



Word from the Mayor

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Chimney Sweeping

With the arrival of the colder weather at this time of year, you probably feel the draw of a crackling fireplace.

Please be aware that sweeping your chimney is recommended **at least once a year**, ideally in the spring, because fire residue is drier and easier to sweep. This also allows ample time to make repairs or replace parts before using your fireplace again.



This being said, most people wait until the fall to have their chimney swept. This is also the season when several companies show up.

If you light your fireplace often, plan to have your chimney swept mid-season; usually after burning three to four cords of wood. How often a chimney sweep is required is not only dependant on the amount of cords you burn, but also the way your fire burns, the type of wood used and the moisture content of the logs.

Chimney sweeping helps in the prevention of fires. It also helps to:

- Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning by allowing better evacuation of smoke as well as toxic and harmful gases;
- Eliminate soot and the build-up of flammable deposits (creosote);
- Optimize the effectiveness of the heating system and promotes fuel economy;
- Allow the professional chimney sweep to find any breakage or deterioration of the heating system or its components.

Do **not** rely on chimney-sweeping logs, since these products only partially eliminate creosote deposits.

Sûreté du Québec – Hunting Season – Be Careful in Isolated Environments

In the coming days, many hunters will begin to indulge in their favourite sport in isolated environments. This is why the *Sûreté du Québec* wishes to remind you of safety tips to ensure all a hunting season devoid of incidents.

Each year, *Sûreté du Québec* officers have to intervene when someone is lost in the forest. Whether you hunt with bows, crossbows, black powder shotguns or rifles, you need to act in a safe, responsible and courteous manner.

Some woodland areas where hunters are present can be difficult to reach if an incident occurs. Often, an intervention by emergency services may be necessary. If so, it is important to be properly equipped to survive until their arrival. This is why it is strongly advised to take the following necessary precautions before leaving home:

- Check the weather reports;
- Notify a relative of the exact location of your hunting blinds including GPS coordinates;
- Provide your relatives with a scheduled itinerary, including the anticipated date and time of your return;
- Provide a means of communication;
- Wear appropriate clothing should you need to spend a night in the forest;
- Have a map and compass and/or GPS device;
- Avoid isolated or unfamiliar areas;
- Have a survival kit with you.

Your survival kit should include basic tools: wax kindling, first aid items, a multifunction knife, waterproof matches, a flashlight, a whistle and a lightweight cover treated with aluminium. Remember to bring high-calorie foods and packets of dehydrated food. Remember that your survival will depend on what you have with you in case of trouble.

It is also important that you reacquaint yourself with map reading, compass and GPS techniques before leaving. If you have a satellite phone, make sure to know the telephone number for emergency services in the area where you will be.

From September 10th to November 10th the *Sûreté du Québec* police officers will be present in 17 municipalities of the Outaouais-Laurentians territory that include enhanced monitoring of the chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer. Police officers will do targeted patrols as well as road safety checks to ensure a safe hunting season.

Land Registry Reform – New Schedule

Last February, we explained the steps and processes that need to be undertaken by land surveyor company *Rado, Corbeil et Gagné* to produce a renovated cadastral plan. The deadlines stated before having changed somewhat, we would like to keep you apprised of the new schedule:



- Citizens will be invited to attend a meeting with a land surveyor from *Rado, Corbeil et Gagné*; however, the public consultation scheduled for this fall is postponed to the **spring or summer of 2020**. This meeting will allow citizens to consult and comment on the new cadastral plan which will show the properties;
- Following any request for revision, if needed, a request for amendment will be submitted confirming the changes that have been made.

Brown Bins – Collection Every Other Week



Don't forget that for the winter season, the collection of the brown bin is every other week, at the same time as recycling. The winter schedule began on October 10th.

Winter Schedule for the Municipal Offices

During the slower season, from November 4th, 2019 to April 30th, 2020, office hours at the City Hall will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

Winter Tire Change



Even though it is mandatory to put on snow tires from December 1st to March 15th, the Quebec climate is such that we should actually have them on our vehicles for longer than that. Why? Because summer tires lose their grip when it's cold, even before the first snowfall.

There's a number to remember when it comes to tire change... and it's not a date but rather a temperature. The number to remember is **7 degrees Celsius**. During the fall, when the mercury falls to 7°C on a regular basis, it is time to change to snow tires. More realistic dates for the Laurentians would be from mid-October to mid-April.

Tip : How to Check Tire Treads

Wondering if the treads of your snow tires are still good? Once a month, or before long trips, you can do a basic check with a quarter.

- Hold a quarter between your thumb and index finger, head side down;
- Find a spot on your tire where the tread seems to be the most worn, and insert the head into the tread;
- If the head is completely hidden, then you are travelling with a tire tread depth that is legal and safe. If, however, the head is showing completely, the grip capacity is greatly reduced, especially in difficult conditions.



« Resident » Rate for Certain Activities



As property taxpayers of the agglomeration of Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, you can pay the « resident » rate for any activity taking place in the Ste-Agathe Sports Centre (skating rink and pool), the Gaston-Miron library as well as Place Lagny. However, you must bring a proof of residency, or a copy of your tax bill, when you

register for one of these activities.



Time Change and Smoke Detectors



Daylight Saving Time ends during the night of November 2nd to November 3rd. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on that Saturday night.

Furthermore, the weekend would be a good time to change the batteries of your smoke detectors as well as your carbon monoxide detectors.



Sûreté du Québec – Closing up Cottages : Advice and Prevention

When autumn is upon us, many residents close up their summer cottage and leave it vulnerable. Here are some *Sûreté du Québec* suggestions to better protect your second home.

- First of all, leave no tools outside as these can easily be used by thieves to gain access into your property (ladders that can easily be moved, large bins that can be used to climb up through a window);
- Let permanent resident 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 snow removed from your entrance as this shows that your residence is in fact occupied;
- Set up lights on timers, both inside and outside your property at key access points;
- Install a motion-detection system that turns lights on when there is movement;
- If possible, when you install the motion-detection system, if you could include a camera to take snapshots when there is movement, it would be of great help in our investigation in the event of a theft;
- Have good locks and lock your garage 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;
- Have your valuable items clearly engraved with your ID, thus making it more difficult for thieves to pawn off your property.

What should you do in the unfortunate event that your cottage is burglarized?

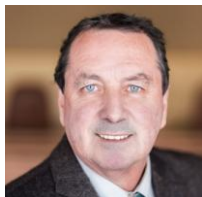
- Call **819 310-4141** to file a report;
- Do not touch anything, leave everything as is until such time as the police have come and completed an onsite investigation;
- Once this has been done, contact your insurance company with the file number obtained from the police.

Other Topics of Interest

Should you have any other topics of interest that you would like us to address in future editions of Word from the Mayor, just let us know and it will be our pleasure to include them.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to ask. The municipal team is there for you!

Once again, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. It has been a real pleasure representing you.



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