



# MUNICIPALITY OF OTTER LAKE - 2021 NEWSLETTER

## **NEED A PERMIT?**

All new construction, demolition, renovations, septic systems, wells, and subdivisions **REQUIRE** a permit. *Please contact the Building Inspector, Gabi Morin, at 819-453-7049.*

## **DOG & CAT TAGS:**

Does your pet have a tag? Tags are available at the Municipal Office. Tags are required to identify your pet should they be picked up by our Animal Control Officer. **Cost is \$20 and must be purchased annually.**

**OPEN-AIR FIRE DATES (without a fire pit):** November 15 to March 15 of each year with a **permit**. Permits can be obtained from the Inspector at the Municipal Office.

**FIREWORKS:** Did you know that fireworks are only permitted during certain holidays? Victoria Day long weekend (May), Quebec National Day (June 24<sup>th</sup>), Canada Day (July 1), Civic Holiday weekend (August) and Labour Day weekend (sept.). Call the Municipal Inspector for a copy of the by-law for more information.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING:** Did you know that you cannot park a vehicle overnight (midnight to 6AM) during the winter period (15 Nov. to 15 Apr.) on any municipal road, according to Municipal By-law 2016-12-09 and SQ By-law 2011-01? Please respect our NO PARKING signs and regulations. Also please be aware that you cannot push snow from your private driveways on to our municipal roads, this is extremely dangerous.

**ENTRANCEWAYS / PRIVATE ROADS** must be clear of all branches, trees and limbs **12' wide and 12' high**, in order to allow emergency vehicles access to your property. (9-1-1 and Fire Services)

## **OTTER LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Want to make your municipality safer? Please share any information on crimes or suspicious activities. We are on the Otter Lake Municipal website (Community Life page) and Facebook under Otter Lake Neighbourhood watch. Call 9-1-1 or police to report crimes.

**BOAT WASH** The Municipality has installed a boat wash station behind the municipal hall at our municipal garage. It is now mandatory to wash your boat before launching it in one of our lakes. By-law 02-09-2020. (*See website.*)

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAIN COMMITTEES**

Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve (oversees all committees)  
**Carlen Lafleur** – Fire Dept. / Planning / Human Resources / Lake Associations  
**Desiree Tremblay** – Library / Communications / RA / Seniors  
**Kathleen Gauthier** – Environment / Water  
**Vicky Dubeau** – Leslie Park / Human Resources  
**Ivan Leblanc** – Public roads / Fire Dept.  
**Robin Zacharias** – Administration / Finance / Communications / Human Resources / Planning / Lake Associations

## **MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

## **MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETINGS:**

First Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM

## **LIBRARY HOURS**

(located in Ste-Marie School)

**Tuesday:** 1:00PM to 4:30PM & 7:00PM to 8:30PM

**Wednesday:** 1:00PM to 4:30PM

**Thursday:** 1:00PM to 3:00PM & 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Please note that the library has computers on site and wireless internet access is available.

## **2021 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Revenue: **\$2,524,813**  
Operating expenses: **\$2,350,613**  
Operating surplus: **\$174,200**  
Payment long-term debt: **(\$112,200)**  
Investing activities: **(\$62,000)**  
Surplus/deficit fiscal purposes: **\$0**  
Mil Rate: **0.62**  
Water Infrastructure charge (water zone) **\$142**  
Water Infrastructure charge (population) **\$8**  
Water distribution charge **\$150**  
Waste disposal charge **\$100**  
*For further budget information see the Municipal website [otterlakequebec.ca/budget](http://otterlakequebec.ca/budget)*

## **PROJECTED DATES FOR ROAD CALCIUM APPLICATION:**

June and August (weather permitting)

**POOLS:** Did you know that a fence is required if you own a pool? Either surrounding your yard or pool. *Call the Building Inspector for more details.*

**EXTERIOR FINISHING:** Did you know that all building exteriors are to be finished in the first year of construction? Request for compliance letters will be sent out again this year. *Please contact the Building Inspector for more information.*

## **MUNICIPAL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Did you know we now have a Municipal Facebook page? Our Facebook page was created to make you immediately aware of important notices and future events in the Municipality. Important notices will continue to be sent by mail. [facebook.com/OtterLakeQC](https://facebook.com/OtterLakeQC)

## **MUNICIPAL WEBSITE**

The Municipal website has a brand-new look and is very user-friendly. Please take a moment to check out our website: [otterlakequebec.ca](http://otterlakequebec.ca)

**TAX PAYMENTS:** Due April 1, 2021. Payable in 3 instalments if the amount exceeds \$300.00, **April 1, July 1 and September 1, 2021.** Our system accepts postdated checks should you wish to send in your 3 instalments at once. Forms of payment accepted are **cash, check, debit and online payments with most major banks.**

**POTABLE WATER:** No longer accessible at the Pump House. Now available outside at the Municipal Office, 15 Palmer Avenue.

In 2020 the Municipality implemented an **EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM.** If you were never received any alerts you should provide the Municipality with your contact information.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **Dump hours:**

**April to October:** 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday, and Monday, 9AM to 6PM on Sunday.

**November to March:** 8AM to 5PM Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

**FREE large waste disposal days:** June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 & September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Recycling & Composting:** The Municipality of Otter Lake has implemented a composting program. The provincial Government will be reducing our funding if we do not continue working on our program. Increased recycling and composting will reduce garbage costs and allow us to maintain our low waste service charges to the taxpayer. The Municipality purchased one composter in 2019 which was installed at the dump and plans to purchase another.

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The Municipality of Otter Lake would like to thank Mr. Serge Sabourin for his years of dedicated service at the municipal transfer site; we wish him a wonderful retirement filled with many new adventures!

**Congratulations Serge!**

The Municipality also welcomes Mr. René Miljour as our new transfer site attendant.