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TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON

Fall 2024

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 Municipalité du
Canton de Harrington

www.harrington.ca

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Message from the Mayor

Dear citizens of the Municipality of Harrington,

Autumn is already well established, bringing its changing colors and cooler temperatures. On behalf of the entire Harrington Municipal Council, we hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall season.

I am very pleased to share the progress of our major road projects. The first phase of the rehabilitation project for Rivière-Rouge Road, which requires an investment of over \$5 million in partnership with the provincial government, is nearly complete. Of course, I must also mention the damage caused by the heavy rains this summer, which necessitated significant repairs. We are closely collaborating with the Ministry to ensure that most, if not all, of the costs will be covered by the government through available programs due to the inclement weather. Good news: the plans and specifications for the complete rehabilitation of Harrington Road, which requires urgent repairs, are finished. We are currently awaiting a response to our grant application, which could significantly reduce costs. We hope to hear back by the end of the year.

In response to the lack of cellular network coverage and numerous citizen requests, we have reached an agreement with Videotron to install three cell towers in our region. This initiative aims to improve the reliability of cellular service in Harrington. We will publish any new information on this topic on our website. Videotron is required to conduct a public consultation on this matter, and we encourage citizen participation. The service is expected to be operational by 2025 and will incur no costs for the municipality, as the entire project is funded by the government.

We have also made significant progress with grants associated with the financial aid program for revitalization. I am very proud to announce that the Golden Age Community Center and the Harrington Valley Community Center have benefited from considerable investments that will benefit all their members and activities. We continue to actively work within this program to submit other promising and stimulating projects aimed at recreational facilities and equipment for the entire municipality. I thank our citizens for their suggestions and proposals, which have helped us better target future projects. Thank you!

An important change will be implemented next year regarding waste management in Harrington, the introduction of compostable and organic material collection. A new option will soon be available to reduce the amount of organic waste placed in regular trash (the large green bins). Keep an eye on our website and your mailbox to stay informed about the project's progress.

Regarding the protection of Crown land in our territory, the Council has reaffirmed its commitment to protecting and maintaining the status of these provincial lands within our municipal territory. Through this initiative, the municipality positions itself as a partner in the protection and preservation of Crown lands in Harrington. This position is not definitive and may be reevaluated in the future if necessary.

We thank you for your support and ongoing commitment to making Harrington an exceptional municipality.

Gabrielle Parr

Your Mayor
Municipality of the Township of Harrington

Composting Service

As part of the first phase of the composting service project, the municipality is pleased to announce the opening in 2025 of 13 voluntary drop-off sites for organic materials. These facilities will make the sorting and management of organic waste simpler and more efficient. Stay tuned for upcoming information! To read the latest news in real-time, subscribe to our Facebook page and visit our website.

- Intersection ch. du Lac Beaven and ch. Thomson
- Intersection ch. White and ch. Circle
- Intersection ch. de la Baie Campbell and ch. Maryhill
- Intersection ch. Johnson and ch. des Iroquois
- Intersection ch. Lac Harrington Est and ch. du Gros Rocher
- Intersection ch. Cammac and ch. des Bouleaux Blancs
- Harrington Golden Age Community Center
- Harrington Valley Community Center
- Intersection ch. Lac des Esclaves and ch. White Acres
- Intersection ch. Radisson and ch. des Cèdres
- Intersection ch. de la Rivière Maskinongé and ch. des Chevreuils
- Lac Fawn - on ch. du Gros Rocher
- Lost-River Community Center

Why Compost?

To reduce the volume of our waste. Composting significantly decreases the amount of waste sent to landfills, which lightens our ecological footprint and reduces costs for municipalities.

To reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Composting limits the burden on landfills, thereby reducing harmful emissions, such as methane, produced by the decomposition of organic materials in landfills.

To promote the production of a valuable resource for the environment. After processing, organic materials become compost, a natural amendment that enriches the soil and promotes biodiversity.

To contribute to a more sustainable and responsible waste management. Use the composting drop-off sites and actively participate in a more eco-friendly approach.

Accepted Organic Materials

Three Simple Rules to Remember Accepted Organic Materials

1

IS IT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE EATEN OR A PART OF SOMETHING THAT CAN BE EATEN?

Raw, cooked, or spoiled: All meal preparation scraps and all table leftovers in paper bags or bulk only.

- Fruits and vegetables (including peels, pits, and cobs)
- Meats, poultry, fish, and seafood (including skin, bones, carcasses and shells)
- Nuts, eggs (including shells)
- Solid or semi-solid dairy products
- Bread and pasta
- Bakery, pastry, and confectionery items
- Expired food (without packaging)
- Coffee grounds, tea leaves, and herbal teas (including bags and coffee filters, but without staples or strings)
- Legumes
- Pet food
- Small quantities of liquid food that can be absorbed by other waste in the collection bin

2

IS IT PAPER OR CARDBOARD?

Paper or cardboard soiled by food or used to package food.

- Pizza boxes, meal delivery boxes, and uncoated, non-glossy, non-laminated, and staple-free cardboard plates
- Paper muffin or cake molds, parchment paper
- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Non-glossy, staple-free newspapers and flyers
- Paper bags, with or without compostable cellophane lining (e.g., SAC AU SOL ®)
- Cardboard tampon applicators

3

IS IT A GREEN WASTE?

- Dead leaves
- Grass and cut herbs
- Flowers, plants (excluding invasive species), maintenance residues from flowerbeds, weeding, and hoeing
- Cones and needles from conifers
- Straw, hay, and stubble
- Potting soil and compost
- Small branches (less than 4 cm in diameter and 30 cm in length), hedge clippings
- Small roots
- Untreated wood chips

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OTHER COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS ALSO ACCEPTED

- Hair, fur, and feathers
- Ice cream treat sticks
- Natural corks (synthetic plastic corks excluded)
- Cold ashes (cooled for a minimum of 72 hours)
- All types of bulk pet litter (including clumping)
- Wooden toothpicks
- Chicken or horse manure
- Dog waste in a paper bag or wrapped in paper
- Used matches

Municipal Office

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Construction Update



Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge

This summer, major renovation and reconstruction work was carried out on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge, including the replacement of all culverts (over 50), reshaping of ditches, granular reloading, and paving. Only the marking of temporary lines remains. We expect this project to be completed within a few weeks. The second and final layer of asphalt, as well as granular replenishment for the section of the road north of the nursery, is scheduled for next spring.

Weather Impact on Construction

We have also faced significant weather challenges, particularly the heavy rains on June 23, 2024, and the aftermath of Hurricane Debby on August 9, 2024. Following these events, several major repairs were necessary to ensure road safety.

After the heavy rains on June 23, a culvert located north of Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge was damaged. Fortunately, it was repaired on the same day. The same road also experienced several sinkholes, which were quickly resolved to maintain safe traffic flow.

Hurricane Debby caused significant damage as well. Johnson Road suffered extensive damage, approximately 1,500 meters, but its reconstruction is now complete. White Road was also affected, but repairs were executed swiftly and completed in just three days. Additionally, three large-diameter culverts on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge were washed away. Temporary repairs were made the following week to ensure safe passage. Several other minor repairs were also necessary to guarantee the safety and good condition of our roads.


**We would like to thank all users
for their patience and understanding
during this construction period.**

Residential Pool Safety By-Laws

The Residential Pool Safety by-law now applies to all outdoor residential pools, hot tubs, and spas. This by-law concerns bodies of water that are 60 cm deep or more, or have a volume greater than 2,000 liters, whether they are above ground, in-ground, or even removable (inflatable or otherwise). Owners of pools installed before November 1, 2010, who previously had an exemption, now have until September 30, 2025, to bring their installations into compliance.



Several documents outlining the rules for securing your pool are available on the Ministry's website.

 For any questions, please contact us at 819-687-2122.

Protection of the Protective Shoreline

When carrying out work, make sure to respect the Protective Shoreline, which varies in width from 10 to 15 meters depending on the slope of the land. The Protective Shoreline is crucial for protecting habitats as well as aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.

For more information about zoning by-laws, please visit our website or contact the planning department:

 819-687-2122  inspecteur@harrington.ca



Before starting your work, make sure to check if a permit or certificate of authorization is required.

State of Route 327

Route 327 is under the jurisdiction of the Government of Quebec. The Municipality of the Township of Harrington is not authorized to carry out repairs, even in emergencies.

We kindly ask you to report your complaints directly to 511.

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Next Regular Council Meetings

 **Monday, November 18, 2024 - 7 PM**
Lost River Community Center,
2811 Route 327, Harrington, QC
J8G 2T1

 **Monday, December 16, 2024 - 7 PM**
Lost River Community Center,
2811 Route 327, Harrington, QC
J8G 2T1



Community Centers

The area is home to three Community Centers that host a variety of activities and events for residents. We encourage you to visit their platforms directly to stay informed about the programs offered.

Lost River Community Center

 2811, Route 327, Harrington, QC J8G 2T1

 LRCC - Lost River Community Center

Harrington Valley Community Center

 420, Ch. Harrington, Harrington, QC J8G 2S5

 Harrington Valley Community Center

Harrington Golden Age

 259, Ch. Harrington, Harrington, QC J8G 2S5

 HGA Harrington Golden Age



Time Change

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on the night of November 2 to 3 for the start of winter time, **and to change the batteries in your smoke detector.**

Dogs Must Be Leashed

In accordance with current by-laws and to promote good neighborliness, your dog must be kept on a leash outside your property (including your property not fenced in).

Stay Connected

Municipality Communication Channels

The municipality offers several communication channels to keep you informed about important events and information.

CITIZEN ALERTS TELMATIK

Sign up on our website to receive instant alerts about emergency measures, service interruptions, roadwork, and other news specific to your area. This service allows you to stay informed in real time.

WEBSITE

Visit our website to access all the news and information related to the municipality. You will find updates on various projects, useful resources, and important announcements for the community.

FACEBOOK

Follow our Facebook page to stay updated on our latest news and real-time updates. It's a great way to interact with us and share your comments and suggestions.



Job Opportunities

Join our team!

► Spontaneous Application

We are always looking for dynamic, skilled individuals who are committed to serving citizens and wish to contribute to the well-being of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington.

At any time, you can submit your spontaneous application.

Send your CV and cover letter to dga@harrington.ca



Discover all our job opportunities on our website.

Mayors' Report on Highlights of the Financial Report and Auditor's Report of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington – Year 2023

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 2023, in accordance with article 176.2.2 of the Municipal Code of Quebec.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 2023

First, for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2023, the revenues of the municipality amounted to \$ 4,296,264 while the expenses amounted to \$ 3,926,668, which led to a surplus of \$ 369,596. Taking into account the investment income (debit) of \$ 725,293, the operating deficit for the fiscal year before reconciliation for tax purposes is \$ 355,697.

Once this reconciliation for tax purposes was carried out, we have a surplus of \$ 416,596. At the end of the fiscal year 2023, the long-term debt of the Municipality was \$ 3,078,500.

As for the surplus at December 31st, 2023, the Municipality ends the fiscal year 2023 with a unallocated operating surplus of \$ 1,081,578 and an allocated operating surplus of \$ 1,147,497.

The independent auditor, Gariépy Bussière 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 of December 31st, 2023, 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.

Gabrielle Parr

Mayor

MAIN INVESTMENTS IN 2023

- Asset management: \$50,000
- Reloading and infrastructure work - Madden, MacLeod, Mill Pond, White-Acres and Mont-Oeler Roads : \$610,056
- Culverts - Rivière-Rouge Road: \$163,563
- F-150 truck – Road Department: \$65,772
- Safety guardrails – Lac des Esclaves Road: \$20,016
- Plans and specifications for infrastructure work - Rivière-Rouge Road: \$102,291

For more details, please consult the Municipality's annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2023, which is available at the municipal office as well as on the municipality's website.





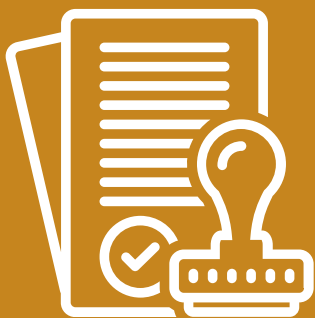
Work: Permits and Certificates of Authorization

Before starting your work, make sure to check if a permit or certificate of authorization is required. For more information about the by-laws regarding permits and certificates, please visit our website or contact the planning department:

☎ 819-687-2122
✉ inspecteur@harrington.ca

Follow-Up on Permit and Certificate of Authorization Applications

When submitting an application, if the information, plans, or documents provided are inaccurate, erroneous, insufficient, or non-compliant, the review process will be delayed. You will be notified and will need to provide the corrected documents within 30 days. **If no follow-up is made after this period, your application will be canceled, and you will need to submit a new application.**



Facebook

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10 Tips for Fire Prevention



Smoke Detectors

- Install a smoke detector on every floor, including the basement.
- Opt for a photoelectric model that triggers fewer false alarms.
- Replace it according to the expiration date indicated on the manufacturer's casing.



Heat Sources

- Keep curtains and furniture at least 10 cm away from radiators, baseboards, or any other heat sources.



Electricity

- Entrust the electrical installation of your home to a licensed electrician.
- Use electrical devices that are certified in Canada and bear the CSA and ULC marks.



Fire Evacuation Plan

- Identify two possible exits.
- Designate an outdoor meeting point and inform all occupants of the residence.
- Practice the evacuation steps with all occupants.



How to Evacuate Your Home

- Close doors behind you to prevent the spread of flames and smoke to other rooms or units.
- Call 9-1-1 once you are outside your home.



Smoking Materials

- Do not discard cigarette butts in flower pots or on mulch.
- Dispose of butts in a metal container.



Chimney Cleaning

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional once a year, before the heating season. This advice also applies to the vent pipes of pellet stoves.



Prevent Cooking Fires

- Constantly monitor food while cooking and use a timer.
- Never heat oil in a pot for frying, regardless of the type of pot; use a thermostat-controlled fryer.



Hot Ashes

- Let hot ashes cool outside in a metal container with a metal lid.
- Wait at least seven days before transferring them to the garbage bin.

In Collaboration with Your Fire Safety Service

Quebec.ca/prevention-incendies

Boat Washing Station

AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE!

We would like to remind you of the existence and importance of our boat washing station, located at 2811 Route 327 (at the fire station). Although autumn has arrived and the station is used less frequently during this time of year, we want to emphasize the importance of this service for ensuring the cleanliness of our water bodies and protecting our environment.

We sincerely thank you for using the station during the summer. To preserve the quality of our lakes and rivers, anyone wishing to launch a boat must first visit the municipal washing station to clean their vessel.

Why Wash Your Boat?

Regularly washing your boat is crucial for several reasons:

- **Prevention of Invasive Species:** Algae and aquatic organisms can attach to your boat and spread to other lakes or rivers.
- **Protection of the Local Ecosystem:** By removing pollutants and residues, you help preserve water quality and aquatic wildlife.
- **Maintaining Your Equipment:** Proper cleaning helps prevent premature wear and tear on your vessel.

We count on your cooperation to preserve the beauty and health of our water bodies. Together, let's ensure our environment remains clean and welcoming for all!



Signs to Help You Find Your Way

To facilitate access to the washing station, we will soon be installing signs that clearly indicate its location. These signs will be placed at strategic points so that you can easily spot them. Stay tuned for the new signs that will be set up next spring!

Lake Associations, Reserve Your Sign

We invite all lake associations to contact the municipality to reserve a sign. These signs will help guide people to the washing station. For more information and to reserve your sign, please contact Patricia Massie at 819-687-2122, extension 2301, or by email at communications@harrington.ca.