



Municipalité de/Municipality of SHEENBORO

SHEENBORO, QUEBEC J0X 2Z0

Mayor's Newsletter

January 2011

It has been over a year since the new Council was elected. During the past year we have seen many changes at the old Municipal Dump site. Billy, with Council's direction has done a very good job organizing the site and making it comply with the Provincial regulations. We will soon see the shelter completed for the Dumpster and after pouring a pad in the spring/summer that should be the last of the changes that need to be made. The year ahead looks like a very busy one. Council is endeavouring to start planning for the future of our Municipality. There has been a preliminary seminar on Strategic Planning and Council unanimously agreed to move ahead with a look at the future of Sheenboro. During the year, Council and members of the Community will have an opportunity to look at our municipal assets and look at how we can optimize them for the future. Any input from our full-time/part-time residents would be appreciated.

Another area that needs to be looked at, not just for Sheenboro, but for all of the Pontiac is our compliance with the Provincial Government's Fire Safety Services Plan. Jacques Piche, the Coordinator for the MRC presented a workshop on the Fire Safety Cover Plan for the Pontiac at our January Council meeting. One note to everyone is to make sure you have working smoke detectors in your residence.

Our total property evaluation (which our shares to the MRC are based on) has gone from \$44,546,700 to \$ 54,756,840. This evaluation determines the amount of money Sheenboro pays to the Regional Municipality of the Pontiac for the services that are provided. This year our share is \$ 87,649.00. These tax dollars pay for the Administration and Services provided by the MRC which include: General Administration, Property Assessment Services, Public Security, Animal Control, Waste Management, and Planning and Recreation. Council has passed the 2011 budget and as a result there will be a small increase in taxes this year.

Upcoming Services and Activities:

Library services are available again this year in Chapeau on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 to 9:00.

The Municipal Hall will be open on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 for our residents to have access to the computer. *Robert Miller* will be available to offer support with using the computer for those who need assistance. We are going to offer this service to see what the response is for the next few months.

There is *adult skating* in Chapeau on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:00; cost is \$2.00.

The *Penguin Snowmobile Club* is hosting a dance on January 29th at the Waltham Hall. Cost is \$ 5.00/person. A light lunch will be served.

February 12th is *Hockey Day in Downey's Bay* (sponsored by Joanne McCann/Glen Magill). Come out to play hockey, to skate and enjoy the day. Following the day skating, a fund raising spaghetti dinner (adults \$6.00, children under ten \$4.00) will be held at the Sheen Hall. Proceeds will be used towards the *Sheen Irish Heritage Festival* (July 15th, 16th and 17th) organized by the Irish Heritage Committee. This will be a fun filled weekend with lots of entertainment and Irish fun for all.

Our *Fire Department* is planning a fund-raising Fishing Derby at Chichester during the month of March so watch for the date. There will be food and fun for all. Come out and support your fire department.

The *St. Patrick's Day dance* will be held at the Sheen Hall on Saturday March 12. Wayne Venn, Arnold Gardner and Louis Schreyer will be the entertainment. A light lunch will be served. Cost is \$ 10.00/person.

Notice To All Property Owners (requested by our building inspector):

Before any building project can be undertaken within our municipality, the Building Inspector must be contacted in order to determine whether or not a Building Permit is required. This should be done at least one month before any work on the project is to commence.