

Message from the Mayor: A look back at the last 6 months

On behalf of the entire Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington, I have the immense privilege of wishing you a magnificent summer season. In office for sixteen months now, I will take advantage of this platform to give you a summary of the last six months of municipal activities.

1. Road infrastructure

As you certainly know, we have two major road repair projects currently underway which aim to significantly improve road safety and ride comfort for road users. The first project is that of Chemin de la Rivière Rouge which began at the end of June, and which must be completed by the fall of 2025. Note that this structuring project, with high added value for Harrington, is subsidized at the extent of 75%, with a contribution from the provincial government of nearly \$5.5 million. The work on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge will take place in two phases: the granular resurfacing phase, currently underway, and the asphaltting phase, which will normally be completed by fall 2025.

The second project is the renovation of Harrington Road which is in urgent need of repairs and for which we have started the necessary planning work (engineering, surveying and clearing) so that we can hope to proceed with the work as early as 2025.

Please refer to our website for all the news associated with this work. I would also like to thank citizens for their patience and collaboration during this work which inevitably affects people's daily lives. I can assure you that we are working, together with contractors, to minimize the impacts of this work.

2. Residual waste

A priority project for our administration, the municipality is actively working on the issue of residual waste and more precisely on improving services to citizens, namely the addition of: a composting service on the territory of the Municipality.

Called upon to use community containers strategically placed on the territory of the municipality, citizens will very soon be able to deposit their organic materials in one of the 13 sites in our territory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all citizens in advance for their collaboration and participation in this great change, which has now become inevitable. That said, I must highlight and thank those who have already been composting for several years. Indeed, in addition to their participation in the overall environmental effort, these efforts bring a real benefit to the Municipality, since rather than being thrown into the large green ordinary waste bins and ultimately buried, these organic materials are diverted from landfill and



allow considerable savings for the Municipality. With this new compost management strategy, we should see a reduction in costs estimated at \$11,000 per year.

To this mater, monitor your mailbox and our website where the municipality, as soon as the new system is ready to be deployed, will inform citizens of the next steps to come for the implementation of the changes.

With a view to collectively reducing the costs of residual materials management, here are some guidelines and best practices in this area which will allow the Municipality, if everyone participates, to improve its balance sheet and reduce the costs which are re-invoiced to citizens.:

- • The tonnage associated with garbage (large green bin) is the most expensive, let's make sure we use it wisely and sort our waste properly.
- • Never throw construction materials, furniture, tree branches, electrical and electronic appliances and hazardous household waste into the garbage. These residues can be deposited at the municipal ecocenter.
- • Rather than throwing your heavy and bulky items in the trash, contact the Municipality which offers a collection service 4 times a year.
- • The tonnage associated with recycling or blue bins is almost entirely compensated and consequently provides income to our municipality. Glass, cans, cardboard, paper and plastic (please fold the boxes to leave maximum space for your neighbors) should always be placed for recycling.
- Regarding the new compost bins: Please place your collected organic waste in a paper bag and place it in the container strategically provided for this purpose. Please do not use plastic bags. Please avoid depositing any other type of waste in these bins intended only for organic materials. In addition, for the sake of cleanliness, be sure to close the lid of the organic matter container after your deposit to avoid attracting wild animals.

At the forefront of best practices in waste management, the Municipality of Harrington stands out from neighboring municipalities by offering:

- ✓ A collection service that has proven its effectiveness
- ✓ A practical and nearby ecocenter service
- ✓ A collection service for heavy and bulky objects directly at your home
- ✓ A frequent number of pickups that meets the needs of citizens

One thing is certain and crucial, we need everyone's participation to offer the best possible services in terms of residual waste management, and this, at the lowest possible cost. In this sense, every gesture counts and we thank you for continuing to use your household composters, for helping us and participating in preserving the cleanliness of community waste sites and for using our ecocenter when needed.



3. Grants

I am very proud to announce that the Municipality of Harrington has received a grant of nearly \$700,000, aimed at revitalizing our territory and our infrastructure. To do this, we worked closely with our community associations to identify structuring projects that we could implement. These amounts were targeted for our community centers (HVCC, HGAC, LRCC) as well as for improving our recreational and leisure offerings (East and West parks). Benefiting from a 90% reimbursement of costs as part of this grant, you will be able to see major, structuring and dynamic improvements for the entire Harrington community over the next 18 months.

4. Administration and governance

Your Council has been very busy since the new year. We recently adopted our financial statements for 2023 and it is clear that the Municipality is in excellent financial health. So far in 2024: we have worked tirelessly on the revision of several regulations and projects and no less than 54 regulations and no less than 247 resolutions have been adopted by your Council. That said, with the sheer number of projects underway, our planning and council caucus meetings have increased significantly over the past few months. In this regard, I would like to recognize the efforts made by our Council to work together for the benefit of all citizens and thank them for their continued and constant care. We would also like to thank our administrative staff, under the direction of Mr. Steve Deschenes, for their crucial assistance in achieving these ambitious goals.

Your Mayor

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