



## NEWS FROM COUNCIL

### MAY 2017

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

1. **Initiative for a feasibility study on the grouping of North Hatley and Hatley Township;**
2. **Resolution to participate in a study on the formation of one fire department for the eastern sector of the MRC Memphrémagog ;**
3. **North Hatley in Bloom – Special 2017 Edition.**

#### **1. Initiative for a feasibility study on the grouping of North Hatley and Hatley Township.**

A resolution was passed by Council to ask the municipality of Hatley Township to join North Hatley in the completion of a feasibility study on the grouping of the two municipalities. If this request is accepted by Hatley Township's municipal council, both municipalities would request financial support from the *Ministère des affaires municipales et de l'occupation du territoire* (MAMOT) to complete the study. North Hatley is asking that the study be submitted by September 30th 2017 and that a professional resource be agreed upon by the two municipalities.

It should be noted that both municipalities currently hold bilingual status and that the municipalities are already partners for a number of public services such as the fire department (RIPI), the water filtration plant (RIEM), wastewater treatment, waste management program contracts and certain leisure activities. In addition, the territory of one municipality is, in some areas, land-locked within the territory of the other. A number of future projects will also be dependent upon specific unified actions by the two municipalities.

#### **2. Resolution to participate in a study on the formation of one fire department for the eastern sector of the MRC Memphrémagog.**

North Hatley has, for some time, been a participant in measures that are being sought in order to optimise the public fire fighting services in the eastern sector of the MRC Memphrémagog and it has received information that supports moving forward with further analysis on the possibility of the formation of a single unified fire department for this sector of the MRC.

On March 30th 2017, Council, along with the councils of the other municipalities involved, was presented with a method for the division of costs for a new unified fire department. This system of cost division is based on actual costs of the municipalities in 2016, standardized property wealth and an evaluation of fire risk for each municipality.

Council has therefore agreed to participate with the other municipalities in the eastern sector of the MRC Memphrémagog, in the completion of a study which seeks to validate this chosen method for the division of costs, by an external professional resource. The study would also evaluate the value of the existing fire fighting assets in all of the municipalities involved.

The total cost of the study is \$20,000.00 and North Hatley will contribute \$1,880.00 towards this amount.

#### **3. North Hatley in Bloom – Special 2017 Edition.**

Summer will soon be here and it is time for another edition of North Hatley in Bloom, where residents are recognized for their wonderful gardening efforts which contribute to the beauty and charm of our small village.

For the 2017 edition, we would like our residents to propose their gardens, flower arrangements and successful gardening ideas that have been put into action. Send us a photo by e-mail or by post, with or without a description at [info@northhatley.org](mailto:info@northhatley.org) or 3125, Capelton Rd, North Hatley, Qc J0B 2C0. Our judges will then choose five prizes :

- Prize no. 1 – Residential garden
- Prize no. 2 – Residential container arrangement
- Prize no. 3 - Commercial garden
- Prize no. 4 – Commercial container arrangement
- Prize no. 5 – Gardening idea (« tried and true » or « unique and original »)

Winners will be announced at our October 2nd council meeting. Show us your green thumb !

This completes the May 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.