# MUNICIPALITÉ DE SHEENBORO

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Mayor's Report 2016

Dear Sheenboro Ratepayers:

On behalf of our Municipality I would like to welcome all new residents to Sheenboro. Hopefully our newsletter can be of some help to you in getting to know what is available in our Municipality.

The **new assessment role** for Sheen has been updated for the taxation year 2016 and the mill rate has been adjusted accordingly. We are happy to announce that the residents of Sheen are **now able to pay their municipal taxes on line**.

The budget, minutes, and other information for the Municipality are also posted on www.sheenboro

A tax grant is available for seniors to help offset the cost of their Municipal tax increase. Requirements for the grant: must be a Quebec resident, own your own home, meet the level of income requirement.

#### PROJECTS-2016

#### Roads:

With the approved excise grant, Council decided to do work on Tripp, Fort William, and Meehan Roads.

#### The Municipal Hall:

2015 work - Extra insulation was added and a secure beam was installed in the building.

Necessary repairs- Updating electrical and heating system, installing new windows and making it handicap accessible.

#### The future Inter-generational Park-

In 2015 the Municipality acquired the lease for the property near the Church from the Diocese of Pembroke. We were then able to apply for a grant that we have now received. Work to be completed on the parkwashrooms, landscaping, walking path.

### Fort William dock:

First phase of the new dock will be installed this coming season.

## Fire and Public Security:

One of the requirements of The Fire Safety Cover Plan of Quebec states that a low risk fire requires a minimum of 8 firefighters and 10 firefighters at a high risk fire. Most of the fire departments in the MRC Pontiac do not have the manpower, especially during the day. In order to help with this shortage, a study is underway exploring the possibilities and advantages of integrating the Chichester/Sheen and Allumette Island Fire Departments with the possibility of having a Fire Chief 32 hour per week

## Sureté de Quebec

Each municipality in the Pontiac is assigned a police officer, known as our godfather. Sheen has Constable Jocelyn Larabie. If you have any concerns, he can be contacted at-larabie@surete.qc.ca

#### The Transfer Site

Hours will remain the same as 2015. Sheenboro Transfer Site is a drop off for household garbage, small amounts of construction waste, recycling, paint, oil, batteries (small batteries are to be put in a plastic bag and in with the recycling bins); tires (rims off), rakings, tree trimmings, and steel. For any large demolition you must contact the Building Inspector.

Electronics must be taken to the Allumette Island Site for disposal at no charge. We do not have a weigh scale so shingles must be disposed of at Allumette Island for a cost. Sheen's goal for 2016 is to generate more recycling and less garbage.

#### **Additional Information**

The **Old Fort William Cottage Association (OFWCA)** will be having their AGM meeting July 23, 2016. If you wish to join the association the cost is \$20.00 per yearly membership. For more info contact Janet Retty 819-689-5640

CNL (AECL) and the Municipality of Sheenboro are currently working on an Emergency Evacuation Plan for our area. As of now, KI pills (iodine pills) have been distributed to all residents by mail in the immediate zone (within a 2 km radius of CNL) and the primary zone (within a 9 km radius) which includes part of the ZEC and the secondary zone would be Sheenboro and area. For these residents in the secondary zone, the KI pills will be made available at Medical centres (CLSC)-Sureté de Quebec, local fire departments, all entrances to the ZEC, and at the Municipal Office in Sheenboro.

Important notice for residents who have received KI pills: For your safety and the safety of others visiting your camp or cottage, please bring the KI pills to your lodge as soon as possible and make all visitors aware of their storage.

Check out the **new website "Pontiac Ouest"** (L'isle-Aux-Allumette, Chichester, and Sheenboro)

The **Public Library** located in Dr. Wilbert Keon School is open 7-9 pm on Thursday.

## **Upper Pontiac Sports Complex Arena Golf Tournament** is Friday, June 24th.

The proceeds from this fundraiser are divided 3 ways: The Arena receives 60% of the profits, St. Joseph's Hall 20%, and Sheen Hall the other 20%. Alternating years Harrington Community Centre and Waltham Hall receive the share. Sheen Parish Hall proceeds from three tournaments were \$10,400.

Organizing the Golf Tournament for 2016 will be volunteers from Sheenboro and St. Joseph's working with the UPSC Committee.

To avoid delay or added cost with your project, **before you "clear-dig-build-renovate"** contact the Building Inspector. Some examples: installation of a septic system; commercial cut on private bush lot, wells, culverts, cutting of a single tree, etc. To make an appointment contact William (Billy) Brennan at 613-639-4976 819-689-5022. bbrennan.sheen@gmail.com

**Noise bylaw** in our municipalities is no longer 7 am to 7 pm. It is 24 hrs and is enforced by the Sureté du Quebec. Important to be mindful of our neighbour.

The **bylaw for commercial cutting on private land** has been revised at the MRC. A copy is available at the Municipal Office in Sheen.

Wolf/ Coyote Bounty in Sheenboro is \$30.00 per animal

Contact building inspector-819-689-5022/613-639-4976

Requirements: a letter of permission from the land owner and a valid hunting license.

Animal control bylaw (dogs/ cats) in Sheenboro contact 819-779-6599

Sincerely, Mayor Doris Ranger 819-689-2132 dranger@mrcpontiac.qc.ca