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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

As you now know, one of the Town's priorities is to further promote community spirit. We highlighted this intention by appointing our new Director of Recreation, Culture, and Community Life.

When we talk about community life, the first thing that comes to mind is the variety of activities organized by the Town—and those we will continue to offer. We are fortunate to have a dedicated team that consistently shows its expertise—not only in planning events, but also in inspiring residents to take part. Sometimes, it just takes a small step: putting down our phones, logging off, and stepping outside. But it's exactly these small choices—gathering around sports, arts, or public events—that help build lasting initiatives and strengthen the well-being of our community.

There are two other key areas we want to emphasize moving forward when it comes to fostering community spirit:

- Citizen participation
- Living together harmoniously

Citizen participation is expressed through volunteering, taking part in events, getting involved in local organizations, and showing interest in our Town's administration.

We are fortunate to count on many local organizations and on the volunteers and employees who work to improve our quality of life. One great example is TVCTK, which has been broadcasting local news for 36 years—a significant achievement and a great illustration of what contributes to a thriving community. Another notable initiative is the Temiscaming Market, held at Philippe Barette Park—a purely citizen-led project entering its second year with an expanded offering. Thank you for this wonderful example of an activity that supports two of our priorities: economic development and community spirit.

When we speak of living together, we're referring to our responsibilities as citizens: maintaining our homes and neighborhoods, minimizing nuisances, showing respect in our interactions, and being thoughtful and considerate. For youth, this can also relate to vandalism or damage to public property or personal belongings.

Over the past three years, a youth committee was formed to address these issues. This committee includes members from the Youth Centre, social workers, police officers, outreach workers, and a representative from the Town. Together, they met with local youth, held discussions, and developed an action plan. Initiatives like the graffiti project on the pipelines, improvements to the skatepark, and the addition of cameras to improve safety for younger children have been carried out. And that's just a glimpse. The most recent reports show these efforts have led to a 60% reduction in incidents. Thank you all.

As you can see, the Town intends to take a more active role in promoting peaceful community living. Recently, we implemented the updated provisions of the law concerning dangerous dogs to address certain behaviours that posed risks to the public. Also, in collaboration with the Sûreté du Québec, we updated our nuisance bylaw, which now allows for the issuance of tickets in specific situations.

Our goal remains the same: to ensure the safety and peace of our citizens and to preserve a quality living environment for all.

Finally, we want to highlight the importance of active civic engagement in municipal affairs. We're committed to improving communication, enhancing transparency, and offering citizens clearer access to information—for example, through the various updates and explanatory documents concerning taxation and property assessments.

In return, we hope this helps citizens better understand municipal and legislative processes and encourages continued respectful, collaborative, and constructive dialogue with us. Sitting on a Town Council is also a form of citizen participation—so that together, we and our peers can continue to grow in a prosperous and welcoming community.

With all my gratitude,

Alain Gauthier

Mayor of Temiscaming

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COUVENT STREET: A WELL-EXECUTED MAJOR PROJECT

In 2024, the Town of Temiscaming undertook infrastructure work on approximately 150 metres of Couvent Street. The project included:

- The complete replacement of drinking water pipes, sanitary and storm sewers
- The reconstruction of the roadway, paving, sidewalks, and curbs

OUTSTANDING COST MANAGEMENT

- The initial budget for the project was \$1,089,631.
- The general contractor submitted a bid of \$1,093,725.50.
- Thanks to the diligence and vigilance of our municipal team, the work was completed for \$1,042,084.59.

It is rare for a project of this scale to come in under budget. This outcome highlights how closely our team monitored expenses, avoided cost overruns, and managed every dollar responsibly.

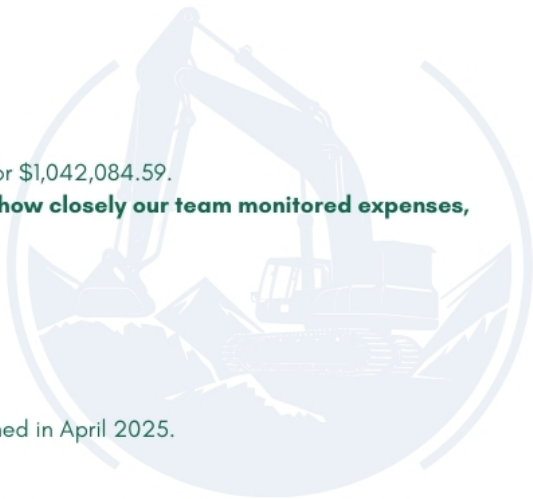
Including all related costs, the total expenditure amounts to \$1,186,314.23.

RESPONSIBLE FINANCING

In March 2025, the Town secured a \$397,149 grant through the Primeau program. The net amount to be financed is therefore \$789,165.23, covered by a \$806,000 loan obtained in April 2025.

AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE

This project reflects rigorous municipal management: modernized infrastructure, secured financial assistance, and tightly controlled expenses. Thank you to everyone involved, and congratulations to our team for their excellent work.



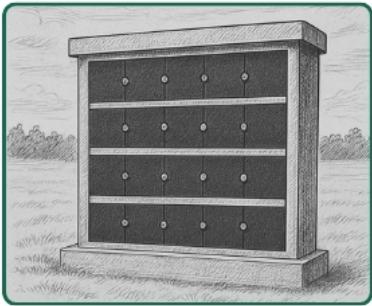
BURNING GRASS AND OUTDOOR FIRES

DID YOU KNOW THAT A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO BURN BRANCHES, LEAVES, OR OTHER NATURAL DEBRIS ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Every year, 80% of wildfires are caused by human activity. On average, 75 of these fires start due to poorly controlled burning. It only takes one careless act for a fire to become uncontrollable. By being cautious, we can prevent over 350 wildfires every year.

Municipal by-law no. 710 requires a permit for any grass burning or open-air fire. All details can be found under the **“BY-LAW CONCERNING FIRE PREVENTION”** tab in the Fire Safety section of the Town’s website.

In the first week of May alone, the Temiscaming Fire Department had to respond twice to brush fires caused by human activity. Please be vigilant: respect the by-law, your neighbours... and the forest.



NEW SERVICE AT THE CEMETERY

The Town of Temiscaming is pleased to announce the installation of its first columbarium at the municipal cemetery during the summer of 2025.

In response to a growing demand from our citizens, this new service will offer a respectful burial option that reflects today’s realities, while also optimizing the use of available space.

For more information, please call us at **819 627-3273, ext. 104**, or email us at **administration@temiscaming.net**

NEW TEAM MEMBER IN URBAN PLANNING

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Cécilia N’Dri has joined the Town’s team as **Director of Urban Planning and Municipal Inspector**. She is now your key contact for any questions or requests related to urban planning.

PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Please note that all urban planning permit and certificate requests now require a processing period. You must also have your permit or certificate in hand before beginning any work. We therefore encourage you to contact the Director of Urban Planning and Municipal Inspector well in advance to submit your request.

URBAN PLANNING QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?

To meet with Ms. Cécilia N’Dri, please make sure to schedule an appointment in advance. For this purpose, or for any other urban planning request, you can reach her by phone at **819 627-3273, ext. 106**, or by email at **dir.urbetemiscaming.net**.

TEMISCAMING’S COMMITMENT TO A GREENER FUTURE

The Town is proud to be a partner of the GoRecycle program, which enables the responsible recycling of refrigerating appliances such as fridges, freezers, and air conditioners.

Thanks to your participation, 10,728 kg of materials were recovered and 115 tonnes of GHGs were avoided.

Let’s keep protecting the environment together: bring your old appliances to the Ecocentre or during special collection events. Thank you for doing your part!

Ville de Temiscaming

Partenaire municipal

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Merci d'avoir contribué à la récupération responsable d'appareils
réfrigérants et de climatisation domestiques en tant que
partenaire municipal du programme GoRecycle.

Julie Fortin-Lapointe

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