the special care that all North Hatley residents have taken to make their properties so attractive. It should be noted that out of 352 municipalities in Québec who are recognized by *Fleurons du Québec*, 116 have the status of four *fleurons* and 4 have the prestigious status of five *fleurons*.

#### 6. Municipality to host its first Christmas Market this Saturday at the Community Centre.

Following in the footsteps of its successful Farmers Market during the summer months, the Municipality will be hosting its first ever Christmas Market this coming Saturday, December 17, from 10 am until 2 pm at the North Hatley Community Centre. All sorts of wonderful items will be on display and available for purchase so this is an excellent opportunity to support local artisans and to do some last minute Christmas shopping in a relaxed and stress free environment.

#### 7. Office closure during the holidays.

Please take note that the Town Hall office will be closed for the Holidays starting Friday, December 23 until Tuesday, January 3 of the new year. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

*Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year.*

This completes the November / December edition of *News from Council*. Remember to send any questions and concerns to [communication@northhatley.org](mailto: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.