



East Bolton Municipality



May 2007

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We wish to welcome all our new residents or property owners.

2007 Municipal Taxes

The second payment for municipal taxes is due June 1st. , 2007

Recycling next pick ups of recycling: June 5 & 19 and July 4, 17 & 31, 2007

We wish to remind you that you can recycle rechargeable batteries and cell phones by bringing them to the Town Hall.



Large garbage pick up

From now until November 1st. Your large garbage can be put out with your regular garbage on Mondays.

Fire Protection

We received numerous phone calls from insurance companies asking for the distance between your property and the fire station , in kilometres. Remember that it is your responsibility to check the distance and inform your insurance company.



East Bolton Embellishment Association

The spring craft bazaar of April 28, 2007 was once again a successful event. Thanks to all donors, volunteers and shoppers. During the month of June, flowers will be planted and displayed in the villages of South Bolton and Bolton Center.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2ND 2007 COUNCIL MEETING



The Mayor, 4 councillors and 1 citizen were present.

COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

During the March 11th meeting, the committee explored various courses of action, one of which involved hosting a municipal 'Green Day'.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Following their meeting of March 16th the committee proposed a number of measures regarding the municipal park on Terrio Road. Temporary measures were proposed for the short term and the hiring of a landscape architect was proposed for long term planning.

PRINCIPAL RESOLUTIONS

Again this year, the municipality will participate in the MRC's water sampling program for the Missisquoi River. During the summer months 5 samples will be taken from each of 3 designated stations.

The financial report prepared by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton for the 2006 fiscal year was submitted to the municipal council. The report revealed that all requirements were met and no irregularities were detected.

Within the framework of the fight against cyan bacteria (blue algae), two resolutions were adopted by council. The first asks for an amendment to the *Regulation respecting waste water disposal systems for isolated dwellings* (Q-2, r.8) to provide the municipalities with the tools required to detect malfunctioning septic systems. The second resolution asks for a modification to the 'Réno-Village' program so that low income home owners can benefit from subsidies for the replacement of faulty septic systems.

The Council gave a green light to the work on the Terrio road park as well as to a future global development plan for the site.

MAYOR'S REPORT

On June 2nd, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the municipality of East Bolton will host a 'Greet your Neighbours' day. This activity is aimed at bringing the community together and recognizing the contribution of volunteers working within the various community organizations and municipal committees.

Statistics-Canada announced the results of the 2006 census. The statistics are now available on their web site.

QUESTIONS

A resident informed us that there are trucks using Baker Pond Road regardless of the fact that the road is limited to local delivery. This leads to a deterioration of road conditions especially during the thaw. If necessary, signage will be increased.

The same resident enquired as to whether East Bolton was eligible for the same road improvement subsidies as neighbouring municipalities. The Mayor responded that we have applied for, and are receiving, these subsidies.

NEXT MEETING :May 7th 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 7th 2007 COUNCIL MEETING



The Mayor, 5 councillors and 9 citizens were present.

COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

Green Day was held on May 6th 2007 at the East Bolton Town Hall. Among the scheduled activities: a hike along the 'Sentiers de l'Estrie' trails, a workshop on the replanting of shorelines and a viewing of the film 'J'ai pour toi un lac'. Participants were pleased with the event.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The committee submitted a temporary plan for the Terrio road park. Work is presently in progress and includes the installation of playground equipment, a sandbox, a volley ball net, a pétanque and horseshoe court as well as picnic tables and a chemical toilet.

PRINCIPAL RESOLUTIONS

On June 2nd, 2007 an event entitled 'Greet your Neighbours Day' will be hosted by the municipality at the Town Hall. This event is intended to tighten community ties and to pay tribute to the many volunteers working for various committees and organizations throughout the municipality. Citizens will also be invited to take a look at the plans for the renovation of the Town Hall scheduled for the Fall.

A resolution to pay our share for the hiring of a technical resource for the Missisquoi Valley Eco development project was passed.

Resolutions were adopted giving financial support to the Trousers Lake Association for the publication of a brochure on Canada geese and a second resolution to support the Lake Nick Landowners Association composting workshop to be held on June 3rd, 2007. This workshop will be open to all citizens of the municipality of East Bolton.

Within the framework of the revision of the Act respecting Pits and Quarries, the municipality adopted a resolution requesting that gravel pits in operation before August 17th, 1977 and wishing to expand be subject to the same standards as new operations.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Following a general appeal by the Holy Trinity Anglican Church whose congregation is diminishing and which is in need of repair, the Mayor underscored the importance of developing a public policy for the preservation of historical buildings which form part of our cultural heritage.

The company wishing to open a gravel pit in South Bolton submitted a new proposal adding the donation of land to create a park along the stream running through their property. The council maintained their original position and will not proceed with an amendment of the zoning bylaw.

QUESTIONS

Complaints regarding the condition of Bellevue road were received. The Infrastructure committee will take a look at the situation and make the appropriate recommendations.

A citizen reported on the saw mill in Lake Nick which contravenes the shoreline protection standards. The Ministry of Environment intervened but the dossier will apparently be transferred to the municipality.

NEXT MEETING : June 4th, 2007 at 7 :00 p.m.

2007 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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GREET YOUR NEIGHBOURS DAY ! INVITATION TO ALL !

East Bolton Town Hall, 858 route Missisquoi, Bolton Center
 Saturday, June 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This community event is an opportunity to get to know our neighbours and fellow citizens & to honour the contributions of the volunteers at work within the numerous associations and committees in our municipality. You will also have an opportunity to take a look at the plans for the upcoming renovation of the Town Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO PLANT A TREE

The Eastern Townships Forestry Association in collaboration with the Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife has provided a number of saplings in honour of Forest & Tree Month. We welcome you to help us plant some of these trees in our parks and to take some home (maximum of 4 per resident). The species available are white pine, red pine and a limited number of white ash and red oak. The Mayor and Council look forward to meeting you.

BOLTON LIBRARY

Volunteer Library - Membership free to all Residents - - Monday to Friday - 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Fran McCallum 450-297-3506

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NEW – NEW –NEW – NEW - NEW – NEW –NEW

EACH UPCOMING EDITION OF THE “INSIGHT” WILL NOW FEATURE A ‘GREEN’ PAGE DEDICATED SOLELY TO ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS!!!

First, a look back on our ‘GREEN DAY’ held on May 6th. This first edition reflected the increasing interest of our population in the defence of our environment. Members of our various environmental associations were present, giving a clear signal of the dawning of a closer collaboration between our fellow citizens, our associations devoted to the environment, the municipality and the MRC.

- Hundreds of flyers and brochures containing environmental information were distributed;
- 224 kilos of dangerous domestic waste were collected and safely transported to the Cowansville treatment centre;
- The nature walk along one of the Eastern Township Trails, guided by their general manager Jean-Marie Croteau, was a big hit;
- The workshop « RESTORING THE SHORELINES OF OUR LAKES AND RIVERS », commissioned by the MRC and conducted by Alexandra Roy, raised a great deal of interest and was much appreciated by the audience. For those who chose to benefit from the occasion to order appropriate plants to restore their shorelines, the plants will be available at the Town hall on Saturday, June 9th from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Bravo to all participants and thank you to our sponsors!

Residents of Long Pond officially launched their new Association on May 20th, 2007. We are pleased to welcome this newly forged association as a partner dedicated to the protection of the lake.

The APLN (Association des Propriétaires du Lac-Nick) will be hosting its own ‘GREEN DAY’ on Sunday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lake Nick beach. Among the scheduled activities:

- Garage sale
- Trading of perennials
- Dangerous domestic waste collection
- COMPOSTING WORKSHOP held at 1:30 p.m.

This last activity, sponsored entirely by the municipality, is open to all residents of East Bolton. For additional information or to register, please contact Josée St-Amand at 450-552-0674 or josee@lilyecolo.com or call Ginette Breton at 450-292-3530.

CONSERVATION DES VALLONS DE LA SERPENTINE cordially invites you to a series of public conferences where you will have the opportunity to meet dynamic individuals wishing to take constructive action to better the environment. The first in the series is a conference entitled ‘GROWING GREENER’ or HOW TO PLAN A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS MORE EFFICIENT...ON ALL LEVELS with guest speaker Charles Weldon of the Mount Echo Conservation Association (MECA) on Sunday June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until noon at 25 Missisquoi Road (behind the church) in Eastman.

The MRC’s Green Calendar for June and July :

Conference : Ecological horticulture and the protection of waterways
Tuesday July 10th 2007, at 7 :00 p.m.at the Hatley Town Hall, 2100, Route 143, Hatley

Conference : 6 Ways to Compost at Home
Tuesday July 24th 2007 at 7 :00 p.m. at the East Bolton Town Hall, 858, Route Missisquoi

A LITTLE GREEN REMINDER.....

Remember that chemical pesticides, fungicides and herbicides are forbidden in our municipality. Having problems getting rid of weeds growing between your patio stones? Here’s a greener alternative: try pouring boiling water on them ...one treatment should take care of it...

Have a great summer!!!

Your Environment Committee

Dangerous Domestic Wastes, (RDDs) – are they toxic?



For the MRC de Memphrémagog

By Mélanie Morel, Project officer Nature-Action Québec

Dangerous domestic wastes (RDDs in French) are products widely used in the home that may be dangerous for your health or the environment when they are improperly used, stored or disposed of. They include leftover paint, used oil, solvents, batteries, medications, pesticides and chemical fertilizers, dry batteries, cleaning products, etc.

Disposing of RDDs with household garbage presents serious risks for health and the environment. So it is very important to take a few extra minutes to take them to the appropriate place for disposal:

Leftover paints and cans: in the MRC de Memphrémagog, a number of municipalities have arranged for special containers to recover leftover paint. Contact your municipality to find out where the nearest paint drop-off depot is. You can also visit the website of Éco-Peinture, the Société québécoise de la gestion écologique de la peinture : www.peinture.qc.ca

Here are some tips for safe recovery:

- Ensure that the contents are firmly closed and leakproof;
- Don't mix products;
- Store and save products in their original containers;
- Bring only products that can be accepted.

Used oils, containers for used oils and used filters: Canadian Tire stores will take these products along with anti-freeze and car batteries. Some municipalities in the MRC have a site where citizens can bring used oils. Contact your municipality or the website of the Société de gestion des huiles usagées (SOGHU) which has a list of drop-off points in Quebec at: www.SOGHU.com

Medications past their expiry date: Most pharmacies will take these products back for disposal.

Rechargeable batteries: Stores such as Radio Shack, Canadian Tire, Centre du rasoir, Batteries Expert, Sears, etc. recover rechargeable batteries. To find other places to bring rechargeable batteries, consult the website: www.rbrc.org

Other RDDs (leftover quantities of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, solvents, toxic cleaning products, etc.): Please contact your municipality for the collection dates and drop-off locations.

A better way ...

You can help reduce consumption at source by using ecological alternatives and by reducing the use of cleaning products, chemical fertilizers and pesticides and buying only the amount strictly necessary.

Do your part by bringing your dangerous domestic wastes (RDDs) to the appropriate disposal site. By doing this, you will be taking part in the Residual Waste Management Plan of the MRC de Memphrémagog which is intended to protect the environment and reduce solid wastes / garbage.

To learn more, consult your municipality, call the environment information hotline at the MRC de Memphrémagog: (819) 843-9292 Ext. 63 or visit:

Recyc-Québec: www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca

The Public Health Agency of Canada: <http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/>