



## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING IN BRIEF

### Approval of Bylaw 19-781 to establish of a local sustainability and environmental protection fund

The *Québec Municipal Code* provides for municipalities to pass bylaws establishing reserve funds for the benefit of the whole area under their jurisdiction.

Council's resolution thus approved Bylaw 19-781 to establish a green fund, drawing on the proceeds of a green tax, for purposes of sustainable development and environmental protection. The fund will go to support projects and initiatives in the areas of environmental stewardship, quality of life, and local economic growth.

The municipality is also establishing a program to process applications to the fund. All funding decisions will require ratification by Council in the form of a resolution.

### Call for improvements to Route 366

Route 366 in La Pêche is in bad shape in a number of sections, with numerous potholes, cracks, sinkholes, and other problems. Minor repairs have been made by Transports Québec in recent years, but no major roadwork has been done in a long time.

The situation presents a danger to road users, and numerous complaints have been filed. Council's resolution therefore calls on Ministère des Transports du Québec to perform the necessary remedial roadwork and repave the section between the traffic circles in Wakefield and Chemin des Trois-Monts in Lac-des-Loups as soon as possible. A copy of the resolution was sent to MNA Robert Bussière.

### Affordable housing: Cohabitat Wakefield

Cohabitat Wakefield is a nonprofit solidarity coop with plans to build 24 to 30 units of affordable housing in Wakefield. The project will be 100% financed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and the coop is seeking to build on lands held by the National Capital Commission (NCC). Cohabitat Wakefield is supported by the Outaouais-Laurentides CDR, and Algonquin College selected the project as a case study as part of its green architecture program. Students in the program have drawn up a design and construction plan along with a cost analysis.

Council sees affordable housing as a challenge that must be met to ensure the municipality's growth. Council's resolution states its support for and solidarity with the Cohabitat Wakefield project, of which it will notify the NCC authorities. It also authorizes the municipality to take part in discussions on matters such as the transfer of lots.

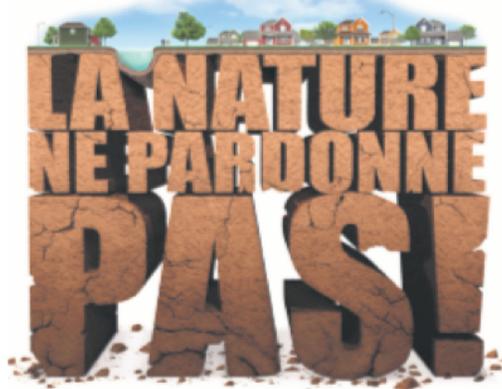
### Grants to community organizations

In March 2013, the municipality passed policies on the funding of community organizations and sponsorships.

In the 2019 Budget, \$122,500 is awarded to 44 community associations and organizations to support their activities, and \$18,975 is earmarked to sponsor five organizations. The events the municipality is sponsoring draw numerous visitors here and promote La Pêche far beyond our borders.

Council's two resolutions authorize funding and sponsorship payments as per the applicable policies, subject to filing requirements.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



**En cas de situation d'urgence, êtes-vous prêt?**

Experiences in Québec, the Ottawa Valley, and even right next door in recent years have thoroughly debunked the idea that it can't happen here. We've had a wakeup call, no question. But have we translated that call into action? Have you gotten ready for next time? Not because you want there to be a next time, but because you know it could happen to you. If it does, will you be ready this time, with everything you need? If not, the good news is that it's not too late. Here's what to do:

- Make a family emergency plan so you know how to respond and what to do. Practically speaking, you need to make a list of people to contact, know how to shut off the water or electricity or gas, and plan your evacuation routes, both from your home and your neighbourhood. In a nutshell, picture what you'll have to do in an emergency.
- You also need to assemble an emergency kit that lets you be self-sufficient for three days after a disaster. Your kit has to contain all the essentials and be easy to carry if you're evacuated.

- Make sure your property is insured properly (and keep your receipts).

Remember that the most important person when it comes to keeping you and your family safe in an emergency—and protecting your property—is you.

To get started, see the La Pêche website. There's an "Emergency Measures" section on the menu at the top of the page with lots of useful information. The pamphlet *Êtes-vous prêts?* (French only) looks at various types of disaster and discusses what to do before, during, and after they occur.

Even better is the Urgence Québec website, [www.urgencequebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.urgencequebec.gouv.qc.ca). It's the provincial government clearinghouse for emergency preparedness information. Everything is covered there, so you can use it as a reference for preparing for an emergency.

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## STUDENTS SUMMER JOB

The Urban Planning Department and Public Works departments are looking for students to join their teams during the summer. If interested, please see the job description on the municipal Website under "Municipality/Carrers".

### MEMBERS WANTED TO SIT ON PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Municipality of La Pêche is presently looking for residents of La Pêche to sit on its Planning Advisory Committee. Interested persons are invited to submit their expression of interest in writing no later than Wednesday, March 27, 2019. For further information on how to apply, please consult the Notice posted on the Municipality's web site under «News Items», or contact the Urban Planning Department at 819 456-2161, ext. 2250.