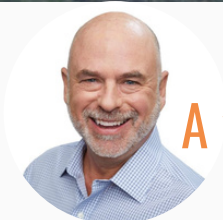


# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington



## A word from Mayor Pierre Richard

Dear Citizens,

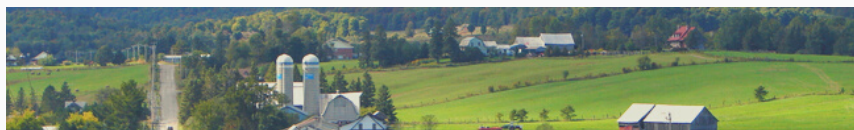
We recently added the word Derecho to our vocabulary. This major storm affected all Harrington residents. In fact, on day 4, 100% of our residences and businesses did not have power, and for many, this situation lasted 9 days. I thank our employees who did everything they could to address the situation, CAMMAC for offering warm showers, drinkable water, etc., and especially you, the citizens of Harrington for your solidarity and mutual aid in helping those in need. Let us all learn from this endeavor, to get prepared collectively and individually for the next events that will inevitably challenge us again in the future.

I take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks and appreciation to the Municipal Councillors for the dedication to the collective well-being of the municipality. Your Councillors are: Richard Francoeur, Gerry Clark, Chantal Scapino, Robert Dewar, Julie James and Daniel St-Onge. We welcome your comments and suggestions at any time and invite you to contact the Director general or Deputy Director General, the Municipal Councillors, or reach me at (819) 687-2122 ext. 3208 or by email at [p.richard@harrington.ca](mailto:p.richard@harrington.ca).

In closing, in order to remain informed about municipal affairs, I invite you to visit our web site, our new Facebook page and to register with the Telmatik service if you have not already done so.

Cordially,

Pierre



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## Harrington Territory Fire Department Tour

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON TOUR DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Harrington fire brigade will be knocking on the doors of homes to confirm the presence of smoke alarms, provide advice and answer questions from the public related to fire prevention.

Residential tours are conducted by two young students. They will be easily recognizable by their uniform in the colors of the Harrington Fire Department. Hired for the summer season, these students will make their rounds during the month of August.

This annual process is a privileged way to raise public awareness on protective measures and preventive actions.

In particular, they will remind residents that each home must have one functional smoke detector per floor, will remind residents of the importance of having portable fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors, in addition to answering citizens questions. A recommendation form will be sent following their visit.

"Our goal is to reduce the risks related to fires as much as possible and it all starts with prevention", points out the director of the fire department, Neil Swail. "Also, we want to reassure citizens: the firefighters are not there to sell them anything. Their visits allow first and foremost to do prevention. »

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## REGISTRATION FOR MUNICIPAL ALERT SERVICES

As part of its emergency plan, residents of Harrington can now be contacted by an automated emergency messaging system operated by the municipality, WITHOUT ANY CHARGES TO CITIZENS.

This system is supported by the Telmatik contact center. It is in operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and makes it possible to quickly reach all citizens in order to keep them informed of any particular situations. Through this innovative communication tool, citizens can receive a wide range of information such as: emergency messages, service interruptions, general notices, events or any other situation deemed urgent.

The telephone service currently has a list of telephone numbers compiled from the telephone directory. If you don't have a landline, we suggest you sign up. The system allows multiple registrations for the same address and allows you to choose the desired mode of communication (phone call, email or text messaging).

It is important for citizens and merchants to keep their information up to date. The information provided during your registration remains confidential and will only be used for the purposes of the emergency alert service. It is possible to unsubscribe from alerts at any time by deactivating your account.



For more details consult our website:

[www.harrington.ca/en/municipal-services/telmatik-emergency-service](http://www.harrington.ca/en/municipal-services/telmatik-emergency-service)





## Boat washing before launching

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AN OBLIGATION TO PRESERVE OUR LAKES!

Anyone wishing to launch a boat, whether from private land or public access, must go to the municipal boat wash station and clean their boat. This will ensure the preservation of our lakes.

All boaters who do not comply with the obligation to wash their boat expose themselves to a fine of \$500 to \$2,000 imposed by the municipality.

THE BOAT WASH STATION IS LOCATED AT 2811 ROUTE 327 (AT THE FIRE STATION).

« All boaters are responsible for washing their boat and trailer in order to preserve the health of our lakes..»

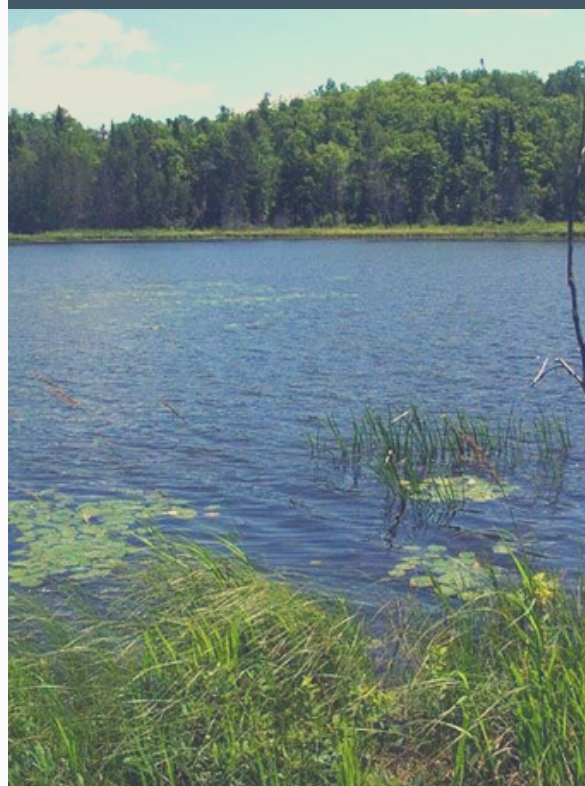
**DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE our lakes!**

Help protect the water quality of our lakes and rivers.



# ATTENTION!

- 1 Drain** foul water from boat and live wells.
- 2 Remove** dirt (mud, plants, fish, bait) and dispose of at safe distance from water !
- 3 Thoroughly clean** boat, trailer and other equipment !
- 4 Repeat** operation every time.





## FIRE PREVENTION

THERE'S NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE! A  
NEW BY-LAW PUT IN PLACE



What a joy to rediscover the joys of a good outdoor fire, with family or friends. Did you know that the use of an outdoor fireplace is regulated in Harrington, and that a new regulation has recently been adopted, in regards of fire prevention?

A permit is not required for ambient fires (campfire). When you make an outdoor fire to chase off mosquitoes, brighten up a picnic or even when camping, the following conditions must be respected. The ambient fire can only be lit or kept lit in the various following spaces:

- An outdoor fireplace specially designed for this purpose having a chimney and a spark screen;
- A non-combustible container;
- A stone or brick fireplace with a spark screen;
- A hole dug in the ground having a minimum depth of fifteen (15) centimeters, moreover it must be surrounded by stones or bricks of at least fifteen (15) centimeters in height;
- An outdoor cooking appliance or equipment designed for this purpose, such as a barbecue, appliance or camping equipment.

In addition, ambient fires must comply with the following constraints:

- The size of the fire cannot exceed one (1) meter by one (1) meter;
- The height of the fire cannot exceed one (1) meter;
- No fire is authorized if the wind speed exceeds 20 km/h;
- No fire is authorized if the SOPFEU fire danger index is extreme (red);
- Have at least one responsible adult on the premises;
- Have fire extinguishing facilities at all times.

## A MUNICIPAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED

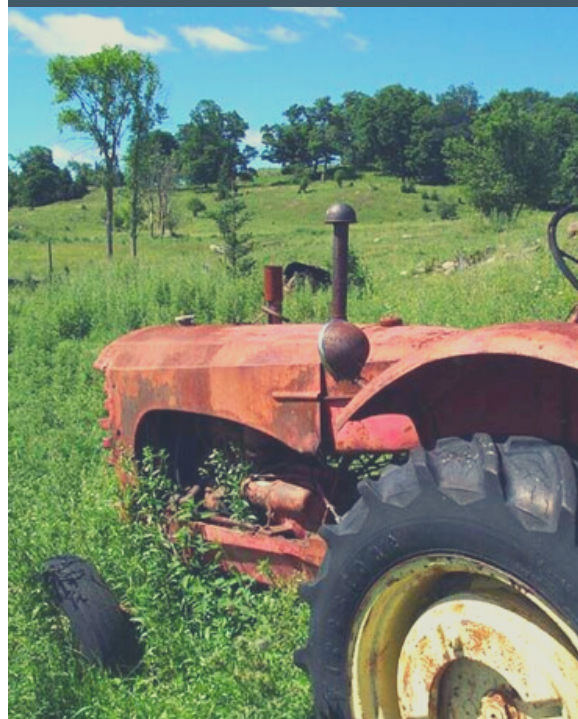
For all other types of fire, a free municipal permit is required. Please contact the Municipality staff directly for more details.

For more details consult our website:  
[www.harrington.ca/en/municipality/municipal-by-laws](http://www.harrington.ca/en/municipality/municipal-by-laws)

When lit, an outdoor fire must be constantly supervised by an adult, until it has been extinguished in such a way that it no longer constitutes a fire hazard. Remember that the ashes can stay hot for seven days.

It is forbidden to make a fire outside on days when the wind speed and gusts exceed twenty (20) km/hour.

The person responsible for the fire must at all times check the fire danger index with the Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU) <http://sopfeu.qc.ca>





# THE ECOCENTRE OF THE MUNICIPALITY

A FREE SERVICE FOR CITIZENS

Do you want to get rid of building materials, furniture, household appliances or products that are harmful to the environment that cannot be collected through door-to-door collections? Make sure that these materials are recycled, reused or recovered by bringing them to the ecocentre. The ecocentre is accessible free of charge for owners and occupants of Harrington.

Keeping a large quantity of materials and/or debris and/or objects on your property can constitute a nuisance. The summer period is a good time to clean up your yard! Take your debris to the ecocentre, it's free!



## MATERIALS ACCEPTED AT THE ECOCENTRE



**FREE service** for Citizens of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington.

- When you come to the Ecocentre, you must have proof of identity and residency. Ex.: copy of your tax bill
- Unload your materials by yourself following the instructions on the site. (no shovel or bags are provided)
- Any time, the officer in charge of the Ecocentre may decide to refuse any item that he deems non-compliant, dangerous or related to activities other than domestic (ex.: laboratory).

### CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION MATERIALS

- Wood
- Gypsum
- Metal
- Dry materials, non recyclable
- Concrete, brick, stone and cement
- Asphalt shingles
- Sanitary appliances (bath, shower, toilet, sink)

### ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

- Small appliance
- Small electrical appliance
- Television / video player or DVD / radio
- Computer and peripherals
- Stove
- Dishwasher
- Refrigerator
- Freezer
- Air conditioner and dehumidifier
- Washer / dryer



### DOMESTIC HAZARDOUS RESIDUES (DHR)

- Paint, varnish and solvents
- Used motor oil (in small containers)
- Cell Phones
- Aerosols
- Oxidants
- Propane tanks
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Ink cartridges
- Cleaning products
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Thermometers
- Fire extinguishers (domestic only)
- Alkaline and rechargeable batteries
- Fluorescent tubes
- Metal paint containers (empty)

### RECYCLABLE MATERIALS


- Paper and cardboard
- Jar and glass bottle
- Plastic
- Metal

### TIRES (WITHOUT RIMS) AND BATTERIES FROM AUTOMOBILE & VAN/PICKUP

### FURNITURE AND MATTRESS

**BOATS AND TRAILERS LESS THAN 20 FEET, CAMPING TRAILER LESS 12 FEET**

**The Ecocentre is prohibited to businesses, contractors and institutions**



## REFUSED MATERIALS AT THE ECOCENTRE

- Construction materials in excessive quantity (trailer maximum 10 x 8 x 2)
- Wood coated with creosote or tarred (contaminated wood)
- Asbestos shingles
- Contaminated earth or soil
- Hazardous residues of commercial origin
- Biomedical waste ex.: syringes, needles and medications
- Animal carcasses
- PCB's and cyanide
- Weapons, explosives, ammunitions and fireworks
- Non-standard tires

The ecocentre is located at 2940 route 327 just north of the town hall

The ecocentre is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of August

For more details consult our website:

[www.harrington.ca/en/municipal-services/ecocentre](http://www.harrington.ca/en/municipal-services/ecocentre)

## THE MUNICIPALITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!



In order to better inform the community, the Municipality has put a Facebook page online. Thank you for following us !

(Municipalité du Canton de Harrington)



## MAYORS 'REPORT ON HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON - YEAR 2021

Dear Citizens,

It is with pleasure that I present the highlights of the financial report and the report of the auditor of the Municipality for the year 2021, in accordance with article 176.2.2 of the Municipal Code of Québec.

### FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 2021

First, for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2021, the revenues of the municipality amounted to \$ 4,178,663 while the expenses amounted to \$ 2, 891,648, which led to a surplus of \$ 1,284,015. Taking into account the investment income (debit) of \$ 676,539, the operating deficit for the fiscal year before reconciliation for tax purposes is \$ 610,476. Once this reconciliation for tax purposes was carried out, we have a surplus of \$ 864,055. At the end of fiscal year 2021, the long-term debt of the Municipality was \$ 3,008,400. As for the surplus at December 31st, 2021, the Municipality ends the fiscal year 2021 with a unallocated operating surplus of \$ 1,375,095 and an allocated operating surplus of \$ 1,183,870. The independent auditor, Gariépy Buissière CPA inc., has audited the financial statements of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington. In their opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington as at December 31st, 2021, as well as the results of the financial statements of its operations, changes in its net financial assets (net debt) and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

For more details, please consult the Municipality's annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021, which is available at the municipal office as well as on the municipality's website.

### INVESTMENTS IN 2021

Road Work – De la Rouge Road : \$ 805,119

Road Work – Lac-des-Esclaves Road: \$ 263,110

Road Work – Security guardrails : \$ 27, 254

Belvedere Lakeview falls: \$ 28,124

Boat ramp and emergency measures plan: \$ 7,012

Pierre Richard  
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## The power failure in pictures

ON MAY 21, 2022, A MAJOR STORM HIT QUEBEC AND OUR MUNICIPALITY. THANK YOU TO THE MUNICIPAL ROAD EMPLOYEES AND THE FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THEIR DEDICATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS.



It is thanks in particular to the mutual aid and solidarity of the residents of Harrington that we were able to get out of it.

Thank you all for your solidarity and support!







## The water caravan will be at the Municipality on Saturday July 23, 2022

A drinking water analysis day will be held by the NOTREAU caravan in Harrington

**SATURDAY JULY 23 FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM**  
**At the Lost River Community Center located at 2811 route 327 in Harrington**

This caravan will offer the possibility of having your well water analyzed at a preferential rate. It will be possible to pay on site either with cash or by credit card

Sterile bottles and forms are available at the Town Hall of the Municipality during office hours.

Bacteriological analysis \$35 (taxes included)

Total coliforms, E.coli and atypical bacteria

Physico-chemical and bacteriological analysis \$95 (taxes included)

Total coliforms, E.coli and atypical bacteria, PH, Alkalinity, conductivity, Iron, Manganese, Total hardness, turbidity

## State of route 327



Route 327 is under the jurisdiction of the Government of Quebec. The Municipality of Harrington is not authorized to carry out even emergency repairs. Please report your complaints directly to 5-1-1. We are aware of the major inconveniences and dangers caused by the state of the 327 and are trying by all possible means to sensitize the MTQ to intervene urgently in Harrington. The Council of the Municipality has also passed a resolution to this effect on July 11th, calling for emergency intervention and repairs on the 327.

## Obligation to keep your dog on a leash outside your property



The Municipality would like to remind its citizens that under the regulations in force and in order to promote good neighbourliness, a dog must be kept on a leash when outside its property.



**Please report your complaints regarding the condition of Provincial Route 327 directly to the Ministry of Transport on their dedicated telephone line 511**



**2940 route 327  
Harrington ,  
Québec, J8G 2T1**

**Opening hours of the municipal office:  
Monday to Friday  
from 8.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12.30 p.m.  
to 4 p.m.**

**By phone at:  
819-687-2122 or 1-877-787-2122  
Website: [www.harrington.ca](http://www.harrington.ca)**



**For all emergencies,  
please dial 9-1-1**