



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON

Spring 2025

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# **Next Regular Council Meetings**



Wed., April 30, 2025 - 19h





Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 19h





Monday, June 16, 2025 - 19h

Harrington Valley Community Center 420, Ch. de Harrington, Harrington, QC J8G 2S5



m Monday, July 21, 2025 - 19h



# Message from the Mayor

Dear Citizens of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington,

Spring is settling in, bringing with it a year full of exciting projects for our community. I am proud to share with you some important initiatives that will contribute to the improvement of our territory.

In terms of community infrastructure, we are actively working on several projects, including the renovation of Madelaine-Marguis Park. Stay tuned for more details. Another major project involves the purchase of land along the Rouge River, with the goal of making it accessible to the public, including by creating a parking area and boat launch ramps.

We also have several important roadworks planned, mainly on the Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge and Chemin Harrington. You will find more information on these projects in this bulletin.

In the telecommunications field, we continue our collaboration with Vidéotron for the installation of three new telecommunications towers on our territory. These installations are crucial to improving cellular coverage and, consequently, enhancing safety for all.

As summer approaches, we will also be launching a new composting service, which will include 13 voluntary drop-off sites. This project is part of our commitment to promoting a more eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyle. Remember, by sorting your waste properly and placing it in the appropriate bin (recycling or composting), you are helping protect the environment and reduce costs for the municipality, which helps keep your taxes (waste management) as low as possible. I would also like to thank all the citizens who have been composting on their property for several years; this method is the most eco-friendly and helps minimize environmental impact while reducing costs.

We are eager to see these projects come to life throughout the year. We thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the development of our beautiful community.

# Gabrielle Parr

Your Mayor, Municipality of the Township of Harrington

# Roadwork Updates



#### Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge

Hurricane Debby, which occurred in August 2024, caused significant damage to our roads. We are in the process of completing the final repairs. In February, a culvert replacement took place on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge and another is scheduled in the coming weeks, 4 km north of the nursery.

Additionally, last summer, major reconstruction and renovation work was carried out on Chemin de la Rivière-Rouge, including the replacement of all culverts (over 50), ditch profiling, granular replenishment, and asphalt paving. This summer, four more culverts will be replaced north of the nursery, and the second and final layer of asphalt, along with the granular replenishment, will be completed. These works will be finished before the start of the 2025 school year.

#### **Chemin Harrington**

Renovation work is planned for this summer on Chemin Harrington, between 327 and McRae Roads. Sign up for Telmatik to receive our citizen alerts.

During the next council meeting on April 22, we will present the planned projects and works for 2025.

# **Stay Connected**

### **Municipality Communication Channels**

**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.

**COUNCIL'S ECHO -** Visit the "Council's Echo" page on our website to read the summary of the council's main decisions following the monthly meetings. It's a simple way to stay informed.

**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.

**MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER -** The municipal newsletter is a great way to stay informed. You will receive it at least three times a year, depending on the seasons.

**TELMATIK** 

# Sign up to receive our citizen alerts.

- Emergency Measures
- General Notices
- Service Interruptions
- Roadwork
- And more



You can choose how you would like to receive your alerts:

- SMS (text message)
- Fmail
- Automated call



All citizens of the Municipality of the Township of Harrington can register on the Telmatik portal directly from our website.

# **Composting Service**

**SUMMER 2025** 

# Accepted Organic Materials

Three Simple Rules to Remember which Organic Materials are Accepted

# 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.

#### IS IT PAPER OR CARDBOARD?

Paper or cardboard soiled by food or used to package food

#### IS IT A GREEN WASTE?

Dead leaves, Grass, Cut herbs, Flowers, Plants, Maintenance residues from flowerbeds, weeds, etc.



# OTHER COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS ALSO ACCEPTED

Hair, Fur, Feathers, Ice cream treat sticks, Natural corks, Wooden toothpicks, Cold ashes (cooled for a minimum of 72 hours), Used matches, etc.



As part of the implementation of a composting service, the municipality is pleased to announce the upcoming opening, this summer, of 13 voluntary drop-off sites for organic waste.

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 & ch. Thomson
- Intersection ch. White & ch. Circle
- Intersection ch. Campbells Bay & ch. Maryhill
- Intersection ch. Johnson & ch. des Iroquois
- Intersection ch. Lac Harrington Est & ch. du Gros Rocher
- Intersection ch. Cammac & ch. des Bouleaux Blancs
- Harrington Golden Age Center
- Harrington Valley Community Center
- Intersection ch. Lac des Esclaves & ch. White Acres
- Intersection ch. Radisson & ch. des Cèdres
- Intersection ch. de la Rivière Maskinongé & ch. des Chevreuils
- Lac Fawn on ch. du Gros Rocher
- Lost-River Community Center (temporary site)

#### Why Compost?

To reduce the volume of our waste and the associated costs.

- Did you know? -

Landfilling waste generates significant costs for the municipality, leading to increases in your taxes.

To reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions produced by the decomposition of organic materials in landfills.

To promote the production of a valuable resource for the environment: compost.

To contribute to a more sustainable and responsible waste management approach.



# **Community Centers**

The municipality of the Township of Harrington has three community centers that organize a variety of activities and events for residents. We encourage you to visit their platforms directly to learn about the activities offered

#### **Lost-River Community Center**

2811, Route 327, Harrington, QC J8G 2T1

f LRCC - Lost River Community Center

#### **Harrington Valley Community Center**

9 420, Ch. Harrington, Harrington, QC J8G 2S5

Harrington Valley Community Center

#### Harrington Golden Age Center

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

f HGA Harrington Golden Age

# Residential Pool Safety By-Law

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 <u>September 30</u>, 2025, to bring their installations into compliance.



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

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

# Follow us on Facebook

Municipalité du Canton de Harrington

#### REMINDERS

# **Trailer Storage**

Did you know that storing your trailer is now allowed under certain conditions?



Visit our website for more information.

# 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 bylaws, please visit our website or contact the planning department:

819-687-2122

inspecteur@harrington.ca

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# **Municipal Tax Payment 2025**

- ✓ 1st payment: March 28, 2025
- 2nd payment: June 15, 2025
- 3rd payment: September 15, 2025

A debit card payment terminal is available at the municipal office to pay your taxes by INTERAC during our business hours.

# **Open-Air Fires**

Before starting an open-air fire, make sure to check the current By-Law (295-2022) as well as the fire hazard index for our region. Any fire other than a recreational fire (campfire) requires a burning permit. However, recreational fires must still comply with the By-Laws. Consult SOPFEU or visit our website at the bottom of the homepage to find the fire hazard index.

# **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

# **Emptying of** Septic Tanks

The septic tank must be emptied every two years for permanent residences and every four years for seasonal residences.

# Les semailles d'Argenteuil

A collection of herb, flower, fruit, and vegetable seeds is available at the town hall...



These seeds are offered by the Société d'horticulture d'Argenteuil (SHA) in partnership with the Township of Harrington and the Centre d'entraide d'Argenteuil.

- Go to the town hall and choose your seeds.
- Register your selections in the available register.
- You can also bring back seeds you have harvested so the spirit of sharing can continue. For more information: sha.qc.ca.

# **Job Opportunities**





Full-time - Shared position with the Municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge

- **▶** Environmental Coordinator
- **▶** Driver (Public Works)

Full time

**▶** Laborer (Public Works)

Seasonal - 6-month contract





See all of our job opportunities on our website.

# **Boat Washing Station**



# Mandatory Washing of Boats Before Launching Across the Entire Territory.

We would like to remind you of the existence and importance of our boat washing station to ensure the health of our bodies of water and protect our environment. <a href="Each time you visit a new body of water">Each time you visit a new body of water</a>, it is mandatory to wash your boat and equipment at the washing station in order to preserve the quality of our lakes and rivers. We sincerely thank you for your cooperation.

# **Washing Certificate**

In May, we will install a printer that will provide a coupon confirming the use of the boat washing station after a minimum of 5 minutes of use. Don't forget to press the button to activate the washer before starting and be sure to take your coupon once you have finished.

### Why Wash Your Boat?

Regularly washing your boat is crucial for several reasons:

#### **Prevention of the Spread of Invasive Species**

Aquatic algae and organisms can attach to your boat and equipment, spreading to other lakes or rivers.

#### **Protection of the Local Ecosystem**

By preventing the spread of invasive species, you help preserve the quality and health of our bodies of water.

#### Maintaining the Good Condition of Your Equipment

Proper cleaning helps prevent premature wear and tear on your boat and equipment.



# 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 this 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.

**REMINDERS** 

# Recycling

Since January 1, 2025, all CONTAINERS, PACKAGING, and PRINTED PAPER are accepted in the recycling bin.

**ORGANISMS** 

# Prévoyance envers les aînés des Laurentides

A community organization that supports seniors by guiding them to the appropriate resources when they face difficult situations. All calls are free and confidential. Services are offered in both French and English: 1 844 551-6032.

# Café partage d'Argenteuil

Did you know that Café Partage d'Argenteuil has a pickup point in Harrington? Order your healthy basket (fresh fruits and vegetables), healthy meals and/or affordable groceries by phone and pick up your order at the scheduled time: 450 562-0987.

# Coup de pouce Argenteuil

An organization aimed at promoting home care and improving the quality of life for individuals living in the MRC of Argenteuil. Services include housekeeping, spring cleaning, grocery shopping, meal preparation, personal care and respite for caregivers: 450 562-9993.

# **Municipal Offices**

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