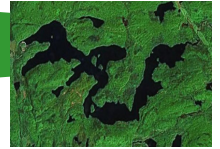




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Dear fellow citizens,

Fulfilling a commitment made last year, your Municipal Council adopted the new Urban Plan (200) for the Town of Barkmere on June 13 2009. In addition, we replaced the Zoning (201), Subdivision (202), Building (203), and Permits and Certificates Bylaws (204). As well, a new bylaw (206) has been adopted regarding PIIA (Architectural Installation and Integration Plan). Please note that bylaws may be consulted either at the Town Hall or on the Town's website [www.barkmere.org/UrbanPlanandUrbanismBy-laws.htm](http://www.barkmere.org/UrbanPlanandUrbanismBy-laws.htm).

The existing bylaws have been replaced in response to a request by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MRNF) to propose bylaw solutions which would allow the implementation of vehicular access while addressing the strong desire of the citizens to protect the environment, water quality and visual landscape of our Town.

We are very proud of the end result, which met deadlines and includes numerous suggestions from citizens.

The new Urban Plan and supporting bylaws reflect the general principles established over the years by previous Town Councils. We firmly believe that the time and effort invested in this project afford a judicious balance between the desire to retain the charm and traditions of Barkmere and the

citizens' requests for vehicular access to cottages, without the general population incurring costs of these private vehicular accesses. The Urban Plan protects our wildlife, flora and the visual environment and water quality of our lake, streams and wetlands. Crown lands within the municipality are declared to be conservation zones, thereby prohibiting, building and development (except for vehicular access). This provision is being fully supported by the MRNF

### The next steps....

It was originally planned that two of the bylaws, Zoning (201) and Subdivision (202), would be approved by the citizens within a short period of time. The procedure would have included the signing of a referendum registry on August 8, 2009 and the holding of a referendum in September (if the number of signatures legally required for the referendum registry has been reached).

After adopting the bylaws in a Council meeting on June 13, 2009, a normal part of the process allowed citizens 30 days to formally request a review of all of the urbanism bylaws by the *Commission municipale du Québec* (CMQ). The Town was advised on Monday, July 20, 2009 that a request for a review was received by the CMQ within the allotted time frame. The CMQ has a minimum of 60 days to conduct a review after which a public hearing will be held.

The consequence of this request is as follows:

The referendum procedure will be delayed for a minimum of 60 days following which the registry for referendum will be re-scheduled;

The MRNF has been informed of the situation and will continue their vehicular access permit freeze until the CMQ review and registry/referendum procedure is complete;

The CMQ will schedule a public hearing to be held in Barkmere in September and as soon as the date is confirmed it will be made public. All are welcome to attend.

Council has been informed that a referendum could be held by mail so that it could be scheduled within the winter months.

Your Municipal Council is confident that the majority of the citizens of Barkmere, both in the village and around the lake, will actively participate in the November municipal election and in due course endorse the new bylaws that maintain the uniqueness of Barkmere.

We seek your support for the Urban Plan and the urbanism bylaws which will ensure the preservation of our environment and offer the vehicular access sought by some of our citizens.