



Info Wentworth

Message from the Mayor



November 3rd, 2013 the residents of Wentworth will go to the polls to elect a Mayor and a slate of Councillors. These elected representatives will be essential actors in the elaboration of a future vision regarding economic,

environmental, cultural and territorial development. You will find more information regarding elections on page 3, as well on our website at www.wentworth.ca.

The mandate of a municipal Council is to represent the interests of the entire community. The present Council's objectives were financial accountability, transparency and preservation of the environment. We are proud to present some of the accomplishments of this council.

TAXES

One of the mandates of this administration was to minimize tax increases. This is sometimes difficult to accomplish as an important portion of the budgeted expenses are imposed on us and we do not have direct control over them. The chart below demonstrates how we were successful in keeping the tax rate increases to a minimum.

| Year | Taxation rate | Increase or decrease from previous year |
|-------|-------------------------|---|
| 2010 | 0.7222/100 of valuation | .4% |
| 2011 | 0.7295/100 of valuation | 1.0% |
| *2012 | 0.6362/100 of valuation | (14.7%) |
| 2013 | 0.6584/100 of valuation | 3.5% |

*The new 2012 evaluation roll for all properties in Wentworth reflected an increase of 18%. The municipal council compensated by reducing the tax rate accordingly.

PUBLIC SECURITY

A Mutual Aid Agreement among Wentworth, Gore and Mille Isles was signed to provide improved day time coverage of Emergency Services. Another agreement with Wentworth North establishes emergency and first responder services for Carrière and Baie Noire Roads.

We implemented the Ministère de la Sécurité approved Regional Risk Coverage Plan which required that we purchase a new fire truck and train firefighters and officers in conformity with the Provincial laws. These investments improved our insurable classification from 5 to 3.5 for all properties within 8 km of the fire station. This may represent a potential decrease in your house insurance (more details p. 5).

COMMUNITY CENTER

Several improvements have been made. A policy for the use of the community center and a contract for general maintenance were established to preserve the quality of the Center for all residents. Through a grant of \$16 666 from Hydro-Quebec, the balcony, the access ramp and the parking lot were improved.

For its participation in the program « My Health in Mind », the Municipality of Wentworth received a \$11 000 grant to promote health through different activities such as Pilates, Dance fitness, Yoga, Cross-country skiing, Snowshoeing and Health Awareness Day.

The Municipality also supported the Wentworth Recreative Center, a non-profit community organization that offers free outdoor activities to all residents, to obtain a Provincial Government and MRC grant of \$43 767 and \$ 22 806 for the installation of a service building and a new skating rink. In addition, a \$15 306 grant from the MRC for playground equipment that will be installed soon.

FIREWORKS



A permit is required for fireworks. Please call the Municipal Inspector several days in advance as the launch location must be approved by the Fire Department. After the permit is issued, you must call the day of the event to ensure there is no fire ban.



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▶▶ ADMINISTRATION

- A budgetary surplus was allocated to set up a working capital fund. This will allow the Municipality to self-finance major community projects, without borrowing and incurring interest charges;
- Garbage and recycling collections are now door to door for all residents;
- Adopted a by-law to set prerequisites for the Municipality to remove snow and for sanding of private roads;
- Signed a lease with Bell for the location of a future cellular tower;
- Concluded an agreement with Lachute so that the use of the Lachute library is free to all Wentworth residents;
- Ceated a newsletter published at regural intervals so citizens can be informed of their Municipality's activities;
- Hired Mrs. Aline Gravel as an Administrative Technician and Communications Coordinator. She will ensure, among other duties, the website update, the regular production of the Info Wentworth and the drafting of several other communications.

▶▶ PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

We hired Mr. Éric Boucher, a biologist and a specialist in Environment. Mr. Boucher assumes certain Public Works duties and is also in charge of garbage and recycling pick-up complaints, shoreline protection and the conformity of existing sanitary systems.

We organized two Environment Days to inform and raise awareness on Invasive species, Shoreline Protection Bands, Beaver Dams, Forestry Operations, Recycling, etc. (see p. 6).

Lakes are one of the main riches of our Township, this is why the Municipality quickly intervened when Revenu Quebec wanted to create a breach in the dam of Lac Roger for hypothetical security reasons. The Municipality quickly organized an information session, created a working committee, asked for a delay, proceeded with the stabilization works, makes regular inspections and adopted a resolution concerning its intention to take over the Lac Roger dam.

We are also very proud to have contributed to the setting up of a large-scale environmental project: the Good Neighbors Ecocenter in association with the Township of Gore and the Municipality of Mille Isles. (See the inauguration pictures on page 6.)

▶▶ ROADS

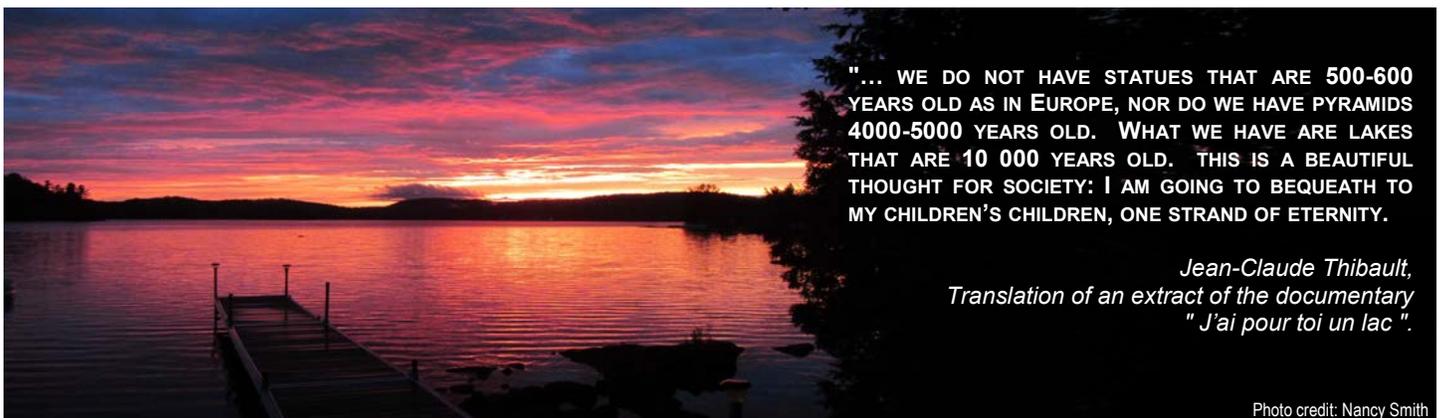
In order to preserve sustainable community infrastructures, the Municipality must ensure to rebuild and execute works in order to prevent the deterioration of its road network.

Substantial sums were invested in road repairs. A portion of Glen Road needed an investment of approximately \$500 000 This project was made possible though a grant from the financial support programme of Fonds Chantiers Canada-Québec who gave a grant of \$330 784 It cost \$195 000 to rebuild Moseley Road, a section of Paradis Road and the improvement of the intersection of Robinson/Lake Louisa South Roads for which we received a \$50 000 grant from taxes collected from gravel and sand exploitation sites.

We also rebuilt Curran Road and Seale Road at costs of \$205 240 and \$327,431 respectively.

These are only the major issues that this Council has addressed. I would like to thank Council for their time and perseverance in making our municipality one that we can all be proud of.

Ed Kasprzyk, Maire



"... WE DO NOT HAVE STATUES THAT ARE 500-600 YEARS OLD AS IN EUROPE, NOR DO WE HAVE PYRAMIDS 4000-5000 YEARS OLD. WHAT WE HAVE ARE LAKES THAT ARE 10 000 YEARS OLD. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT FOR SOCIETY: I AM GOING TO BEQUEATH TO MY CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, ONE STRAND OF ETERNITY.

*Jean-Claude Thibault,
Translation of an extract of the documentary
" J'ai pour toi un lac "*

Photo credit: Nancy Smith



MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2013



Municipal elections occur the 1st Sunday of November every four years by virtue of the Law on the elections and the referendums in municipalities (L.R. Q., c. E-2.2). The next municipal elections will be held Sunday, November 3rd, 2013 throughout Quebec.

Make sure you are registered on the electoral list to exercise your right to vote !

To

VOTE

IF YOU ARE A DOMICILED ELECTOR

ON THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH :

- You can vote on election day. Polling stations will be open on Sunday, November 3rd from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Community Center, 86, Louisa Road, Wentworth.
- If you plan to be absent or will be unable to vote on election day, you can vote at the advance poll that will be held on Sunday, October 27th 2013, from noon until 8 p.m. at the Community Center, 86, Louisa Road, Wentworth.

IF YOU ARE A NON DOMICILED ELECTOR

ON THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH, BUT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF A PROPERTY OR THE OCCUPANT OF A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT ON THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS.

- You can vote on election day
- You can vote at the advance poll
- You can vote by mail. You must fill out a form to be entered on the elector's list.

IN WENTWORTH, VOTING BY MAIL IS POSSIBLE FOR VOTERS REGISTERED ON THE ELECTORAL LIST AS NON-DOMICILED. A WRITTEN REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO DO SO.

To BE

A CANDIDATE

FOR COUNCILLOR OR MAYOR

According to the law, every person eligible to be registered on the electoral list and who resides continuously or not on the territory of the Municipality can apply. It is your responsibility to verify if you are eligible before filing your application to become a member of your Municipal Council.

In order to be a candidate for a member of the Municipal Council, a Nomination Paper must be completed. The Nomination Papers must be properly completed and filed at the office of the Returning Officer at 114 Louisa Road, Wentworth between September 20th, 2013 and October 4th, 2013 from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Exceptionally on October 4th, Nomination Papers may be filed until 4 :30 p.m.



CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED FORMS.

WWW.WENTWORTH.CA



YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE OFFICIAL QUEBEC GOVERNMENT WEBSITE.

WWW.ELECTIONSMUNICIPALES.GOUV.QC.CA

Participate in the development of your community by exercising your right to vote!





GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP

In order to improve our garbage and recycling collection, we ask that you please use the following method to advise the Municipality of missed pickups.

Due to the volume of garbage or recycling items, the contractor sometimes comes late in the day.



Wait until the day after the scheduled collection date to advise us of a missed pickup either by telephone (450-562-0701 ext. 2927) or by e-mail at info@wentworth.ca and leave your name, address and telephone number.

If you advise us the day after the missed pickup, the contractor will return to collect the missed articles. After this, the contractor will collect them on the day of the next scheduled pick-up.

Don't forget to bring your bin in from the road after the collection. If you are a weekend resident, please have a neighbour or someone else do it for you. Not only does this prevent accidents on the road but also deters burglaries.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

considering that paper can be recycled 2 to 5 times, recycling one ton of paper will preserve about 3 tons of wood and save 50 % energy and 90% water.



Centre de santé et de services sociaux d'Argenteuil
Argenteuil Health and Social Services Centre

Services to the community

FLU Vaccination

INFO-SANTÉ : 8-1-1
infogrippe.gouv.qc.ca

FREE VACCINATION

For people at risk of complication

- ⇒ Children aged 6 to 23 months and their family members
- ⇒ Those in close proximity to babies aged under 6 months
- ⇒ Pregnant women in good health in the 2nd and 3rd trimester of pregnancy
- ⇒ Persons living with chronic illnesses, as well as family members living under the same roof
- ⇒ Adults aged 60 and over
- ⇒ People in close contact with the groups listed above as well as those in contact with babies under 6 months
- ⇒ Healthcare workers

For vaccination, present your Health Insurance Card

LACHUTE Shopping Center : 505 Bethany avenue

9 a.m.—8 p.m. November 8th / December 6th

1 p.m.—8 p.m. November 1st, 15th, 30th /
December 13th

9 p.m.—4 p.m. December 7th

HARRINGTON Community Center : 2711, Road 327

9 a.m.—11:30 a.m. November 2nd

GRENVILLE Community Center : 21 Tri-Jean

1 a.m.—7 p.m. November 14th & 28th

GORE Community Center : 2, Cambria Road

9 a.m.—3 p.m. November 19th

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REGIONAL MURAL EXHIBITION

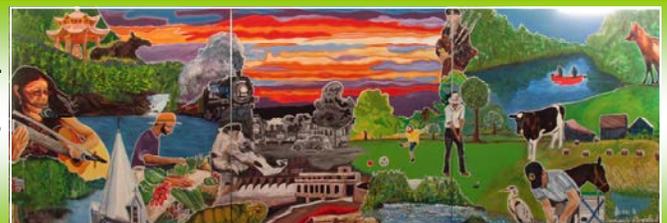


On July 11th of this year at the Wentworth Community Center, the Municipality welcomed, the magnificent exhibition « *Portraits et réalités d'Argenteuil d'hier à demain* » from the artist muralist Sophie Stella Boivin.

The mural, as well as 10 paintings illustrate the story of Argenteuil, and the nine municipalities of which it is composed. The exceptional environment of the Township of Wentworth was well represented by the wealth of the flora and fauna found here and by people who live here and who make a difference. These paintings tell the story and make the heart and soul sing.

THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS DONOR WHO PURCHASED AND OFFERED THE PAINTING THAT REPRESENTS THE TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH TO THE MUNICIPALITY.

THE COLLECTIVE CREATION OF THIS MASTERFUL MURAL PAINTED BY 150 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATES THAT WHEN COMMUNITIES WORK TOGETHER THEY ARE CAPABLE OF BEAUTIFUL AND AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS.





REVISION OF RANKING FOR THE MUNICIPALITY'S FIRE PROTECTION



The Fire Underwriters Survey establishes a Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) and conveys this information to its members. The PFPC is a numerical system scaled from 1 to 5. One (1) is the highest grading possible and five (5) indicates little or no recognized public fire protection. This grading reflects the ability of a community to handle fires in small buildings (e.g. single family dwellings).

Because investments have been made in the purchase of a new fire truck, in the training of firefighters, officers and pumper operators, our ranking was revised. It is with pleasure that we inform you that we went from a class 5 to a class 3B for the part of municipality located in a lower or equal perimeter of 8 km from the fire station.

Every insurance company has its own formula for calculating their underwriting capacities and insurance rates. However, the classifications are extremely useful to insurers in determining the level of insurable risk present within a community.



WHEN A COMMUNITY IMPROVES ITS RANKING FOR FIRE PROTECTION, HOUSE INSURANCE RATES MAY BE REDUCED, AND UNDERWRITING CAPACITIES MAY INCREASE.

CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY!



JUNE 2013
Nomination of Mr. Brian Morrison
as Assistant Fire Chief of the Township of Wentworth Fire Department.

CONGRATULATIONS!



FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

The annual Firefighters Breakfast held on August 4th was, once again, a great success.

More than 150 people came to have breakfast in a festive atmosphere, thus participating in fund raising for the benefit of regional community organizations and for the Wentworth Fire Department. An amount of \$700 has been donated to the Wentworth Recreative Center for playground equipment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS PARTICIPATION !

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



IN 2013,
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
WILL TAKE PLACE FROM
OCTOBER 6TH TO 12TH
WITH THE THEME

**« GET OUT AS SOON
AS YOU'RE WARNED »**

KIOSKS ON PREVENTION WILL BE
INSTALLED AT
CANADIAN TIRE IN LACHUTE ON
OCTOBER 11TH, 12TH AND 13TH

COME AND MEET US!

**VERIFY YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR.
PREPARE AN EVACUATION PLAN.
PRACTICE EVACUATION EXERCISES.**



AUGUST EVENTS WITH PHOTOS

INAUGURATION OF THE ECOCENTER

On Saturday, August 3rd, the inauguration of the **Good Neighbors Eco-center** took place. The Ecocenter is a joint project of the Municipalities of the Township of Wentworth, the Township of Gore and the Municipality of Mille-Isles.

Representatives from the three municipalities were present at the event and people applauded this initiative aiming at the re-use, recycling and conversion of materials. Please let us know if you did not receive the pamphlet on accepted materials.

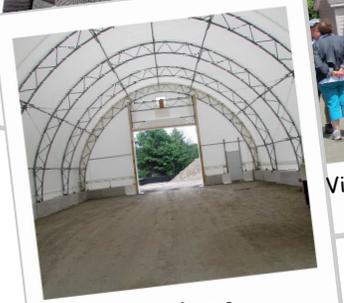
The Ecocenter also includes a dome where you can drop off materials in good condition for reuse by others. You may find furniture, appliances, building materials, etc. This service is free of charge with proof of residency.

CONSULT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LIST OF THE ACCEPTED MATERIALS.

WWW.WENTWORTH.CA



Visitors from the 3 Municipalities



The Dome

ENVIRONMENT DAY

On August 10th, Wentworth Township welcomed the distinguished guests Mr. Éric Pelletier, Forestry Engineer, Mr. Jean-François Girard, Lawyer/Biologist, Ms. Agnès Grondin, Biologist and Mr. Daniel Venne, Wildlife Officer to the Environment Day.

More than 85 people attended the conferences concerning forestry operations, the importance of the protection of shorelines and the management of beaver dams.

Information booths on recycling materials were on site.



High quality conferences



Great citizen participation



Tricentris Kiosk

THANK YOU TO THE SPEAKERS, WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT DAY.

A SPECIAL **THANK YOU** TO THE CCE MEMBERS.

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of the drawing of compost bins and rain barrels !

« MY HEALTH IN MIND » THIS FALL— PILATES



Pilates is an exercise routine that balances musculature, strengthens weak muscles, relaxes stressed muscles, develops spinal alignment and corrects posture.

Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The 2013 fall session of Pilates just began. Places are still available. Contact June Parker 450-562-8664, bigred2171@hotmail.com for more information




BRIDGE
Every Thursday
At 7:30 p.m.
Please, contact Doreen Raymond 450-533-4904 for registration or for more information.

Services—St.Aidan’s Anglican Church— 86, Louisa Road
Services are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
Everyone welcome

If you wish to receive information on the activities in your Municipality, just subscribe on our website at www.wentworth.ca

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Aline Gravel