

# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRINGTON

Summer 2025

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## Next Regular Council Meetings



**Monday, July 21, 2025 - 7 PM**



Lost River Community Center  
2811, Route 327, Harrington, QC J8G 2T1



**Monday, August 18, 2025 - 7 PM**



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



**Monday, Sept. 15, 2025 - 7 PM**



Lost River Community Center  
2811, Route 327, Harrington, QC J8G 2T1



**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025 - 7 PM**



Lost River Community Center  
2811, Route 327, Harrington, QC J8G 2T1

# Message from the Mayor

Dear Citizens of the Township of Harrington,

Summer is in full swing, allowing us to fully enjoy everything our beautiful municipality has to offer. On our end, a multitude of projects are keeping us busy and we are working enthusiastically to help our community thrive.

Our Community Centers are also very active and are doing their best to offer a variety of activities. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and are proud to support their initiatives. Over the past year, we have made many improvements to our centers as part of the revitalization project, including the repair of the Golden Age Center's roof and major renovations to the Harrington Valley Community Center. More recently, we completed the remodeling of the kitchen and restrooms at the Lost River Community Center, a project that will contribute to enhancing citizens' comfort. If you're looking for activities, don't forget to check the program offered by our three community centers. Their contact information can be found on page 5 of this bulletin.

We are also continuing the refurbishment of Madeleine-Marquis Park, a cherished space for families and the entire community. We look forward to seeing you there, whether for relaxation or for having fun.

I am also very proud of the implementation of our new composting service. This is an important step toward better waste management. I encourage all residents to actively participate, whether through home composting or by using the public bins available to you.

Finally, I want to thank you for your patience regarding the many roadworks currently underway. While necessary to improve our road network, we understand these projects can cause some inconvenience. Your understanding is valuable and greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

*Gabrielle Parr*

Your Mayor, Municipality of the Township of Harrington

# Roadwork Updates



TELMATIK

## > Completed

- **Rivière-Rouge Road** - Replacement of 4 culverts.

## In Progress

- **Harrington Road - Phase 1** - Road resurfacing (between McRae Road and Kilmar Road).

### Work carried out by the Public Works Department

- Line painting;
- Mechanical brush clearing to improve road safety and facilitate snow removal in winter.

## Upcoming

- **Harrington Road - Phase 2** - Road resurfacing (between Kilmar Road and Route 327);
- **Rivière-Rouge Road** - Replacement of a culvert washed out during Hurricane Debby in August 2024;
- **Rivière-Rouge Road** - Continuation of 2024 work
  - Granular reloading;
  - Second layer of asphalt;
  - Line painting.

### Work carried out by the Public Works Department

- Ditch profiling;
- Culvert replacement.

## Tips

1. Check out the new "Roadwork Updates" section on our website to stay updated on roadwork details.
2. Subscribe to Telmatik.
3. Stay informed about upcoming roadwork in neighboring municipalities to better plan your travels.



## 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)
- Email
- Automated call



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

# Waste Management

## EVERY ACTION COUNTS

By sorting your waste correctly and placing it in the appropriate bin (recycling or composting), you help protect the environment and reduce costs for your municipality.

### Organic materials



Composting helps reduce costs for the municipality and keeps your waste-related taxes as low as possible.

#### 1 Is it edible or part of something that is edible?

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

#### 2 Is it paper or cardboard?

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

#### 3 Is it garden waste?

Cut grass, dead leaves, garden bed residues, cones and needles from conifers, straw, hay, potting soil and compost, untreated wood chips, etc.

#### 4 Other

**Cold** ashes, hair and feathers, natural corks, litter, wooden toothpicks, etc.



#### Fire Prevention

Ashes must be cooled for at least 72 hours before being placed in the compost.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN THE COMPOST BINS.**

### Recyclable materials



Recycling helps reduce costs for the municipality and keeps your waste-related taxes as low as possible.

**CONTAINERS** - Flexible or rigid, containers can be made of paper, cardboard, glass, plastic or metal.

How to spot them: recyclable containers usually have a cap or lid.

**PACKAGING** - Like containers, packaging items are made of paper, cardboard, plastic, glass or metal.

How to spot them: they're used to easily transport a product.

**PRINTED PAPER** - These are papers and other fibres on which texts, patterns or images are sometimes found.

### Household waste



Landfilling waste generates significant costs for the municipality, which results in higher waste-related taxes for residents.

- It is strictly prohibited to place construction materials or bulky items in household waste. You must dispose of these items at the Ecocentre.
- Branches are accepted only if they are tied into small bundles.

**LARGE OBJECT COLLECTION - Next pickup: Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

*You must register, by the Thursday before collection, with Catherine Rowlands at 819-687-2122 ext. 3228.*

### Ecocenter

**Écocentre Road, route 327, Harrington**

(located north of the town hall)

Free service reserved for residents of the Township of Harrington. Proof of residence required

#### SCHEDULE :

**January, February and March :** Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM

**April and May :** Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM

**June, July and August :** Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM

**September and October :** Friday and Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM

**November and December :** Saturday from 8 AM to 4:00 PM

# 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  
📘 LRCC - Lost River Community Center

## Harrington Valley Community Center

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

## Harrington Golden Age Center

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

## Follow us on Facebook

📘 Municipalité du Canton de Harrington

### REMINDERS

## Resources and Organizations



We invite you to visit the "**Resources and Organizations**" page on our website to learn more about the

groups working within our community, their missions, and the services they offer.

## 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

## 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 during our business hours. Credit card payments are not accepted.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Water Testing



You are invited to a day of water testing and information on drinking water. For the occasion, the Notreau Caravan will be on site to offer discounted well water testing. Professionals will also be available to answer your questions about well maintenance and operation.

**Date:** Saturday, July 19, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lost River Community Center  
2811, route 327, Harrington

**Sterile bottles are now available at Town Hall during our business hours.**

### Basic Test (Potability) – \$45, taxes included

Total and fecal coliforms, as well as atypical bacteria.

### Advanced Test (Potability + Dissolved Ions) – \$100, taxes included

Total and fecal coliforms, atypical bacteria, alkalinity, conductivity, pH, iron, manganese, turbidity, and total hardness.

Please note that additional water parameters can also be tested for an extra fee, such as cyanobacteria, iron bacteria (iron ochre), and more.

## Stay Connected

### Municipality Communication Channels



**FACEBOOK** - Follow our page for real-time updates and to interact with us.

**WEBSITE** - Find all the latest news, projects, resources, and municipal announcements.

**COUNCIL'S ECHO** - Visit our website for a summary of council decisions after each meeting.

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

**TELMATIK** - Sign up on the Telmatik platform to receive notifications such as: emergency measures, general notices, service interruptions, roadwork and much more.

# Boat Washing Station

 **2811, route 327, Harrington**  
(at the Lost-River fire station)



Each time you visit a new body of water, it is mandatory to wash your boat and equipment at the washing station in order to preserve the quality of our lakes and rivers.

Any person who fails to comply with this obligation is liable to a fine of \$500 to \$2,000, imposed by the municipality.

**We sincerely thank you for your cooperation!**

## Washing Certificate



The certificate printer at the boat washing station has been operational since this spring.

After washing your boat for at least 5 minutes, you'll automatically receive a washing certificate in the form of a printed coupon. This certificate confirms that you've properly used the station.

## How the system works

1. Press the button to activate the washer.
2. Wash your boat.
3. Once finished, collect your printed certificate from the machine.



## Fraud Prevention

The Sûreté du Québec is currently investigating a fraud case involving an individual who solicits roofing contracts, completes the work, then returns offering paving services. The suspect requests a deposit and then disappears without completing the job. The suspect's phone is subsequently disconnected.

Stay vigilant, and remember that any information related to criminal activity can be reported to the Sûreté du Québec's Criminal Information Center at 1-800-659-4264.

## Tick Prevention Tips

- Stay on trails and avoid tall grass;
- Use insect repellent on exposed skin;
- Wear a hat, closed-toe shoes, and long clothing;
- Tuck your shirt into your pants and your pants into your socks or boots;
- Wear light-colored clothing during walks. Light colors make ticks easier to spot.

For more  
information:

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## Town Hall

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Tel. : 819-687-2122 | Toll Free : 1-877-787-2122

Fax : 819-687-8610 | [administration@harrington.ca](mailto:administration@harrington.ca)

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