

INFO TEMIS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

Since October 3rd, the temporary shutdown of RYAM's operations for economic reasons has brought a period of uncertainty to our community. I know how concerning this situation is for workers and their families, as well as for our entire community.

I want to assure you that we continue to monitor this situation very closely. We remain in contact with political representatives and discussions are ongoing among the various stakeholders and levels of government in the hope of finding solutions.

Temiscaming has faced many challenges throughout its history. Each time, our community has shown its strength, solidarity, and resilience. Today, that sense of solidarity is more important than ever. Let us be there for our loved ones, our neighbours, and the families going through difficult times. In a small community like ours, every gesture of support can make a difference.

The current situation also reminds us just how important it is to prepare for Temiscaming's economic future.

From the beginning of my term, we identified economic diversification as one of our priorities, recognizing the importance of creating new opportunities for our town.

With this in mind, we asked researchers from the Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) to assess Temiscaming's potential for economic diversification.

This week, we met with the researchers, who presented their report and the findings from the first phase of the study.

Through interviews with various local stakeholders, they identified our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges. Their work has helped us gain a better understanding of our economic situation and identify several potential areas for development that deserve further exploration.

Six areas of research have been identified to guide the second phase of the study.

These include strengthening our local entrepreneurial culture, helping small and medium-sized businesses reach markets beyond our community to overcome the limitations of our small local market and low levels of local purchasing, attracting light manufacturing activities and government services, and exploring potential opportunities related to the mill's energy infrastructure.

I will share more details about these areas of research once the second phase of the study gets underway.

However, we must remain realistic: diversifying our economy will not happen overnight. It will take time, effort, and cooperation among many partners. The results may not be immediately visible, but it is important that we continue moving this work forward now.

Our town has strengths, resources, and people who genuinely care about its future. We must find ways to make better use of these assets to create new opportunities and, over the long term, reduce our dependence on a single major employer.

Of course, these efforts do not lessen the importance of the situation we are facing with RYAM. We must continue working on both fronts: finding solutions to today's challenges while preparing for the future of our community.

On a final note, despite the concerns we are facing, I hope you will take some time to enjoy this beautiful fall season. For many of us, it is also hunting season, an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, take a break from our daily routines, and appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us.

In the coming weeks, let us continue looking out for one another. It is during times like these that the true strength of our community shines through.

Take care of one another.

Alain Gauthier

Mayor of Temiscaming

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TEMPORARY CAR SHELTERS | MUNICIPAL BYLAW REMINDER

As the colder weather approaches, the Town of Temiscaming would like to remind residents of the municipal bylaws regarding the installation of temporary car shelters.

Temporary car shelters are permitted from November 1 to April 30, inclusive.

When installing a temporary car shelter, the following minimum setbacks must be respected:

- Front setback: At least 1 metre.
- Side setbacks: The same setback requirements that apply to detached accessory buildings.

We encourage residents to ensure that their temporary car shelters comply with municipal bylaws.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SHOW AT DOTTORI HALL

A BELOVED THEATRICAL CLASSIC IS COMING TO TEMISCAMING!

On November 25 at 7:30 p.m., Dottori Hall will present *Fleurs d'acier* (Steel Magnolias), a beloved theatrical classic celebrating the friendship, strength, and resilience of six remarkable women. Filled with laughter and heartfelt moments, this touching production, directed by Alain Zouvi, promises an unforgettable evening!



Tickets on sale now!

819 627-3230 | www.salledottori.com

REMINDER – 3RD MUNICIPAL TAX INSTALLMENT

We would like to remind property owners that the third municipal tax installment is due on **October 31, 2026**.

You can make your payment:

- Online through your financial institution;
- At Town Hall by cash, cheque, or money order during regular business hours.

We encourage you to make your payment before the due date to avoid interest charges on overdue amounts.

If you have any questions regarding your municipal tax account, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Hall team.

Thank you for your cooperation!

NEW RESIDENT? WELCOME TO TEMISCAMING!

Have you recently moved to our town? Here are a few helpful steps to make settling into your new community easier:

- **Services at your new address:** Remember to set up or transfer essential services such as electricity, telecommunications, insurance, and municipal services.
- **Driver's licence and vehicle:** You must notify the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) of your change of address within 30 days of moving. If you are moving from outside Quebec, additional steps may be required to obtain a Quebec driver's licence or register your vehicle.
- **Health insurance:** If you are moving from outside Quebec, contact the RAMQ to learn about the steps required to obtain health insurance coverage.
- **Change of address:** To make the process easier, use the [Quebec government's Change of Address Service \(SOCA\)](#). This free service allows you to update your address with several Quebec government departments and agencies in a single step. Remember to also update your address with your financial institution, employer and any other organizations you deal with.
- **Explore municipal services:** Visit our website to discover the services, activities, facilities, and programs available to residents. www.temiscaming.net

Welcome to our community! We wish you all the best as you settle into your new home!

Requirements may vary depending on your situation. Please contact the appropriate organizations for the most up-to-date information.