



Municipal Newsletter – May 2021

News from your municipality

Welcome to our staff!



We are pleased to welcome back Mathieu Tousignant who is back for a third consecutive year as a local road staff member. Mr. Tousignant will take care of all seasonal road work. If you notice a situation that should be brought to the attention of the municipality, we invite you to report it using the form available on our website: <https://www.ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca/travaux-publics/>

We also wish to welcome two new attendants who will ensure the proper functioning of the washing station and the municipal boat launch at Lac Manitou, always with the objective of preserving the quality of the bodies of water in our beautiful municipality. We welcome **Louise Brisebois** (photo on the left) and **Julien Courchesne** (photo on the right) to our team!



With the high volume of permit requests during these times when our beautiful Laurentians are so coveted, we are pleased to welcome Sébastien Marchand who will act as an assistant inspector. He will assist the person in charge of urban planning, roads and environment, but will also be available throughout the summer to assist you in ensuring that the shorelines comply with our regulations and he will address your future projects requiring a permit.



Reminder from the CNESST

The *Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST)* reminds us that working remotely is a mandatory measure because of COVID-19. Since December 2020, all office employees and/or employees performing administrative tasks in the orange and red zones have had to work remotely.

The entire team would like to remind you that it is essential to make an appointment before coming to our administrative offices, as the entire team may be working remotely. You can reach us by email or you can leave a message by phone.

Despite this requirement, the team will always make sure to offer the same quality of service to its citizens.

Thank you for your understanding!



What about trampolines on the lake?

In accordance with the Zoning By-law, 2013-060 (Section 158), a dock or raft (the definition of raft includes water trampolines) is permitted as "accessory equipment" to all residential use classes. An application for an accessory equipment permits from the Planning Department is required prior to installation. The by-law sets out rules of application with respect to number, location, size, maintenance, environment and safety.

In summary, if there is a raft, a launching ramp or a trampoline in addition to the dock, the sum of the surface areas of all these accessory equipment must not exceed 32.5 m².

Visit the municipality's website to obtain the permit application form if needed:

<https://www.ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca/en/forms-and-permits/> section <<Shoreline and littoral work – Dock>>.

Recycling, a chain of recovery!

For nearly 15 years, Soleno and Tricentris have formed a business partnership for the recycling of high-density polyethylene (HDPE or plastic #2), and the partnership continues! The two companies have signed a new agreement which provides that all the HDPE bales produced by Tricentris three sorting centers will be sold to Soleno, this will be equivalent to a little over 3,000 tons per year. This great local collaboration ensures the smooth functioning of the recovery chain, where four parties are involved and must work together.

Tricentris and Soleno represent three of the four links in the recycling chain;

- the sorting centers
- the recyclers/processors
- the producers/manufacturers

The HDPE received by the community is sorted at Tricentris, then transformed into plastic flakes and resin beads at Soleno Recyclage, which are then used as the main material in the manufacture of pipes and drains for stormwater control. A process that requires only 10 days to complete, where the pipe will have a life cycle of up to 100 years.

The fourth link in this value chain is each of us, the consumers. When we make our purchasing choices, it is important to opt for products made with recycled content. Every citizen's gesture counts!



Construction of the *Sentier des Cimes*

The *MRC des Laurentides* announced that the construction of the first tower of the *Sentier des Cimes* has begun on the site of the former fish farm in the municipality of *Saint-Faustin-Lac-Carré*. The company responsible for the project has begun the foundation work for the construction of such a trail, a first in North America. The *Sentier des Cimes* and the entire site of the former fish farm will become an important attraction in the region, due to its unique character.

This attraction will boast a 1,250 meter long trail with a 40 meter high tower, a wooden construction that will blend perfectly with nature. A 360-degree observation tower, educational stations, and modules for the more adventurous thrill seekers are part of the overall experience offered by this new attraction that will focus on nature and the environment.

The main building will include a historical site, as well as a restaurant and a boutique. The project has been designed to ensure access to all and to allow people with reduced mobility to access the entire circuit.

We are told that if all the stages related to this large-scale project can be carried out according to schedule, given the context of the pandemic, the inauguration of the first *Sentier des Cimes* will take place at the beginning of the summer of 2022. Watch for it!



Forest Fire

Last year's forest fire season was marked by two major incidents that alone burned more than 51,250 hectares. This year, the *Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU)*, has already identified several fires started in the south of the province. The government wishes to remain vigilant and has put in place the necessary measures considering the additional complexity brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this period of high fire activity, we ask all citizens who wish to have an open fire to apply for a burning permit at the RIDM <https://ridm.quebec/permis-de-brulage/>

The application is done online and you get your permit free of charge by submitting your application. It is also necessary to follow the instructions indicated on the form to ensure the safety of all.

Residual matters collection calendar

From now on, the frequency of collection will be adjusted. The black bin (containing non-recyclable or compostable refuse) will be collected every two weeks. The green bin (recyclables) will continue to be collected every two weeks, alternating with the black bin. The brown bin (compost) will be collected every week. This new collection frequency is seasonal and is effective until September inclusively. Visit <https://www.ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca/en/residual-matter/> for more details.

Swimming pleasures!

The sun is shining, the temperature is rising and many people will soon be enjoying a refreshing swim. Whether it is in a lake, a river or a pool, it is necessary to make sure that no matter where you choose to swim, safety comes first.

It is essential to follow certain safety rules in order to prevent drowning.

- Clearly designate a responsible supervisor
- Avoid distractions when supervising
- Do not dive into shallow water
- Make sure the water is inaccessible when not in use
- Wear a flotation device
- Never swim alone, or without notifying another person that you are going into the water

The idea is that everyone should be aware of the possible dangers. Preventive behavior and good practices are the key to enjoying the pleasures of swimming!

Message from the *Sûreté du Québec*

The *Sûreté du Québec* police officers in the region remind users of the importance of adopting responsible behaviour. The primary objective is the safety of all.

For motorists:

- Observe speed limits
- Stop your vehicle before the stop line
- Yield to pedestrians
- Check blind spots before undertaking a manoeuvre
- Turn on your headlights to be visible at all times

For pedestrians:

- Always use the sidewalks
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the shoulder or edge of the roadway, facing away from traffic
- Use designated areas to cross a road
- Make eye contact with motorists before crossing

For cyclists:

- Obey signs and rights of way
- Be predictable, signal your intentions
- Bicycle safety begins with following the Highway Safety Code and adopting preventive behaviours
- Wear a helmet
- Bicyclists must give right of way to any vehicle in the lane they wish to enter

Obligations to be a moped driver

- Be 14 years of age or older
- Hold a class 6D licence
- Successfully complete the Driver Education Program - Moped Operation at an accredited school

The holder of a Class 6D licence is subject to the zero-alcohol rule. Remember that it is a Criminal Code offence to be impaired by alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

Reminder regarding traffic rules and mandatory equipment

- No one under the age of 16 years may ride a moped with a passenger.
- Wear a helmet that meets the standards set by regulation.
- Mopeds must be equipped with a securely attached mirror on each side.
- The operator of a moped must be seated in the seat and hold the handlebars at all times.
- No person shall operate a moped on a restricted roadway or on the ingress or egress of a restricted roadway.
- The driver of a moped must keep the white headlight of the vehicle on at all times.
- The noise level of the exhaust system of a moped must not exceed the value established by regulation.

Enjoy the summer season safely!

Youth and anxiety!

The *Maison des jeunes de La Minerve* in collaboration with the mental health project-team of the *Concertation jeunesse 0-25 ans de la MRC des Laurentides* have realized a very interesting project to help people deal with anxiety.

The videos presented inform us about the ability to reduce the negative effects of anxiety and also include scenarios presented by the young participants in the project.

<http://www.tonanxietedomptela.org/HTML/videos.html>

Enjoy the videos!



Grandfathering: what is it and who is responsible for proving it?

The **acquired right** with respect to a lot, a construction, a use or a sign allows for the maintenance and enjoyment of a de facto situation, even if this situation is no longer in conformity with the new urban planning regulations. In fact, many citizens have acquired rights that allow them to maintain or continue certain uses, structures or constructions that are not in compliance with the laws and regulations in effect.

First, in order to be able to speak of acquired rights, **the use must have begun before the coming into force of the law or regulation that prohibits it** and the derogatory construction or work must have been built or completed before the coming into force of the law or regulation that prohibits it. For example, if you built a dock that did not comply with the applicable regulation 10 years ago and the dock still does not comply with the regulation currently in force, the dock does not have any acquired rights. Thus, **to claim such a right, the derogatory use must have begun or the derogatory construction or work must have been implemented or carried out while the municipal by-law allowed it.**

However, in some cases, the regulations apply despite acquired rights. This is the case, for example, in matters of nuisance, safety or environmental protection. This is obvious in that no one can claim acquired rights to harm, to endanger the safety of others or to pollute! It is also important to know that the concept of acquired rights does not apply to the cutting of vegetation in the riparian strip. For example, a lawn mowing that must be repeated week after week has no concept of acquired rights, even if the mowing has been done the same way for 40 years!

The big question: Who is responsible for proving the vested right?

The big question: Whose responsibility is it to demonstrate said vested right?

It is very important to understand that **it is not up to the municipal official to confirm the existence of an acquired right** for the benefit of the citizen, but rather it is up to the owner to transmit the documents or information to the municipal official to demonstrate the existence of this acquired right. These documents or information must make it possible to confirm that the derogatory use began legally or that the construction or work was legally established or carried out. Such evidence may take various forms, such as dated photographs, dated videos.

It is important to understand **that it is not the role of the municipal official to conduct a legal analysis of your particular situation**. If you wish to know your rights with respect to the existence of such acquired rights on your property, it will be your responsibility to mandate a professional to do so. In all cases, the official will be able to forward the regulations that were applicable.

But beware, it is also possible to lose one's acquired rights, and this, in many ways!

The acquired right to a use will be lost if there is a significant interruption of this use or if it is changed. You can also lose your acquired right to a work or a construction when you carry out work or modifications on it. We therefore recommend that **you never initiate any work without first obtaining a permit issued by the Municipality's urban planning department**.

It is not always easy to define the notion of acquired rights, their limits and the methods to preserve them. However, it is essential to understand that these rights are not without limits and that it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that these acquired rights are maintained.

We hope that this explanation will help you understand that the role of the municipal civil servant is not to demonstrate the existence of acquired rights in the place of the owner. It must also be considered that the Municipality of Ivry-sur-le-Lac is composed of a small staff and cannot afford to respond and analyze, for the benefit of the citizen, all situations that could lead to the existence of acquired rights. It is inevitable that this additional task will have a significant impact on its daily work.

We invite you to consult chapter 11 concerning the provisions applicable to derogatory uses, constructions and signs protected by acquired rights of the zoning bylaw (bylaw number 2013-060) and chapter 7 concerning derogatory lots and properties of the subdivision bylaw (bylaw number 2013-058). You will find these by-laws on the Municipality's website: <https://www.ivry-sur-le-lac.qc.ca/en/by-laws/>

Enjoy your reading!

Other Subjects of Interest

Should you have other topics you would like us to address in a future municipal Newsletter, just let us know and it will be our pleasure to address them.

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

Once again, thank you for your trust; it is a real pleasure to represent you!



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