



## Stanstead Township

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### FUTURE TOWN HALL AND FIRE STATION

The plans of the future town hall and the fire station are finished. The new building will officially open in the Fall of 2019. Some citizens have raised the idea of using the Rider Castle for the town hall, which is in fact a very nice building, but which would require several renovations in addition to the cost of acquisition and costs for the new fire hall. The new offices will be on one level to accommodate the population and make the future fire hall compliant. The current town hall will change its vocation in order to become the new community center thus meeting a need of the citizens. In order to prepare for all these changes, we would like to hear about your ideas for workshops / activities that could take place in the community center at the following address: [agent@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:agent@cantonstanstead.ca) This is the front plan.



Please note that the municipal office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 to January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 for the holiday season.

We will be back on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 to serve you.



### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

You find the time long, you want to meet people, you would like to get involved in your community? Join one of these groups :

- Community Association of Stanstead Township (Snow Day, St. John the Baptist Day and Christmas Brunch)
- Leisure and Culture Committee
- Monitoring Committee for MADA (Municipality friend of elders)
- Embellishment Committee

Please contact Mrs. Hamel for more information or to give your name, call 819-876-2948 ext. 228 or email : [agent@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:agent@cantonstanstead.ca)





## SERVICE AND FIRE PREVENTION

**The Memphremagog East Intermunicipal Fire Prevention and Protection Board** has been in operation since January 2018.

It currently serves 10 municipalities on the territory of the MRC de Magog and Coaticook: **Hatley, Hatley Township, North Hatley, St.-Catherine of Hatley, Ayer's Cliff, Stanstead, Stanstead Township, Stanstead-East, Ogden, Barnston West.**

The Board includes:

- 4 Fire Halls (North Hatley, Stanstead Township, Ayer's Cliff and Stanstead)
- 1 full time director
- 4 leaders in part-time operations
- 100 firefighters and officers on call

### To join us

Phone: 819-838-5877 ext. 204

Email: [info@regieincendieest.com](mailto:info@regieincendieest.com)

Director: Eric Richard

Our firefighters are hired by the municipality as preventionists. They go door to door to check smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and civic numbers checking the houses of low and medium risks.

### Notice of offense

Have you forgotten to make the necessary corrections following the visit of the preventionists? You must present evidence that you have rectified the discrepancies according to the notice received either by presenting the proof at the town hall or by sending photos or copies of the invoices to : [info@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:info@cantonstanstead.ca)

## HALLOWEEN

On Wednesday night, October 31<sup>st</sup>, firefighters will offer candies to your little kids from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Fitch Bay Fire Hall. Come and show us your costume!



## THAYER PARK

Do not hesitate to try the new pickleball game at Thayer Park on the new multifunctional surface. This game similar to tennis, can be play doubles or quads. The necessary equipment is in a cabinet under the gazebo. Go to the town hall to get the padlock code. A new municipal bulletin board is also installed on the ice rink building. Drop off your posters at the town hall and we will put them up for you.

## 2019 CALENDAR



A big thank you to all those who participated in the photo contest for the calendar edition 2019. The winners have been notified and you can see the pictures chosen by the leisure and culture committee. The entire selection of the photos submitted as part of the contest are on our website at the following address: <http://www.cantonstanstead.ca/en/leisure-culture-tourism-and-attractions/image-gallery/>

Next year the garbage collection will take place on two days on two different sector, namely the Georgeville (western area) on Monday and the Fitch Bay / Lac Lovering (eastern area) on Tuesday. You will find more details, in the calendar concerning the sectors in question. Follow the new 2019 calendar for the correct pick-up dates.



## NARROWS BRIDGE

A team cleaned the graffiti of Narrows Bridge. We are currently waiting for a response from the Ministry of Culture and Communications as to whether the Narrows Bridge can be classified as a heritage building. We want to preserve this bridge, it dates from 1881 and was built very robustly according to Mr. Grayson, engineer. We plan other works to keep it as long as possible and to preserve it as part of our cultural heritage.

## COMMUNITY ACTION CANTON DE STANSTEAD



A MAGIC CHRISTMAS, for young and old.

### FREE Event

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the town hall (778 Sheldon Road) from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
Magician, Santa Claus, reinvented games on table, Christmas snack.



\*\*\*\*Fête des Neiges on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Postpone the next day in case of rain.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

At the strategic planning briefing on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with approximately 70 people in attendance. Here is a summary of the meeting:

### VISION

Innovation, quality of development and the vitality of its communities are at the heart of the identity of the Municipality of Stanstead Township.

Haven of peace, landscape harmony, protection of the environment and the architectural heritage, these characteristics make it an exceptional place.



The axes of the plan:

Social development	Economic development	Environmental Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have a road safety plan</li><li>• Increase the sense of belonging</li><li>• Revitalization of the village centers</li><li>• Improve recreational spaces</li><li>• Counter the exodus of seniors</li><li>• Attract new families</li><li>• Improve communication with citizens</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promote the development of tourist activities</li><li>• Implement the Merchant Assistance Policy</li><li>• Accelerate access to high speed internet access throughout the municipality</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protect the lakes</li><li>• Protect landscapes</li><li>• Education and awareness</li><li>• Continue the actions which are already underway</li></ul>

## Fire Hall and Town Hall – architectural perspective

**Question Period:** Summary of issues raised at the presentation

**Social:** 24 questions and comments regarding : the infrastructure of gravel roads, road safety, noise on the roads, the feeling of belonging, attraction of new families, redesign of zoning (mini homes, center for the elderly, businesses), beautification of the village of Fitch Bay. Questions about the new fire hall/town hall: costs, design, location.

**Environment:** 14 questions and comments regarding : Fitch Bay (noise, waves, water quality), glass recycling, cleanliness, composting toilets.

**Economic:** 4 questions and comments regarding : Explain what is agrotourism, more details around the municipal support, the tourist committee.

**Please note that this is a summary of the presentation and does not contain all the actions and information contained in the plan. The 2019-2023 strategic plan was adopted by the municipal council and is posted on the website : <http://www.cantonstanstead.ca/en/presentation-of-the-strategic-plan-2019-2023/>.**

## WINTER IS COMING AND HERE ARE SOME RULES TO FOLLOW :

Do not put snow in the ditches, on the shoulders of roads and on the opposite side of your main entrance. It is prohibited to park or immobilize a road vehicle on a municipal street between 11 pm and 8 am from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> inclusively, as indicated by signs. It is also prohibited to park on the side of the road where the speed limit is 70 km or more.

**Tempo Shelter Permitted** : Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.



## FITCH BAY PROJECT

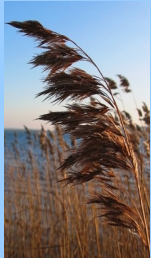
### Phragmite control activities

Eradicate an invasive perennial plant called Phragmite. Invasive alien plants are plants that are introduced intentionally or accidentally into an ecosystem and grow at the detriment of native species. Their proliferation is considered one of the main causes of the loss of biodiversity in the world and can have serious ecological, economic and health consequences. Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive alien plants is the best way to avoid or reduce their negative impacts. *(Taken from Memphremagog Conservation Inc.)*

The organization and about fifteen collaborators removed Phragmites from Fitch Bay on Lake Memphremagog. This task was done over two days. The goal of eliminating the phragmite is to give way to several biodiversities including spawning grounds. According to a study, the Phragmite harvested last year has not grown back this year.



Memphremagog  
Conservation Inc.



## THE NUMBER OF GARBAGE COLLECTION



This year the Council has reduced the number of garbage collections to encourage people to better sort their residual materials. By 2020, putrescible organic materials will not be accepted at the dump. Citizens are invited to recycle and compost, moreover the number of compost collections has been increased. If you do everything correctly, nothing should attract unwanted animals to your garbage cans.

As of January 2019, the garbage collection will be done over 2 days with two different sectors, which will be identified in the new calendar 2019. Let's try together to protect the Earth and make everyone win, including future generations. The gestures are easy: instead of putting everything in your trash, direct your food waste in your brown bin. All your cartons, boxes, cardboard packs, canned goods and your Publisac into your blue bin. Let's put the odds on our side to improve the quality of life for all. These small gestures can make a big difference. Thank you for your collaboration.



## WASTE IN THE LAKE

**Project Aware** was held in association with Memphremagog Conservation Inc., Aqua Mondo as well as several volunteers and divers who have surveyed the bottom of Lake Memphremagog at Georgeville. This organization is everywhere in the world to clean waterways. Tires, bottles, building materials and other debris were brought to the surface by the divers. 500 kilos of rubbish were recovered from the bottom of the lake. Did you know that nearly 70% of marine debris sinks into the waterbed where it can persist for decades - damaging their habitat and injuring marine life.

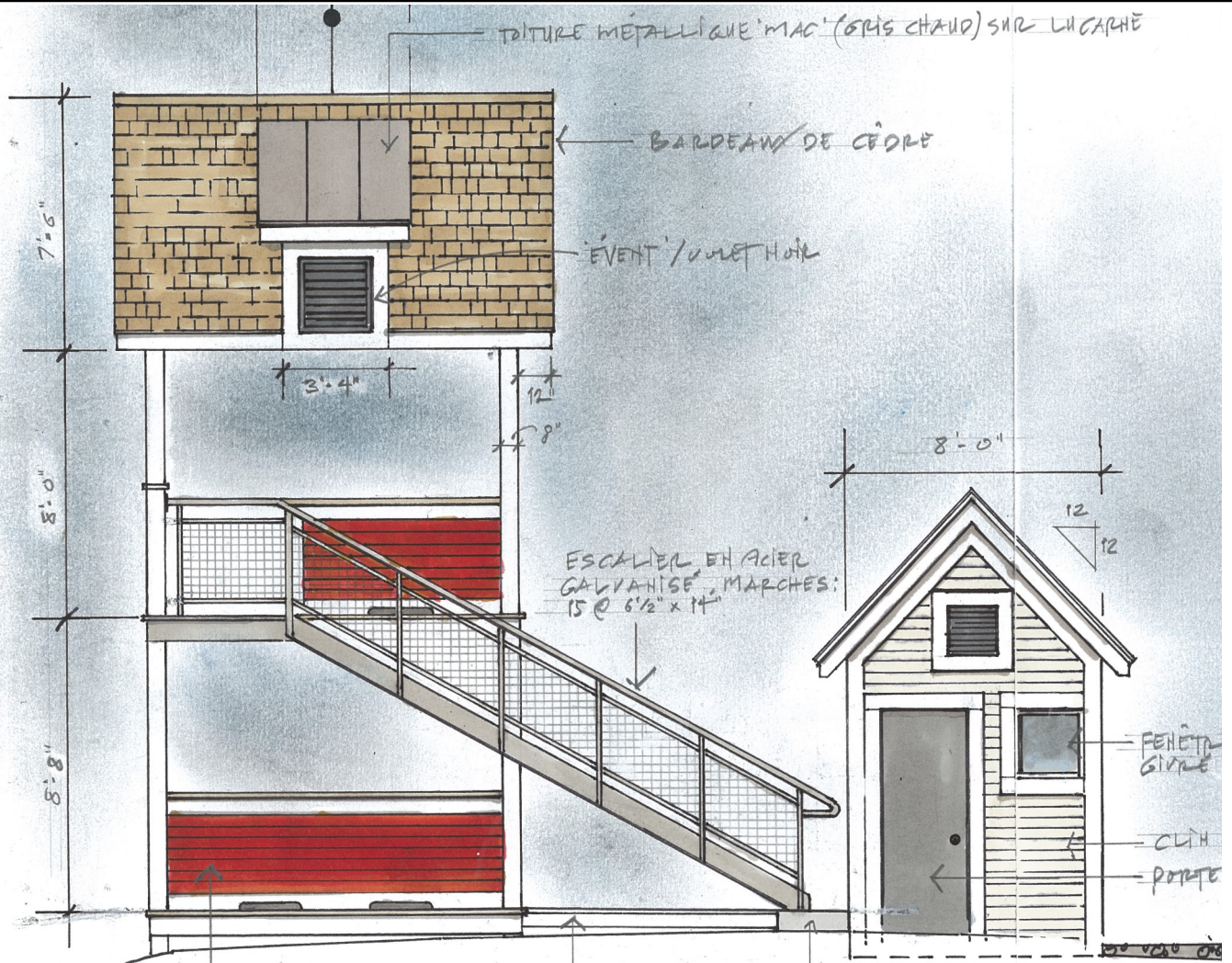
**WHAT CAN WE DO?** It is certain that we must at all costs avoid throwing anything in the waterways, but it is enough to modify certain habits and to apply some basic rules to avoid contributing to the degradation of waterways. Here are some examples: • Along the water's edge, modify ornamental, choose native species that require less water, fertilizer and pesticides. • Reduce the use of lawn products. • Avoid throwing garbage, animal droppings, leaves and debris into ditches and manholes. • Properly dispose of used oils, antifreezes, paints and other chemicals. The majority of liquid residuals can be brought into the ecocentres. • Clean the yard entrance with a broom rather than with the garden hose for asphalted driveways. • Prevent and control erosion on your land, especially if it is riparian zone, by planting native vegetation. Protect our lakes and rivers, one of our important natural resources. *(Source: The APPEL Newsletter, Fall 2011).*





## NEW BELVEDERE TO COME

We are awaiting authorization from the CPTAQ to erect a two-storey belvedere located on Sheldon Road. The owners of the land have already given us their consent. This belvedere will serve as a rest area for cyclists, hikers and visitors. People will be able to appreciate the view from this place and the Abbey St-Benoit-du-Lac is beautiful and much more. This project is planned for 2019. Here is the sketch by Mr. Alain Roy, landscaper-architect, resident in the municipality.



## FITCH BAY RUSTIC TRAIL

We will be creating an official trail that will take the Noël, Kohl and Bégin roads. The trip would be 5.45 km long. At the top of Noël Rd, you will have a superb view of Lake Memphremagog, probably the most beautiful. Two rest areas are also planned in this trail as well as a parking spaces.

**Contest:** propose us a name for this future path. Send your idea to :

[agent@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:agent@cantonstanstead.ca) by November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

