Ogden Chronicle

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Strategic Plan

The lengthy process involved in the preparation of the plan is now complete. It will soon be distributed to all our citizens and will also be available on our website. Our citizens have clearly demonstrated their commitment to the municipality and its future through the high level of participation during the process. Indeed, more than fifty citizens showed up in person in June and we received 163 responses to our in-depth survey.

Some of the main priorities that will guide the Council in the future are a strong commitment to the environment, investment in quality infrastructure, encouragement of community belonging as well as highlighting the exceptional natural sites in Ogden. These results only confirm that actions already taken by the Council and those to come are very consistent with the wishes of the population.

Road Safety

We have petitioned the Ministry of Transport, with the full support of the Canton de Stanstead as well as the Sûreté du Québec, to reduce the speed limit on Route 247 (Ch. Griffin) from 90 km to 80 km over its entire length. This road is very winding and hilly and is the scene of too many speeding vehicles. Several farms border it and they need to use the road with their machinery, adding to the danger level there. Moreover, the major power outage of January 18 was caused by a vehicle losing control and damaging a power pole.

Lake Patrol

The Lake Patrol will be provided by Canton de Potton next summer. Subsequent to the MRC's decision to withdraw this service, Potton has stepped up with major investments. Their service proposal, at the same cost as previously with the MRC, will increase the presence of patrols in our area. Their agents have been trained and will be authorised to issue warnings and tickets for the same infractions as before.

David Lépine, mayor

TOWN HALL

MAYOR
David Lépine

COUNCILLORS
Michael Sudlow
Councillor nº 1

Michel Lesage
Councillor nº 2

Gilbert Boileau
Councillor nº 3

William Scott
Councillor nº 4

Claudette Dupras
Councillor nº 5

Eric Fafard
Councillor nº 6

THE MUNICIPAL TEAM
Vickie Comeau
Director General and clerk-treasurer

Danielle Gilbert
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Vincent Langlois
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Dominic Langlois
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BUSINESS HOURS
The municipal office is open by appointment from Monday to Friday from 9 am to Noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm.
The reception is open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRINTING OF THE NEWSLETTER
Les Publications Municipales
1 877 553-1955

INVITATION TO BUSINESSES

Invitation to businesses in the Memphrémagog MRC to participate in the 27th edition of the Défi OSEntreprendre

As the organization responsible at the local level, the MRC of Memphrémagog is pleased to invite businesses on its territory to participate in large numbers in the 27th edition of the Défi OSEntreprendre.

Thanks to the 300 leaders mobilized across Quebec, the Défi OSEntreprendre showcases the entrepreneurial initiatives of thousands of people every year. It's a great opportunity for students and entrepreneurs to inspire and mobilize the community.

"The Memphrémagog region is home to new businesses that deserve to be known and that have inspiring practices for the community. With its various components, this competition is just as beneficial for start-ups as it is for those still in business after 5 years," says Marianne Auclair, Director of Economic and Territorial Development for the Memphrémagog MRC.

Companies wishing to apply can do so between now and 4 p.m. on March 11th, 2025. Visit www.osentreprendre.quebec. If you have any questions, please contact Émilie Gagnon, financing technician, at e.gagnon@mrcmemphremagog.com.

DRAW FOR FREE SKI TICKETS TO MONT ORFORD!

Once again this year, the municipality of Ogden, as a member of the Memphrémagog MRC, is offering a limited number of free lift tickets to the Mont Orford ski resort! A draw for these tickets will take place, and is open to all Ogden citizens.

If you would like to enter your name in this draw, please send your full name, address and phone number to Ogden at info@munogden.ca **BEFORE 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.** The draw will take place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, and winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail. Please note that these tickets are only valid during the 2025 ski season, until April 30, 2025. Tickets are not redeemable for cash. Maximum 1 ticket per person. ***Good luck to all!***

You'd like to communicate with your Municipal Council members? You can reach them at the following e-mail addresses:

Mayor David Lepine :	maire@munogden.ca
Councillor Michael Sudlow :	mjsudlow@gmail.com
Councillor Michel Lesage :	mlesage@munogden.ca
Councillor Gilbert Boileau :	gboileau@munogden.ca
Councillor William Scott :	wscott@munogden.ca
Councillor Claudette Dupras :	cdupras@munogden.ca
Councillor Eric Fafard :	efafard@munogden.ca

The 2025 budget for the Municipality of Ogden was adopted at a special council meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2024.

Key elements from the 2025 municipal budget include:

- Expenditures increase of 9.2 % over the 2024 budget;
- Revenue increase of 7.3 % over the 2024 budget;
- Increase of general property tax rate by 2.4 %;
- New tax for the loan bylaw no. 2024-03 (Cedarville road project);
- Use of $84,104 of the surplus to balance the 2025 budget

2025 BUDGET - OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Revenues	
Property tax	1,250,597 $
Tax of non-residential property	14,463 $
Tax of industrial property	35,571 $
Tax bylaw no. 2024-03	49,113 $
Residual waste tax	80,860 $
Compensation in lieu of taxes	786 $
Transfers	613,122 $
Services rendered	29,030 $
Other revenues	216,175 $
	2,289,717 $
Expenses	
General administration	542,405 $
Public safety	406,843 $
Roads	891,331 $
Environment and environmental services	108,780 $
Planning, land use and development	97,687 $
Recreation and culture	71,107 $
Financing costs	22,647 $
	2,140,800 $
Surplus (deficit) before reconciliation for tax purposes	**148,917 $**
Reconciliation for tax purposes	
Reimbursement long-term debt	-26,666 $
Investissement activities	-295,172 $
Financial reserve and reserved funds	13,085 $
Reimbursement to working capital fund	-21,332 $
Payment from working capital fund	95,064 $
Restricted accumulated surplus	84,104 $
	-148,917 $
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**0 $**

Journée nationale
promotion santé mentale positive / 13 mars

National Mental Health Promotion Day - March 13, 2025

The Municipality of Ogden's council has proclaimed March 13, 2025 as National Positive Mental Health Promotion Day, and invites all citizens, organizations and institutions in the municipality to share the tools of the annual mental health promotion campaign under the theme " Recharging means finding your recharge zone ". The Municipality invites you to visit https://mouvementsmq.ca/sante-mentale/ for information on Mouvement Santé Mentale Québec.

LES JOURNÉES DE LA **PERSÉVÉRANCE SCOLAIRE**

HOOKED ON SCHOOL DAYS (HSD) - FEBRUARY 10TH TO 14TH, 2025

Let's take advantage of the Hooked on School Days to recognize the efforts and involvement of all those involved in encouraging young people to stay in school.

The Municipality of Ogden also invites all citizens to congratulate and encourage our young people to persevere. Let's give them what they need to believe in their dreams, reveal their potential and persevere!

HYDRO-QUÉBEC'S MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC:

Hydro Québec

It is important to follow the Quebec government's suggestions (at www.quebec.ca/en/public-safety-emergencies/emergency-situations-disasters-and-natural-hazards/how-prepare-at-home) as well as the Canadian government's suggestions (at www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/kts/index-en.aspx), which remind us of the importance of having a family emergency plan and an emergency kit to meet basic needs for three days (72 hours). See also Hydro-Québec's tips for preparing for a power outage at https://pannes.hydroquebec.com/poweroutages/be-prepared-for-power-outage/.

Société protectrice des animaux DE L'ESTRIE

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (SPA)

LICENSE RENEWAL 2025

License renewal time is here! As of January 2025, registered pet owners have received a notice in the mail.

Registration is valid from January 1st to December 31st, and payment must be received by February 15th, 2025.

Thank you!

STRAY CATS AND COLD WEATHER

With the arrival of snow and cold weather, it's normal for citizens to worry when they see a cat outside. Most people want to help, but it's not always necessary to intervene.

In fact, an outdoor cat is not automatically a stray. Many domestic cats enjoy the outdoors, even if they have a home and family waiting for them to return.



The following article outlines the steps to take when a cat is found outdoors. We invite you to read it.

CAT OUTDOORS: WHAT TO DO?

https://spaestrie.qc.ca/en/cats/i-found-a-cat-outdoors-what-should-i-do/

REMINDER:

What you can put in your recycling bin

It's simple: containers, packaging and printed matter are all you can put in your recycling bin.



The selective collection system is now administered by Éco Entreprises Québec.

To find out more about sorting, visit bacimpact.ca.

To find out more about the selective collection management system, visit eeq.ca.

NOTICE TO OGDEN PROPERTY OWNERS:

Chartered appraisers Jean-Pierre Cadrin et Associés, mandated by the MRC of Memphrémagog, wish to inform you that letters will shortly be sent to owners of properties that have not been inspected in the last 9 years on the Ogden territory, inviting you to fill out an online inspection form.

One of the mandates the MRC of Memphrémagog is asking them to fulfill is to visit properties to complete inventory maintenance. This involves visiting properties that have not been visited in the last 9 years.

In the interests of fairness, the Act respecting municipal taxation requires assessors to periodically verify the accuracy of the data they have on municipal properties.

The Act respecting municipal taxation and the Standards of Practice of the Ordre des Évaluateurs agréés du Québec allow them to do this in two ways: either by physically visiting the buildings, or by sending a letter to the owner so that he or she can fill out a detailed form that one of their technicians can then validate.

In compliance with section 15 of the Act respecting municipal taxation, they will carry an identity card (with photograph) signed by appraiser Jean-Pierre Cadrin.

Section 15 states: "The assessor or his representative may, in the performance of his duties, visit and examine any property situated in the territory of the local municipality, between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, except on holidays.

He must carry an identification card, bearing his photograph issued or certified by the clerk of the municipal body responsible for assessment, and must show it on request."

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the appraisers.

Thank you for your cooperation!

JP CADRIN et associés
évaluateurs agréés

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www.banquealimentaire.ca
info@banquealimentaire.ca

Memphrémagog Food Bank

Did you know that the Memphrémagog Food Bank offers food assistance to people in need throughout the Memphrémagog MRC? Among its services is the "Dépense", which redistributes surplus food to anyone who comes to 573 Sherbrooke in Magog, Monday to Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

BAM also offers food assistance through its social grocery store, available by appointment, as well as the "Départ canon" program designed to better meet the needs of young children aged 0 to 5. This program provides two food aid distributions a month, including a second basket of diapers, milk, fruit, vegetables and eggs as needed.

To make an appointment for a food distribution, please call 819-868-4438 ext. 1.

Interested in getting involved as a volunteer or donor? Find out more at banquealimentaire.ca

CONGRATULATIONS!

The mayor and councillors of the Municipality of Ogden would like to thank everyone who attended the festive and neighbourly get-together held at the Town Hall on December 7th, as well as the Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee for organizing this lovely afternoon. Here are the names of the 3 winners of the draw which took place at this event :

1st prize:	Linda Northrup
2nd prize:	Richard Demers
3rd prize:	Catherine Mullins

CURRENTLY IN ADOPTION

Romeo -

Aged 6 and a half, sweet little Romeo is a very affectionate Manchester Toy Terrier. He loves to spend time in the company of his human friends, lying on the couch or on their laps. Playful and active, Romeo loves to run, play and chase his toys. Committed and always ready to take part in interactions, he loves attention and good company.



Despite his small size, Romeo needs daily exercise to stay happy and healthy. He also loves puzzle toys to stimulate his intelligence. Because of his sensitivity to the cold, we're looking for a home where he can stay active and play indoors during the colder winter months. When the weather's warmer, he loves going for walks and outings, where he can see and smell all sorts of new things. A home with a fenced-in yard would be an asset for this curious, active dog.

Romeo cannot live with cats, as he has a strong hunting instinct.

Recent changes in his life have caused stress, making him more anxious. To help improve his skin health, he is currently on a hydrolysed kibble diet.

Romeo is a wonderful, loyal dog with lots of love to give. He is looking for a loving home and a family who will understand his needs.

Nora -



With her lush coat, captivating golden eyes, and orange and white striped tail, Nora is truly a beautiful and sweet cat.

Nora first arrived at our shelter in 2020 and was quickly adopted. At the time, she was the volunteers' favorite. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen changes in her former adopter's circumstances, Nora has recently returned to us. She remains as sensitive, calm, discreet, gentle and affectionate as ever.

Although Nora was a little shy in the shelter environment, she's opening up more and more. She loves to be petted and often rolls from side to side, hoping for more attention and affection.

Accustomed to the comforts of home, she looks forward to leaving the shelter to return to a life full of love and care. Nora would be an ideal companion for someone who cherishes life's quieter moments.

Approximately 6 years old, she's ready to find her forever home and return to being the precious pet she deserves to be.

If you are interested in adopting Nora, please contact Linda at 819-868-2684 or by e-mail at peacocklinda@rocketmail.com.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP?

Volunteers needed

With only one paid employee, SAFAS is run entirely by volunteers. The support and dedication of our volunteers is essential to the well-being of our animals while they wait for their new homes.

We're looking for volunteers to help walk our shelter dogs on weekdays and weekends. By joining our team, you can make a positive impact and ensure that our dogs stay happy, healthy and fit while in our care and waiting for their forever families.

We're also always looking for volunteers to help socialize, feed and care for our cats.

For fostering cats or kittens

Occasionally we have need at the shelter for someone who would be willing to foster either young kittens or older cats that find shelter life too stressful. Kittens are usually adopted quickly so the commitment to foster them is less than for older cats. If you are interested in having delightful company for a while call Linda Peacock at 819-868-2684.

Our 2025 calendar is a must for pitou lovers.

12 months of beautiful dog photography to brighten up your walls, with high-quality images printed on premium paper. Each photo tells the unique story of a furry companion. An unforgettable gift for you, your loved ones or any dog fan! Order yours today and help care for cats and dogs in need!

For more information on how you can support our shelter (fostering - adoption - donations - volunteering), visit our website safas.ca or e-mail us at frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or please call (819-876-7785).

If you're looking for specific information about cats, please call Linda (819-868-2684).

Our shelter is located at 2405 Chemin Griffin (Route 247), in Ogden, just outside Stanstead.



WINTER IS HERE.

Don't be a fool - Prepare earlier

Prepare for winter storms and severe cold weather

If a winter storm or severe cold is forecast:

- make sure you have enough food, water and fuel;
- carry a sufficient supply of prescription medication;
- clear your roof of snow or have it cleared if necessary.

Take precautions during winter storms and severe cold weather

Follow certain safety rules:

- Avoid unnecessary travel and postpone non-essential appointments;
- call vulnerable people to check on their well-being;
- use auxiliary heating systems in accordance with manufacturers' instructions;
- make sure your chimney outlet is not blocked by snow accumulation;
- contact your municipality to report any situation requiring municipal service (branches on the road, etc.);
- listen to the media for instructions from the authorities and to be informed of any service interruptions or exceptional services made available to you.
- Report any power failure to Hydro-Québec at 1 800 790-2424.

Watch for frostbite and symptoms of hypothermia

In very cold weather, avoid going outdoors for long periods. If you do go outside, dress accordingly to avoid cold injuries such as frostbite (numbness, paleness and hardness of the affected area). Frostbite can be treated at home, except in severe cases, by slowly warming the affected areas. Avoid rubbing or massaging the affected areas, as this may damage the skin.

Watch out for any symptoms of hypothermia. Hypothermia occurs when body temperature drops below 35°C (95°F). Inside a building, hypothermia may occur when the ambient temperature falls below 15.5°C (60°F).

Symptoms of hypothermia include:

- persistent shivering;
- cold extremities (fingers, toes, nose and ears) and cheeks;
- muscle stiffness, which can lead to lack of coordination;
- abnormal behavior and confusion;
- dizziness and, occasionally, blurred vision.

Physical exertion during intense cold and hypothermia increase the risk of cardiac arrest. Call Info-Santé at 811 for medical advice if you or someone close to you is experiencing symptoms of hypothermia. Call 911 in a medical emergency.

While waiting for help to arrive, take care of a person showing symptoms of hypothermia as follows:

- make sure his or her clothes are dry;
- wrap them loosely in warm blankets, covering their neck and head;
- have her drink a lukewarm, non-alcoholic beverage, as alcohol increases sensitivity to the cold;
- avoid subjecting her to sudden changes in temperature, e.g. taking a hot bath or leaving her near a source of intense heat;
- use a thermometer to monitor temperature changes;
- keep her awake and still.

Source : Urgence Québec

WILD BOAR AND EXOTIC DEER ON THE LOOSE: REPORT THEM!

Have you spotted red deer roaming the countryside? Does your neighbor have a few wild boars that roam freely in and out of their enclosure? This is not normal! Wild boar and exotic cervids (red deer, elk, fallow deer and sikas) are animals kept in captivity and must remain so. If they escape from their enclosure, report them promptly!

What to do if you spot them in the wild?

If you think you've seen exotic wild boar or deer in the wild, report your sighting, even if you're not sure of the species, to SOS Poaching - Wildlife Emergency, by e-mail at centralesos@mffp.gouv.qc.ca or at 1 800 463-2191.

Wild boars and exotic cervids that have escaped from their enclosures must be removed from the wild by a specialized MELCCFP team. To facilitate the team's work, please provide the following information:

- The date, time and location of the sighting (address, intersection, GPS coordinates);
- The number of animals observed and whether they are accompanied by juveniles.

Include photos if possible.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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01/03 Habana Café
Doors open at 6.30 pm

Introduction to salsa 6.45 - 7.15 pm
show starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets on evenbrite



15/03 Double feature:
Philémon Cimon & Alexandra F

Doors open at 7 pm -
show starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets on evenbrite



11/04 Father'n'Son

Doors open at 7 pm - show starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets on evenbrite



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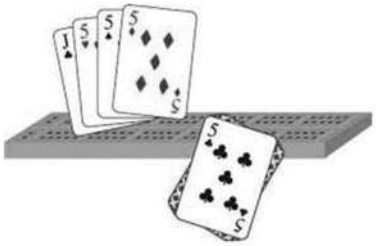
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You have questions?
You have ideas?
You would like to get involved?
Don't hesitate to contact us.

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A SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF CRIBBAGE GAMES ...



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! You want to use your grey cells and enjoy yourself at the same time? Come and play some Cribbage!

WHEN: Sunday February 23rd, 2025 from 2PM to 4PM

WHERE: OGDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 70, chemin Ogden

For all levels. Please note that should you want to learn to play this game, an instructor will be present. Cribbage boards and cards will be supplied. You can also bring your own set.

Free cookies and refreshments will be served.



AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

The municipality of Ogden invites its citizens 14 years and older, to participate in an amateur photo contest. This friendly competition will enable selecting the most beautiful pictures of flora taken in Ogden.

The three first prizes amount to **150 $, 100 $ et 50 $** respectively.

For rules and details, please e-mail cdupras@munogden.ca.

SIP AND KNIT

Cercle de Fermières Stanstead
at Colby-Curtis Museum

Every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
between February 5 to April 16.

Knit and crochet for all levels -
Patterns and advice provided.

This activity is offered in French
and English, and is free.

If you want to learn, materials
will be available for you.

535 rue Dufferin, Stanstead, Qc





SAUSAGE-MAKING WORKSHOP



LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SAUSAGES IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRO-NENT.

An Ogden resident, Mr. SAMUEL TREM-BLAY, will show us how.

WHEN: Sunday March 9th, 2025 from 2PM to 4PM

WHERE: OGDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 70, chemin Ogden

The different preparation steps will be described.

He will share his personal experiences and will suggest various ingredients, utensils and recipes.

TO RESERVE : cdupras@munogden.ca

CULTURE & LEISURE COMMITTEE

20 FREE TICKETS - FREE SWIM FOR ADULTS (age 14 and older)



Whether you enjoy swimming recreationally or in order to improve your physical fitness, you could benefit from the pool at the "CENTRE SPORTIF LA RUCHE" in Magog.

20 tickets will be available for Ogden residents (1 ticket per person).

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMAIN ACTIVE.

Send an e-mail to: cdupras@munogden.ca to reserve your ticket.



INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

In response to requests made by many citizens, the Culture and Leisure Committee of the Municipality of Ogden is searching for instructors for future activities.

If you have the required competences or know someone who could lead these workshops:

- ENGLISH CONVERSATION
- BRIDGE
- LINE DANSE

Please notify cdupras@munogden.ca.

MICHAEL DUNN BIODIVERSITY RESERVE

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT

A group of citizens is currently working to set up an association - a citizen's committee - to manage the Michael Dunn Biodiversity Reserve. To move forward with the creation of the association, we will be holding a general meeting shortly. Anyone interested in the project will be able to register to attend. A communiqué will be sent out when the date, time and location are known.

You can contact us at ventdouest13@gmail.com

Thank you for your cooperation

DAY CAMP

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION TO STANSTEAD DAY CAMP FOR SUMMER 2025

Once again this year, the Municipality of Ogden will make a contribution to the cost paid by Ogden permanent citizens to the Town of Stanstead's day camp.

If you are a permanent citizen of Ogden and your child attends the Stanstead day camp this summer, you are entitled to a municipal contribution of $50 per week per child, upon presentation of the invoice showing the costs you have paid.