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# **Council Meetings**

- April 7th at 7:00 pm
- April 21st at 7:00 pm

Council meetings will be online. Links to view will be posted on our website the day of the meeting.



# **Office Closed**

The Village office will be closed on the following days:

- April 2nd Good Friday
- April 5th Easter Monday

Message from the Mayor:



Happy Easter,

It's been a month since my last report and there have been a few changes within the Village. To start off we hired a new Parks and Recreation employee. His name is Joey Hildebrandt and he started Thursday March 25/21. He will be a great asset with all the experience that he brings. If you see him, don't hesitate to stop him and welcome him to our community. As you may have noticed on Facebook and our Website we are now looking for an Operations Manager. Michel Carriere has decided to leave us as an opportunity that he couldn't refuse came up! If you see him in the Village, please join us in wishing him the best in his new endeavor. We would also like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication that he gave us in the five years that he's been with us.

In my last report I mentioned a berm that was being built on the East side of the Village for overland flood protection. There have been some changes to that whereas we no longer need

a berm as the first road going North, East of the Village, is higher than the height that would have been required for the berm. So we are communicating with the government to try to change that grant so we could use it to change the storm sewer drain that drains Highway 59. With this change we should no longer have to close Hwy 59 after a large rainfall. There are other factors that we have to look at also regarding moving all that water but we are hopeful that it will all come together before summer.

You have no doubt noticed all the little flags around the Village. These flags are for fiber optic internet/tv that is coming to town this summer. It is being installed by Valley Fiber with the initial construction done by Accurate HD. So be very careful and slow down when driving by these work crews.

You will be seeing some advertisements regarding a by-election that is coming up in June. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and helping us with the day to day operations, the decisions needed to fix our infrastructure and trying to bring in more growth. Please don't hesitate to call the office and get the information on what is needed to get started.

Days to Remember for April:

- April 1 April Fools day (remember the joke has to be done by noon for it to count, apparently)
- April 2 Good Friday (yahoo day off!)
- April 4 Easter
- April 5 Easter Monday (another day off for the government employees)
- April 12- National Grilled Cheese Sandwich day
- April 18 National Animal Crackers day
- April 22 National Earth Day
- April 30 National Bugs Bunny Day (my favorite!)

Don't forget to go visit the Sugar Shack on the weekend of the 12th for the annual Socially distanced Sugaring Off Festival. Rolly and his gang have put a lot of effort to continue this event while adhering to the Government regulations for COVID, especially social distancing. They've been gathering maple sap for at least a week now. Make sure you stop in for a taste of our St-Pierre-Jolys Maple syrup. Thank you Rolly for all your hard work!

Have a great month of April, stay safe, social distance, wear a mask and wash your hands regularly.

#### **By-election**



With a councillor having resigned, there will be a by-election for the Village of St-Pierre-Jolys. The by-election date will be **June 17th**. We will begin accepting nominations as of **10:00 AM on May 6th**. Visit the elections page on our website for the forms to fill out.



# Fibre Optic Internet and TV

The Village has secured a deal with Valley Fiber to bring fiber internet and tv to all residents of St-Pierre-Jolys. This deal came with no cost to taxpayers. If you are interested in a free hookup, check out Valley Fiber's website or call them for rates and info.



#### Building Permits

For all your building permit needs/questions, please contact Nicole at the Village office. 204-433-7832 ext. 1 or by email acao@villagestpierrejolys.ca.

# **Cemetery Information**

Any questions regarding the cemetery? Call Nicole at the Office: 204-433-7832 ext. 3 or by email: acao@villagestpierrejolys.ca.

#### **Pick Up After Your Dog**



We all love our furry friends. We love taking them for walks. When out for walks, we ask you to please pick up after your dog. We need to work together to keep the Village clean. Thank you!

#### ATV's in the Village

Spring is FINALLY here and summer is coming soon. This means all of the ATV enthusiasts will begin to ride. However, you must know that there are rules to riding



in the Village. While ATV's are

accepted (with

conditions), mini-bikes, dirt bikes and trail bikes are not accepted within the Village. By-Law 2012-3 indicates all the rules regarding ATV's. Please find this By-Law on our website.



# **Carillon Park Campsite Rentals**

Are you looking to book a site for the Caillon Park RV Campground? All rentals will now be done online. Visit the Recreation page on the Village website for more information. There is a step-by-step document to help you out. Sites will be available starting May 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Welcome**

Welcome to our new staff member, Joey Hildebrandt! Our new Parks and Recreation Facility Operator.

# We're Hiring!

We are hiring for the Public Works Foreman position. If you are interested or want more information, please visit our website or contact the CAO at cao@villagestpierrejolys.ca or by



phone at 204-433-

7832 ext. 6.

We are also hiring for term summer public works positions. If you are interested, please contact the CAO at cao@villagestpierrejolys.ca or by phone at 204-433-7832 ext. 6.

# Branch Depot Open

The branch depot located to the East of the Fire Hall is now open. We ask that you please respect the rules of the depot:

- Only tree branches (Try to keep them smaller than 8 inches in diameter)
- No leaves
- No tree stumps
- No grass clippings
- Absolutely no garbage!

# **Committee Members Wanted!**

The Parc Carillon committee and the Rec Centre Advisory Board are looking for members. Please contact Raymond Gagné (Parc Carillon, raymond.gagne@villagestpierrejolys.ca) or Justin Kehler (Rec Centre, justin.kehler@villagestpierrejolys.ca) if you are interested in making a commitment to one of these amazing groups!

# **Updated Contact Information**

Has your contact information changed recently? Are you new to the Village? Please contact the Village office at 204-433-7832 or by email at info@villagestpierrejolys.ca to have your contact information updated in order to receive up to date information on your property taxes, Village information, road and sewer maintenance, etc.

#### **COVID-19 Information**



The Village office is open to the public. Only one person in the office at a time. The drop box is still available at the entrance during business hours. We also accept e-transfer payments sent to info@villagestpierrejolys.ca. Thank you for your understanding.

The Village of St-Pierre-Jolys is still in code red. You may be tired of staying inside or following physical distancing procedures, but we must continue to follow these measures to stay safe. We will get through this together!

For trusted information regarding COVID-19, look no further than the Village website COVID-19 page. Click here to find local, provincial and national information regarding this pandemic.

## **Voters List Update**



The voters list will begin to be updated, please contact the Village office to ensure that you are included on the list and that your contact information is up to date in order to vote in the upcoming by-election. More information to come for the by-election.

# **Development Plan and Zoning By-Law Review**

Richard+Wintrup has begun a provincially mandated review of the Development Plan and Zoning By-Law. As the first step, over the next few months, Richard+Wintrup Planning & Development will be contacting and meeting with landowners and stakeholders of those within the identified areas of future development. Fore more information and contact info, click here.

#### **TIPPS Program - Now available**

The Village office has implemented the tax installment payment program (TIPP). This allows you to make automatic monthly property tax payments through your bank. Please visit the Village website for more information and to print out the subscription form. You should be receiving a subscription package in the mail as well. Thank you!