



Word from the Mayor News from your Municipality October 17th, 2018

Image Bank

Very big thanks to those of you who shared some marvellous photos of this great part of the world. It was really appreciated.

By the way, here is a photo of some exceptional visitors captured one beautiful morning recently on le chemin de la Gare.

The two moose do not seem to be bothered at all by our Director General who just sat there in her car looking at them with much interest.

Continue to share your photos “free of any rights” with us at admin@ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca. In particular, if it is possible to see any faces, we also need each person’s approval to publish the photos and should these be of children, the parents’ approval is a must before they can be posted online on the Municipality’s web site.



New hours – Municipal offices

During the slower season from November 1st 2018 to April 30th 2019, the Municipal offices will be open to the public Tuesdays to Fridays, from 09:00 to 16:30.

Bearing in mind that employees already work only 4 days a week, with this new schedule, we will all be present during opening hours thereby increasing efficiency when treating files.

Portable car shelters

It is time to think about winter. With this in mind, we wish to remind you that temporary car shelters are allowed only between October 1st and May 1st of each year. According to article 206 of the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac zoning regulation 2013-060, after this date, the temporary shelters must be removed completely. This includes not only the tarp covering the shelter but also the metal structure.

We thank you in advance for your collaboration in this matter!

Collection of residual matter during winter

The importance of storing bins the very next day

A little reminder. In order to stop your bins from being damaged, it is important not to leave them on the side of the road, removing them as soon as possible once they have been emptied. Unfortunately, the Municipalité of Ivry-sur-le-Lac is not responsible for damages caused by snow removal equipment should these not be removed when collection is complete.

Also bins covered with snow are more difficult to see making it easier for them to be damaged by snow removal equipment. Incidentally, snow covered bins are also a sign that a residence not in use. So if you leave for the winter, do take the time to store them in a safe place where these are not visible to potential thieves.

Sûreté du Québec – closing down cottages: advice and prevention

While some advice was already shared on this topic in the previous Word from the Mayor, it is always helpful to have as many ideas as possible to help protect our assets and properties when these are not in use.

Here then are some further pieces of advice we received from la Sûreté du Québec to help you protect your cottages, leaving them less vulnerable to potential thieves.



- First of all leave no tools outside as these can easily be used by thieves to gain access to your property (ladders that can easily be moved, large bins that can be used to climb up through a window).
- Let permanent neighbours know you will be away for the winter, so that they can keep an eye on your property and have a quick look, for example, when walking by. Leave them your coordinates where you be reached in case of an emergency.
- Have your laneways cleared of snow as this shows that your residence is in fact occupied.
- Light up your property both inside and out at key access points, making sure lights are on a timer.
- Install a motion detection system that turns lights on when there are movements.
- If possible, obtain a portable camera that starts up when it detects movement as this can be extremely helpful to police in the event of a theft.
- Make sure to install very good locks and make sure your garage door is locked when away for extended periods of time.
- An alarm system can also be excellent in preventing thefts.
- Make sure to have an up to date inventory of all valuable assets.
- Mark valuable assets in a visible place, making it more difficult for them to be resold.

What should you do in the event you are unfortunately burgled?

- Call 310-4141 to file a report.
- Do not touch anything; leave everything as is until such time as the police have come and completed an onsite investigation.
- Once this has been done, you can contact the insurance company with the file number received from police officers.

Forest fires – prudence is necessary even in the fall



La Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU) is reminding you that the risk of forest fires remains high even during the fall.

Falling leaves could facilitate the loss of control of a fire.

Every fall, municipal fire fighters and la SOPFEU are called upon to fight fires inadvertently started when a small fire was lit to burn leaves and goes out of control.

The wind can quickly have a hold of fallen leaves. In addition to them drying out because of the fire, the wind can easily make them travel from one place to another. This situation, even when burning a small fire, can quickly deteriorate and become out of control thus damaging not only our precious forests but also our residences and other assets. This is why la SOPFEU recommends that people refrain from burning leaves, opting instead for more ecological solutions such as composting, mowing leaves with a lawn mower and leaving them on the lawn, or by recycling them using the brown bins in the fall.

As the fall season continues to be conducive to forest fires, la SOPFEU continues to calculate the risk of fires and publishes results onto its website until October 31st. As there are several nice days still left to come, it is important to continue to consult the risk of fire diagrams posted at the following website: <http://sopfeu.qc.ca>.

Incidentally, the 2018 season was one of the most active with the number of forest fires being the highest in the last 10 years. In the spring, more particularly from the 8th to the 25th of May, municipalities in the area dealt with more than 100 forest fires, the majority of which were caused by loss of control of small fires started to burn vegetation. Resulting damage was evaluated as a loss of 141 hectares of forest.

More specifically, in la Région des Laurentides, in 2018, there were 24 forest fires, a huge increase over previous years with an average of only 5 fires a year.

It is up to us to make sure forest fires are not being given a chance to start!

Complaints – collection of residual matter

If you have any comments or if you wish to complain about the weekly collection of residual waste, whether it is about the black bins, the green ones or the brown ones, you can call la Régie intermunicipale des Trois-Lacs (RITL) directly. They offer an excellent service, letting you avoid the frustration of making two calls, one to la Municipalité d'Ivry-sur-le-Lac and a second one to the RITL as they are the ones who are responsible for collecting residual waste!

You can reach la RITL at the following numbers: 819-681-3379 or 819-324-5679. Alternatively, you can simply send them an e-mail at operations@ritl.ca.

Specific to le chemin de la Gare

Did you know that, while le chemin de la Gare is physically situated in la Municipalité d'Ivry-sur-le-Lac, the municipality is not responsible for its management? Instead, this is the purview of le Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et Électrification des transports du Québec, more commonly known as la MTQ.

Therefore, if you wish to report any issues whatsoever with this road as the Municipality is not responsible please call 5-1-1 to let la MTQ know of any problems that you encounter, whether you wish to report, for example a tree that has fallen onto the road or a street light that no longer works. The MTQ, as the road's manager is the organization to call for any issues related to this road. Many thanks!

Other subjects of interest

Should you have any other topics you would like us to address in a future Word from the Mayor, just let us know and it will be our pleasure to publish an article.

For all comments, do not hesitate to speak up. The municipal team is there for you!

Have a great fall and hope all goes well with your winter preparations!



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