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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Since the beginning of the year, several economic initiatives have made progress in Temiscaming. These projects are at the heart of our priorities and I'd like to share the key developments with you.

ONIMIKI PROJECT

The first public meetings have taken place and another one in English is scheduled for April in Temiscaming. The project team has begun presenting technical data. Importantly, we've learned that the flow rates of the Kipawa River will remain unchanged — no drying up of the river is planned.

Working sessions with residents will also take place in April and June. These sessions will offer a chance to meet directly with experts from the firms conducting the environmental studies. Registration will be required to participate.

RARE EARTH MINE PROJECT

This project, previously known under a different name, has been revived by new promoters. They have already met with elected officials from Kipawa and Temiscaming, which has led to some circulating rumors.

I want to clarify that the Town is not taking a position at this stage — it is still very early in the process. A mining project in Quebec typically takes 7 to 10 years to develop. What we do know for now is that the new project would be smaller in scale than the previous one. Thanks to existing processing facilities elsewhere, there would be no chemical transformation done here — only extraction, sorting, and washing of the ore. The proposed site is located in an unorganized territory (TNO), which falls under the responsibility of the MRC. A meeting with the council of mayors is scheduled for this spring.

RYAM MILL

Protecting the 600 remaining jobs at the mill remains my top priority. While restarting pulp production may take several years, our immediate goal is to ensure stability.

Since fall, discussions between RYAM, the Government, and the local committee had stalled. Fortunately, the arrival of a new Management Team at the mill has allowed talks to resume. Certain issues, such as Boiler #10, need to be resolved quickly. The Town continues to play a supportive role for all three parties involved: RYAM, the Unifor union, and the Government.

UQAT ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION STUDY

This study has officially begun and will unfold over a period of 12 to 18 months. The first phase involves meeting with local stakeholders to create an initial overview. The Town has issued a call for volunteers and interviews will begin soon.

In summary, several important economic projects are moving forward. The foundation is being laid to support the long-term development of our Town in the years to come. Thank you for your trust and commitment to our community.

Alain Gauthier

Mayor of Temiscaming

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DOTTORI HALL SHOWMona de Grenoble - HUMOR 18 +

Winner of the Upcoming New Comedian Of The Year at the last Les Olivier gala! Mona De Grenoble scores big! So funny and flamboyant with some bawdy skits! For adult only. (18+)

Show in French.

April 19 2025 - 8pm

April 19, 2025 – 8pm Tickets on sale now! 819 627-3230 | www.salledottori.com

COOKING SAFELY: ESSENTIAL TIPS TO PREVENT FIRES

- Never leave a meal unattended on the stovetop. Food burning on the bottom of a pan can cause a fire.
- When flames form in a pan, immediately cover the pan and turn off the burners and the range hood. Flames will go out when the oxygen supply is cut off.
- Do not leave any combustible items (dishcloths, boxes, etc.) on or near the stovetop when the burners are on.
- If flames occur in the oven, keep the door closed and turn off the oven so the flames can die down on their own. However, it is safer to call the fire department to check if the fire has spread.
- Clean cooking appliances and the range hood regularly. Grease buildup poses a fire hazard.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher at the kitchen entrance and learn how to use it.
- Never use water to extinguish a stove fire.

SALE OF PROPERTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

If you have received a letter <u>from the MRC of Temiscamingue</u> regarding unpaid property taxes, please contact them as soon as possible at 819 629-2829 (extension 223 - Nadia Gauthier). The tax sale will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at 21 Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes Street in Ville-Marie.

BOIL WATER OR PRECAUTIONARY? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BOIL WATER ADVISORY (BWA)

A Boil Water Advisory is issued when there is confirmed or suspected contamination in the drinking water supply. This could include bacteria, viruses, or

parasites that could make you sick.

ISSUED WHEN:

- Water tests show contamination
- A watermain break compromises the system
- Prolonged equipment failure at a treatment plant
- Backflow or cross-connection events
- Flooding or environmental contamination

WHAT TO DO:

- Boil water for at least 1 minute before using it for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, or washing food.
- Continue until the advisory is lifted by the Town.

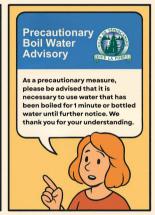
PREVENTATIVE BOIL WATER ADVISORY (PBWA)

A Preventative Boil Water Advisory is issued as a precaution, even if contamination hasn't been confirmed. It helps protect public health during planned or unplanned work that may affect water pressure or flow.

ISSUED WHEN:

- Scheduled maintenance or construction affects the water network
- As a precaution when equipment failure is caught early and repaired prior to contamination
- Fire hydrant uses or flushing causes low pressure
- Pressure drops due to power outages or valve replacements
- As a precaution after repairs to service lines, before water testing is completed
- Street valve closure isolating a network to carry out repairs

Hmm... An alert for a precautionary boil water advisory!







WHAT TO DO.

- Treat it the same as a regular BWA: boil water for at least 1 minute before consumption or food use.
- It is lifted once testing confirms the water is safe.

WHY IT MATTERS

In both cases, you must boil the water before using it. The key difference is that a precautionary advisory is preventive, while a standard advisory is issued in response to confirmed or probable contamination.

Always follow the Town's instructions. If you are unsure, contact us at 819 627-3273, ext. 104 or visit our website: www.temiscaming.net



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WHY IS MY WATER DISCOLORED?



Yellow or brown water may appear when there is







Construction work or flushing of water mains

WHAT ABOUT HOT WATER?

WHAT TO DO AT HOME?

STEPS TO FLUSH YOUR COLD WATER PIPES

- 1.Shut off the main water valve (usually in the basement, street side)
- 2.Open all cold water taps, from top to bottom
- 3.Let the water run, then close all taps except one in the basement
- 4.Reopen the main valve and let the water run until it becomes clear

This process may take up to 24 hours

DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN

- Faucet filters
- Shower heads
- Washer / dishwasher hoses
- Toilet tank

IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

Yes, in general, discolored water is not dangerous — the color often comes from natural minerals or disturbed sediment.

However, it is recommended to flush your pipes and filters before drinking or cooking with the water.

If <u>only</u> the hot water is discolored:

- 1.Turn off the main water valve
- 2.Shut off the power or gas supply to the water heater
- 3.Drain and rinse the tank using the drain valve
- 4.Repeat as needed until the water runs clear
- 5.Restore electricity or gas once the tank is full

QUESTIONS?

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