



Low Chronicle

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Dear Reader,

Sunny days are here again ! Welcome to the spring issue of the Low Chronicle. If you would like to make any suggestions or submit any story ideas, please contact us at 819-422-3528 or email us at info@lowquebec.ca



Recycling—Good for the bottom line

Many of you may have heard that the Municipality will be distributing blue recycle bins to each door at a one-time cost of approximately \$29 each. The bin itself is industrial strength; guaranteed to last 10 years; features the municipality's logo and a serial number that will allow for better tracking if a bin ends up where it's not supposed to. The reason we have decided to embark on this initiative is quite simply a matter of economics.

It currently costs the Municipality about \$122 per ton to get our garbage processed, whereas it currently costs us about \$71 per ton to get our recycling processed. In 2013, the cost of processing a ton of recycling will drop to \$23 per ton while the cost of processing garbage will remain the same or go up!

Basic math tells us that we are better off putting more in our recycle bins than we are putting it in our garbage bins. We would like to challenge all our residents to help us reduce our garbage by increasing our recycling.

Composting

Composting is another great way to reduce the weight of the garbage we send to landfill. As you know, much of what we put in our garbage is wet, organic material such as vegetable and fruit peels, eggshells, coffee grounds and other non-meat waste, which is the heaviest component of the waste we create. Taking this out of our garbage could dramatically reduce the total tonnage that we send to landfill, thereby, once again, reducing our costs.

Yet another great advantage of composting is the wonderful natural fertilizer you create for your garden. Nothing grows as well as with the compost of the previous year! Try it and you'll see.

You can buy a basic composter at garden centres like Home Depot, Rona and Ritchie Feed & Seed, or you can make your own. Either way, it's worth trying. For information on how to make your own composter please check out our website at:

Lowquebec.ca

Miscellaneous



Low Fire Department

Door-to-door fire prevention visits are coming to you starting this summer. Please take advantage of their expertise for your protection.

Corn Roast Saturday, August 25th 6PM at Heritage Hall.

To benefit the Fire Fighter's Association for a thermal imaging camera.

Graduation

Congratulations to St-Michael's graduating class of 2012...you did it!

Spring Cleaning

Many thank you to the students of St-Michaels High School who did a fabulous job cleaning up around Low. We've had nothing but compliments about their hard work!

Burning

Please be advised that it is NOT permitted to do any burning at this time.

Private Roads

Private roads must be maintained to a width of 12 feet and a height of 16 feet. Ensuring that private roads are cleared makes it easier for emergency vehicles to reach you.

Upcoming Events...

Low's Canada Day Celebrations! July 1, 2012

Join your neighbours and friends for food, fun, and fireworks! The day starts with the traditional Canada Day Breakfast, followed by a parade at 11AM. Later on you can enjoy the truck pull and various other musical entertainment! Sunday, July 1st at Heritage Hall and surrounding park.



30th Anniversary Celebration of Low's Library June 6, 2012

Starting at 4:30PM at Heritage Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration—Gatineau Valley Skating Club September 22, 2012

Starting at 10AM -1PM at Central Gatineau Arena in Low. For more info contact Trudy Field at 819-422-1882

Don't trash our environment!

Some residents of our municipality have been commenting on the amount of trash that gets thrown out of cars and trucks as well as the trash that gets dumped in ditches off the main roads.

The natural beauty of our home is its best asset. Please, let's put our trash where it belongs, in the garbage!



Tips and Reminders

Street Lights

If you see a burnt out light on one of the hydro posts please report it to the municipal office at 819-422-3528.

Construction Materials

Don't forget that you can bring construction material and old tires except for tractor tires to the Municipal

disposal site at 713 MacDonald Road. Open on Saturdays from 12PM-4PM. Cost is \$25 for construction materials only.

Septic Systems

Septic systems benefit greatly from regular maintenance, which includes regular draining of the tank. The Ministry of the Environment recom-

mends every two years if you are a full-time resident and every four years if you are a seasonal resident.

If you would like to have your tank emptied, please call the municipal office at 819-422-3528 so that we can prepare a work order for your cleaning supplier.

Garbage Contract

Starting July 1st, Low will be served by a new waste collection company, RLS Transport. Please be assured that every attempt will be made to maintain the same level of service we have enjoyed with Jean Legros and his employees.

Garbage will be picked up on Mondays and

Tuesdays every week for the summer until the end of September.

Similarly, recycling will continue to be picked up on Wednesdays and Thursdays every two weeks throughout the year.

For further information, please contact the municipal office at 819-422-3528.



From the Mayor's desk....

I'm proud to say that our Municipality has been making progress on a number of fronts since last summer.

To start with, we are on the verge of providing blue recycle bins to our citizens in an effort to reduce the amount of waste that we send to landfill. This program is voluntary, but we hope that the arguments put forth in the brief article on the first page will convince you to seriously consider recycling and composting.

We've also had a very active library committee. Led by Sherrill Owen, a group of residents has assumed the responsibility of giving the library a much-needed facelift including: creating a renewed children's corner with new educational toys; providing new signage throughout the library; re-organizing the library's lay out; and purchasing new computers. Council was very pleased to support their efforts and we welcomed the grant from the Réseau Biblio for the purchase of new equipment. We hope that the community will come out and join us for the 30th anniversary celebrations on June 6th at Heritage Hall.

No doubt you all know about our new fire truck. The Fire Risk Coverage Plan (FRCP) obliges our Municipality to have a tanker and a pumper with very specific capacities in order to meet the fire protection standard set out by the province in its law on fire protection. Our investment in this equipment will ensure that we do conform to the FRCP and that our fire department is extremely well equipped for many years to come.

Once again, due to our portion of the gas tax, the Municipality is able to improve a number of roads this summer. We intend to concentrate on ditching, road-widening, gravelling and changing culverts where needed, in preparation for the eventual paving of some of our major thoroughfares next year and beyond.

Please note that we are making cost-effective improvements to our parks in an effort to make our municipality as welcoming as possible. In fact, we would like to invite any person or group of people who have an interest in making and keeping our parks beautiful to contact the Municipality to discuss how they can become involved.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Morris O'Connor, Mayor

More Upcoming Events...

Low United Church

Memorial Sunday Service—2PM June 10, 2012

Celebrate Summer Supper—4-7PM July 14, 2012

Yard sale—9-2PM August 18, 2012

For more info on these events please call Gail Draper at 819-422-3877.

Lobster Festival—Low & District Lyon's Club June 6, 2012

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy one of the sea's best delicacies! Tickets Call Jean McMillan 819-467-3080

Joe's Famous Garage Sale June 23, 2012

Proceeds for the Arena. To reserve a table or donate items please contact Joe O'Sullivan at 613-957-0875 or Terry van Erp 819-7422-3456

Memorial Mass—Holy Cross Church August 12, 2012

White Elephant, Bake sale, lunch.

Church Picnic—Our Lady of Sorrows June 23, 2012

Home cooked food, music and mass at 7PM.

Venosta Clan Ball Tournament—August 4 & 5, 2012

Cash bar, live music, canteen

Show & Shine—Venosta Car Club August 25, 2012

To enter your car contact Peter Mulrooney at 819-422-3259.

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Bits & Bobs

The Municipality now offers the possibility of paying your taxes through Interac or on the Internet using on-line banking.

Heritage Hall can be booked through our office by calling 819-422-3528 or by coming in person to the municipal offices.

The Library is open Wednesday from 8AM-noon and Friday from 6-8PM. Please note that volunteers are needed. If you are interested please call 819-422-3528.

Please remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only!

Are your chimneys clean? We've got brushes if you need them!

Fire alarms save lives. Make sure yours are in working order.

COUNCIL MEETINGS 2012

January 16th

February 6th

March 5th

April 2nd

May 7th

June 4th

July 9th

August 7th

September 10th

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

We recycle:

Paint, used motor oil in their containers and filters too.

Batteries: AA, AAA, C, D, 6 and 9 volt and rechargeable ones too.

Electronic devices: computers, laptops, TV, cell phones, old stereos etc...

All these items can be brought to the Municipal Office from Monday to Friday between 8AM and 3PM.

Looking forward

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter in the fall. Please do not hesitate to give us story ideas or information you think should be in here.