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A Word from the Municipal Council

*Ta nature
m'inspire!*

Your nature inspires me

Summer is just around the corner. Our Town and its slogan, “Ta nature m’inspire” [Your nature inspires me], encourages residents to take full advantage of the beautiful summer season in the park! Close to home, you will find an array of community-building events, designed for all ages and tastes.

Safety on our streets remains a high public priority. Our policy for processing requests for road safety and active mobility improvements allows residents to report problems spotted in their neighbourhood and suggest courses of action.

The policy and the required form are available on the Town’s website.

In addition, further to requests from the public, the Municipal Council approved the installation of speed mitigation measures in areas deemed problematic, as well as the introduction of “Dans ma rue, on joue!” [We play on my street!] program on a section of Prince-Arthur Street. We look forward to meeting you this summer!

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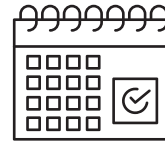
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SCHEDULE

Holding of regular sittings of the Municipal Council



Regular sittings of the Municipal Council in 2026 will be held in the main hall of the Centre culturel et Communautaire de la Pointe-Valaine at 85 Oxford Street in Otterburn Park. In addition, all the regular Municipal Council sittings will be held on the third Monday of each month, with the exception of the meetings in May (fourth Monday) and December (second Monday).

DATE	TIME
May 25	
June 15	
July 20	
August 17	7:30
September 21	p.m.
October 19	
November 16	
December 14	

2026 TAX BILL

PAYMENT DATES

May 25
July 6
August 18
September 28

Only one statement of account for unpaid municipal taxes will be sent to you after the fourth annual installment. You can make your payment electronically through your financial institution's website. Simply enter the Ville d'Otterburn Park as a supplier. The reference number to use is the service number indicated on your four detachable payment coupons at the bottom of your tax bill. Enter all digits without the F and with no spaces.

View your municipal tax bill online

You can now consult your municipal tax bill online, in a few clicks. A simple, convenient and environmentally friendly solution that allows you to quickly access the information you need, when you need it.

Property tax is imposed on each building owner based on the value entered on the assessment roll. The Town also applies fees for various municipal services, including drinking water supply, water treatment and waste management.

Although tax bills continue to be sent by mail at the beginning of each year (towards the end of January), this new online tool provides quick access to your account, including the amounts owed, payment deadlines and details related to your property.

To take advantage of this online service for the simplified management of your tax bill, go to OPARK.CA to register.

Newsletter

Subscribe to the monthly newsletter now to stay up to date with Council news.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Stay informed at all times!

Sign up now for the Otterburn Park Municipal Alert System to receive important notices without delay.

The alert system is only used in major situations that affect most of the population of Otterburn Park.

E.g.,

- a spill
- a major water leak
- a generalized safety advisory

When a problem is located in a specific sector, information is disseminated by the usual channels (Info-Travaux, website, social media).

Scan the QR code and follow the instructions to sign up today.



URBAN PLANNING

Outdoor fireplaces

Outdoor fireplaces are permitted in the Ville d'Otterburn Park for the exclusive use of a detached single-family dwelling. Only one fireplace is allowed per lot, and it must comply with the following requirements:

- The outdoor fireplace must be equipped with a chimney and a spark arrestor.
- It must be installed in the rear or side yard, at a distance of 3 m (9' 8") from the property line and 3 m (9' 8") from any building.
- The fireplace must have a maximum height of 2 meters including the chimney.

Only the following materials are permitted for an outdoor fireplace:

- Stone
- Brick
- Architectural concrete blocks
- Interlocking paving stones
- Proprietary metal designed specifically for this purpose

It is permitted to light or power an outdoor fireplace or keep it lit between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. for the period from May 1 to October 31 of each year. Outside this period, fires are allowed at all times.

HENS

As the summer season approaches, here is a reminder of the regulations regarding urban hens. It is permitted to keep hens in urban areas, but only on land where a detached single-family dwelling is built.

- A minimum of two hens and a maximum of three hens are allowed per lot.
- All roosters are forbidden.
- Urban hens must be kept inside a hen house or a fenced outdoor enclosure at all times.
- A building permit must be obtained in advance for the hen house.

The certificate of authorization for the keeping of hens covers the period from May 1 of the current year to April 30 of the following year. Please make sure that your certificate of authorization to keep hens is valid or renew it on the Town's website.

Have you witnessed a situation that could be harmful to human or animal health? Contact us at 450-536-0303.

Street lighting

For safety reasons, it is important to ensure that street lighting is operational. Residents are asked to contact the Town when they notice that a municipal streetlight is defective.

All you have to do is call the Citizen Office during the day at 450-536-0303.

Remember that each lamppost is identified by a reflective plate with the street name and the number of the lamppost. Before calling us, please note this identification to speed up service. A well-lit site prevents crime, reduces the risk of accidents, and speeds up the response in case of an emergency.

PERMIT POSTING

When applying for a permit for work to be carried out that requires a permit, you must wait until you have the permit in hand before starting the work. In addition, the permit must be posted in such a way that it is visible place from the street. This allows inspectors covering the area to see that a permit has been requested for the work and that everything is in order.

This way, it prevents inspectors from having to disturb you during your work to find out if you have applied for and received the permit. It also prevents the neighbourhood from questioning the legality of the work in progress and calling the Town. If no printer is available, we will be happy to print your permit and give it to you so you can proudly display it.

Use of lawnmowers

The use of lawnmowers, electric hedge shears and chain saws is permitted from Monday to Friday from 7a.m. to 10p.m. and from Saturday to Sunday and on public holidays, from 10a.m. to 4p.m.
Are you doing any work?

Remember to adhere to the permitted hours:

Any noise, even if resulting directly from the conduct of maintenance, construction, demolition, renovation or development work on the building, will be tolerated every day from 7a.m. to 10p.m.

However, between 10p.m. and 7a.m., it is forbidden to carry out or have carried out work that is likely to cause noise.



PUBLIC WORKS

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

From May 18 to 24, 2026, the Ville d'Otterburn Park is celebrating the Semaine nationale des travaux publics (National Public Works Week), a good opportunity to recognize the vital work of the teams who work every day to maintain and improve our community.

Often behind the scenes, Public Works teams play a pivotal role in the smooth running of the municipality, e.g., road and infrastructure maintenance, drinking water and wastewater management and snow removal. National Public Works Week is also a time to celebrate, admire and be inspired by these essential occupations. According to the theme "Sur la route TP" (On the Road to Public Works, we highlight the expertise, rigour and commitment of the teams that work, day after day, to maintain efficient and sustainable municipal services.

The Town would like to warmly thank all Public Works employees for their dedication and crucial contribution to the communit

Branch collection

Branch collection will take place on a date to be determined. We count on your cooperation in order to ensure efficient and fair service for all. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

When should you put out your branches?

Put them out between 6 p.m. the evening before and 7 a.m. the morning of the collection.

It is prohibited to place them at the curb before this time slot.

Only one pass will be made on your street.

How to prepare your branches?

To be collected, the branches must:

Have a diameter of less than 4 inches;

Be full length;

Not be tied;

Be placed on the shoulder, with trunks facing the street.



Maximum quantity allowed

The total volume must not exceed 4 m³ (1.25 m × 1.25 m × 2.5 m), which is the equivalent of a small trailer 8 feet long × 4 feet wide × 4 feet high.

If this limit is not met, the pick-up operation will be suspended, and you may be charged additional fees.

Branch collection calendar, spring 2026

SECTOR	DURING THE WEEK
1-2	WEEK OF APRIL 27
3-4	WEEK OF MAY 11
5-6	WEEK OF MAY 25

After the dates indicated, branches must be dropped off at the regional Ecocentre (60 Fisher Street in Mont-Saint-Hilaire).

INFO-WORKS

Asphalt repairs

POTHOLES

The pothole filling campaign has been launched! The Public Works team is hard at work. Please report any potholes to the Citizens' Office.

New

Repairs on Chemin des Patriotes have become the Town's responsibility since 2025.

Repairs

More extensive asphalt repair work will also be carried out by an external company at different times during the summer.

This work is essential to ensure the safety and quality of life of residents, in addition to preparing our Town for the arrival of good weather. We thank all residents for their cooperation and patience during these operations.



Tennis court work

Over the coming season, the Town will rehabilitate the tennis courts to improve the quality of the facilities and ensure their sustainability for years to come.

The usual opening of the tennis courts and their normal operation will be temporarily impacted as a result of this work.

We would like to thank residents for their understanding during the work and look forward to welcoming you to the renovated facilities.

Work on the drinking water system

Over the next few weeks, street valve inspections will be carried out in the area. The flushing of the water system is also planned in some areas. These operations may cause a slight drop in water pressure as well as temporarily coloured water.

Recommendations to the public

Before doing a load of washing, it is advisable to check the colour of the water. If you have used your washer during the work and rust stains appear on your clothes, or if you notice marks in your coffee maker or toilet bowl, you can contact Technical Services at 450-536-0303. A cleaning product (Red-B-Gone) will be given to you free of charge. This product is simple and safe to use.

ENVIRONMENT

Boisé des Bosquets

The Boisé des Bosquets (Bosquets Wood) case has had its share of twists and turns in recent months. Like any large-scale project, the acquisition and protection of such a valuable natural environment requires rigour, patience and collaboration.

Good news: Boisé des Bosquets is now open to the public. However, only one access is available, the one on Spiller Street. Boisé des Bosquets represents a precious natural heritage. Its preservation will contribute to the protection of biodiversity, residents' quality of life and the legacy we will leave to future generations.

Dandelion Challenge

For the fifth year in a row, the Town will delay mowing parks and green spaces until early June to let dandelions bloom. These flowers are an abundant and essential first source of food for bees and other pollinating insects in the spring.

Residents are encouraged to follow suit and delay mowing their lawns in order to support biodiversity.

However, residents will have to mow their lawns as of June 1 in accordance with the regulations in force. Inspections may be carried out by the Urban Planning Department to ensure compliance with this policy.

New this year: residents who wish to participate in the Défi pissenlit (Dandelion Challenge) are asked to contact the Town to be added to our interactive map of participants.

RECREATION

Babysitters course

Offered by Formations Émilie, in partnership with Atout Plus Inc. Formation to learn how to look after children safely and responsibly.

Location: Notre-Dame School, Pavilion II (11 Helen Street), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information: Émilie Hegedus, Canadian Red Cross Instructor 514-619-9212

Drawing

Come and explore your creativity through a series of four fun and varied artistic workshops!

Each session features a different technique: collage, drawing, painting and sculpture, allowing children to discover and develop their artistic expression in a fun and stimulating setting.

Schedule

5–7 years old: Saturday from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

8–12 years old: Saturday 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Fishing festival

Introduction to Fishing – a morning (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) for the whole family!

See you at the rest area!
Come and discover the pleasures of fishing.

On site:

- Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary booth (Unit 16)
- Comité de concertation et de valorisation du bassin de la rivière Richelieu booth
- Free fishing licence for 6- to-17-year-olds thanks to the Fondation de la pêche program
- Participation prizes offered by SAIL and SHIMANO

Thank you to our main sponsor SAIL.

FREE !



Youth Triathlon

2nd edition of the Otterburn Park Family & Youth Triathlon!

It's back this summer at Edmond-Auclair Park
(630 Mountainview Street)!

Young people aged 4 to 12 are invited to take up a fun sporting challenge in an adapted course including swimming, cycling and running, in a dynamic and festive atmosphere.

Departures by age group

- 10 to 12 years old: 8:30 a.m.
- 8 to 9 years old: 9 a.m.
- 6 to 7 years old: 9:30 a.m. (mandatory presence of the parent)
- 4 to 5 years old: 10 a.m. (mandatory presence of the parent)

On site: snacks and inflatable game for everyone's enjoyment!

Online registration – spaces are limited!

FREE !

Triathlon jeunesse



La Récolte Mobile Market

**A market on wheels
at the service of the community.**

La Récolte – Marché mobile
will be open on Thursdays at
Edmond-Auclair Park in Otterburn Park
(630 Mountainview Street) from
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Fruits, fresh vegetables and local
products: breads, meats, cheeses,
ready-made meals, jams, maple, honey
and more.



Looking for volunteers

Do you want to get involved in your community? We need you!

Many upcoming events rely on the participation of volunteers to ensure their success. Whether it's for reception, organization or support in the field, every helping hand makes a real difference.

Thank you for contributing to the vitality of your community!

Parent meeting and camp jersey distribution

An informative meeting will be held at Mountainview School to discover the activities and operations of the day camp, including afternoons at the pool, outings and special workshops. It will be an opportunity to ask your questions, meet the counsellors, the recreation technician and her supervisors, and receive the camp jerseys.



ORGANIZATION BULLETIN BOARD

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Les Diffusions Pointe-Valaine

A cultural scene to discover right here!

Located in the heart of Otterburn Park, Les Diffusions Pointe-Valaine performance hall is a true cultural jewel for our community. Housed in a bright building on the banks of the Richelieu River, it offers a warm and unique setting to attend a high-quality artistic program.

With a multifunctional hall of approximately 200 seats, Les Diffusions Pointe-Valaine offers a variety of shows ranging from music to comedy, theatre and visual arts, featuring recognized and emerging artists.

In addition to its programming, the organization actively contributes to local cultural vitality by offering an accessible, friendly and inspiring gathering place. Whether it's for a cultural outing, an artistic discovery or simply to enjoy a unique moment close to home, Pointe-Valaine is a destination that should not be missed.

See the complete program and buy your tickets on the website: pointevalaine.ca

Parrainage civique de la Vallée-du-Richelieu

EXPERIENCE A HUMAN ADVENTURE!

Become a sponsor!

For more than 40 years, Parrainage civique de la Vallée-du-Richelieu (Vallée-du-Richelieu Citizen Advocacy) has been working in the community by promoting the social integration of people with an intellectual disability, an autism spectrum disorder or a mental health disorder, mainly through pairing with a volunteer resident.

Clientele: from 12 years old

Services offered: sponsorship with a citizen volunteer, one-off activities, integration outings, integration trips

Each pairing is unique. Do you like DIY? Do you play bowling? Do you prefer painting or walking in the forest? You will be paired with someone who also enjoys these activities. A few hours a month can make a difference!

Skills integration

May 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – World Café for All

Join us for an intercultural coffee meeting where exchanges, smiles and new friendships await you. A variety of refreshments will be provided to accompany the discussions. Open to all.

Location: 287 Cartier Blvd. Beloeil, Quebec J3G 3R2 Canada

Web page: <https://integrationcompetences.ca/evenement/cafe-du-monde-26-mai>

Aide Atout

Aide Atout's mission is to improve the quality of life for Richelieu Valley residents who stay at home. We offer home care services such as domestic life assistance (housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, running of a few errands, heavy and seasonal work), personal care (e.g., assistance with transportation, feeding, hygiene) and respite for caregivers.

A financial assistance program is available! www.aideatout.com / 450-446-2108 / info@aideatout.com

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ESSENTIELLE FEMMES

NEW PROGRAMMING

REGISTRATIONS IN PROGRESS

A program with workshops and activities to meet different needs and interests. The topics and types of workshops are varied. Here are a few titles: Effective Communication, Stress Reduction Practices, Home Troubleshooting, Sexual and Relationship Health, Committee on the Move to Action, Bye Guilt, Asian Collective Kitchen, Library Committee, Mental Health and Prejudice, War and What's the Point?

You will find the complete program at www.cfessentiel.org, on FB: CFEssentielle and at the Centre

L'Essentiel is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed between 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. as well as on Monday afternoons. It is located at 231 Brillon Street (near St-Mathieu School, in Vieux Beloeil).

Information: JC Chayer 450 467-3418

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Société d'histoire et de généalogie de Beloeil–Mont-Saint-Hilaire (SHGBMSH)

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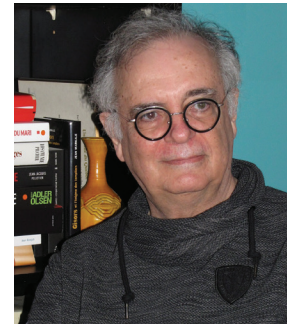
Free lecture!

Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

Pedro da Sylva, the first Portuguese in New France, by Carlos Taveira.
Free. In French.

On the ground floor of 300 Caron Street, McMasterville (FADOQ room)

Before you go, check the <https://shgbmsh.org> website to make sure that there are no changes to the program.



Carlos Taveira

Cahier d'histoire

Hurry and pick up a copy of number 139 of Cahier d'histoire before the 140th issue replaces it on the shelves! Three articles are featured: one on Honorius Charbonneau, an illustrious figure in the region, followed by another on the participation of the farmers of Saint-Jean-Baptiste in the establishment of the Union catholique des cultivateurs (UCC) in 1924, and a last article on an unpublished visual treasure, a nineteenth-century watercolour representing a landscape of the region and the English artist George Henry Andrews.

The 139th Cahier d'histoire contains three articles, the first of which focuses on the well-known regional figure, Honorius Charbonneau.



Summer break

The SHGBMSH Centre de documentation et d'archives, which is now located at 300 Caron Street in Masterville upstairs, is taking a summer break as of May 31. Activities will resume in September. You can make an appointment in the meantime by sending a request to info@shgbmsh.org.

Société d'histoire et de généalogie de Beloeil–Mont-Saint-Hilaire (SHGBMSH)

Alain Côté, President of the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de Beloeil–Mont-Saint-Hilaire

The Richelieu River floods in Otterburn Park

Every spring, as soon as the Richelieu River reaches a critical level, the issue of flooding comes up on everyone's lips. However, this phenomenon is not recent: floods have always existed. They are caused by a rapid thaw followed by heavy spring rains.

Significant flooding in Otterburn Park

Some Otterburn Park residents still remember the flood of 1993 during which a dozen families had to be evacuated. That year, the river reached 9.57 m at Otterburn Park, particularly affecting the properties between Chemin des Patriotes and the river (Oxford, Riverview, Ruth and Prince-Albert streets). Access to properties was only possible by rowboat.

More recently, the 2011 flood remains etched in our memory because of its persistence. For two months, the Richelieu maintained a record level, turning riverside streets into canals and causing major structural damage throughout the valley.

You may also remember that the 1976 crisis was even worse than the previous ones, causing more immediate damage. The water rose so high that it became impossible to take the Chemin des Patriotes in the direction of Saint-Mathias. Wallace C. Lemaire recalled, during an interview with the newspaper L'Œil Régional, that he had to row a rowboat between Notre-Dame Church and the filtration plant to get to work. It took about 10 days before the water began to recede.

Further back in time, 1936 remains without a doubt the most disastrous year ever. You only have to look at the archive photographs for proof. It is said that the water rose up to the roof of some houses! The electrical substation south of the parish was swept away by ice that year. During that flood, the waters submerged a large part of the road and the lowlands extending from the railway bridge to Saint-Mathias. In some places, the riverbed extended more than 30 metres (one hundred feet) from the bank.

The Richelieu, a strategic tributary

Year in and year out, depending on the winter snow cover and the intensity of the rainfall, the level of the Richelieu River rises to a critical threshold that causes the flooding of numerous Otterburn homes located in the riverfront area. Despite the precautions taken, it remains difficult to adequately counter this climatic phenomenon.

The Richelieu River, which stretches 128 kilometres through the most fertile region of Quebec, is considered one of the province's main tributaries. Fed by Lake Champlain and Lake George, USA, before emptying into Lake Saint-Pierre, it also collects water from all its tributaries, which considerably increases its potential for overflow.



Taken from Oxford Street, this photograph shows, on the left, the barn that stood behind the Pointe-Valaine hotel, while in the distance we can see the silhouette of the Sacré-Coeur Church in McMasterville. (SHGBMSH, Armand-Cardinal fonds, 7-32,4)

BINGO & BURGERS 18+

• **VENDREDI 27 MAR/24 AVR/29 MAI**
FRIDAY MAR27/APR 24/ MAY 29

DIX JEUX \$10 TEN GAMES
 CUISINE OUVERTE À 17H
 KITCHEN OPENS AT 5PM

JEUX COMMENCENT À 19H
 GAMES START AT 7PM

FÊTE DU CANADA DAY

1ER JUILLET PROGRAMME

12:30 - HYMNE NATIONAL ET CÉRÉMONIE COMMÉMORATIVE / NATIONAL ANTHEM & REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

13H00 - LES JEUX FOUX POUR LES ENFANTS ET ADULTES / CRAZY GAMES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

14h30 - GÂTEAU D'ANNIVERSAIRE DU CANADA / CANADA BIRTHDAY CAKE

16H30 - TRIVIA CANADIEN / CANADIAN TRIVIA

18h30 - MUSIQUE LIVE AVEC RECKLESS FIRE
 HOMMAGE À BRYAN ADAMS

CUISINE OUVERTE DE 12H00 À 18H00
 KITCHEN OPEN FROM 12:00PM-6:00PM