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Preserving the Night: A Commitment to Our Quality of Life

Dear citizens,

Nighttime is an integral part of our living environment. It shapes our landscapes, influences our health, and plays an essential role in maintaining the balance of the natural world around us. Yet over the years, excessive artificial lighting — known as light pollution — has become a very real issue, even in rural communities like Ogden.

Light pollution does more than prevent us from seeing the stars. It disrupts the natural cycles of wildlife, affects biodiversity, and can even have impacts on people's sleep and overall well-being. Poorly directed or unnecessarily powerful lighting also leads to higher energy consumption, with avoidable environmental and financial costs.

In Ogden, we are fortunate to live in an exceptional natural setting. Protecting the darkness of our nights means preserving this heritage while ensuring the safety of our residents. Simple solutions exist: using fixtures that direct light downward, choosing less glaring bulbs, installing a magic eye motion detector, turning off unnecessary lights and favoring lighting that is adapted to real needs.

The municipality is committed to considering responsible lighting practices and to raising public awareness of this issue. However, the success of this approach also depends on the participation of everyone. Together, through small actions, we can make a big difference.

Preserving the night means choosing a future that is more respectful of our environment, healthier, and more harmonious for present and future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation and your commitment to our beautiful community.

David Lépine, mayor

Happy Valentine's Day!

TOWN HALL

MAYOR
David Lépine

COUNCILLORS
Michael Sudlow
Councillor nº 1

Michel Lesage
Councillor nº 2

Gilbert Boileau
Councillor nº 3

Samuel Tremblay-Bonsens
Councillor nº 4

Claudette Dupras
Councillor nº 5

Robert Dubois
Councillor nº 6

THE MUNICIPAL TEAM
Vickie Comeau
Director General and clerk-treasurer

Danielle Gilbert
Building and environment inspector

Vincent Langlois
Road inspector

Dominic Langlois
Road worker

Line Latour
Development Agent / Project Manager

Chantal Simard
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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.

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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PLACES TO ENRICH THE 2026-2027 TOURIST GUIDE

The Memphremagog MRC is currently working on the 2026-2027 tourist guide, and this year, it wants to involve Memphremagog residents in its creation.

It has therefore posted a short anonymous survey online at https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=bv1FhsSk_UOd1oYq5wEld3fnScl7KENLvHYA_Fmxf9VUQVFPRllLS0gzS1hGUzRDU1pBVDBINjlGTyQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl to gather the population's favorites in four main categories: food, outdoor activities, culture/history/heritage, and contemplative activities. The responses will help improve the content of the guide and highlight what makes Memphremagog so rich.

Thank you for your participation!



CÉA DES SOMMETS
Éducation des adultes

FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASSES
Help with registration

Wednesday, February 4 at 6 p.m.
École primaire du Plein-Cœur
555, 7e Avenue in Richmond

Tuesday, February 10 at 6 p.m.
Centre d'éducation des adultes des Sommets
350 St-David Street in Magog

Confirm your attendance: 819 843-6116 # 19148
FGA.inscription@cssds.gouv.qc.ca / cea.cssds.gouv.qc.ca

Please bring the following documents:
Document indicating your status in Canada
(Work permit, Permanent residence, etc.)
Passport
Birth certificate (if possible)

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 Samuel Tremblay-Bonsens :	stremblaybonsens@munogden.ca
Councillor Claudette Dupras :	cdupras@munogden.ca
Councillor Robert Dubois :	rdubois@munogden.ca

The 2026 budget for the Municipality of Ogden was adopted at a special council meeting held on Monday, December 15, 2025.

Key elements from the 2026 municipal budget include:

- Expenditures increase of 1.1 % over the 2025 budget;
- Revenue increase of 5.5 % over the 2025 budget;
- Increase of general property tax rate by 3.9 %;
- Use of $49,803 of the surplus to balance the 2026 budget

2026 BUDGET - OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Revenues	
Property tax	1,319,340 $
Tax of non-residential property	14,833 $
Tax of industrial property	35,442 $
Tax bylaw no. 2024-03	40,772 $
Residual waste tax	81,862 $
Measuring of septic tanks	9,015 $
9-1-1 emergency centres	5,000 $
Compensation in lieu of taxes	735 $
Transfers	662,156 $
Services rendered	28,711 $
Other revenues	217,143 $
	2,415,009 $
Expenses	
General administration	483,706 $
Public safety	432,777 $
Roads	916,412 $
Environment and environmental services	116,872 $
Planning, land use and development	105,534 $
Recreation and culture	83,181 $
Financing costs	25,734 $
	2,164,216 $
Surplus (deficit) before reconciliation for tax purposes	**250,793 $**
Conciliation for tax purposes	
Reimbursement long-term debt	-16,100 $
Investissement activities	-414,272 $
Financial reserve and reserved funds	0 $
Reimbursement to working capital fund	-22,973 $
Payment from working capital fund	152,749 $
Restricted accumulated surplus	49,803 $
	-250,793 $
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**0 $**

PERMANENT PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME POSITION BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENT INSPECTOR

The Municipality of Ogden in the Eastern Townships is located near the US border and on the shores of Lake Memphremagog. Boasting an exceptional natural environment and a very peaceful living environment, Ogden is looking for someone to fill the position of building and environment inspector.

Responsibilities:

Under the authority of the Director General, the building and environment inspector coordinates and performs the following tasks, among others:

- Receive, analyze, and issue all permit or certificate applications arising from municipal regulations;
- Process requests for information on regulations;
- Manage complaints relating to the enforcement of municipal bylaws;
- Conduct inspections within the territory;
- Identify violations and prepare prosecution files when required;
- Write relevant reports and collaborate with partners and professionals working in the territory;
- Ensure proper management of records and files related to the function;
- Oversee urban planning regulations and any necessary amendments;
- Coordinate the urban planning advisory committee and the environmental advisory committee and act as secretary for these committees;
- Oversee the septic tank sludge measurement program;
- Recommend strategic directions to management and council on urban planning and environmental issues in the territory;
- Collaborate with management on the implementation of specific projects.

Requirements and desired profile:

- College diploma in urban planning, architecture, or civil engineering; university degree in urban planning, geography, or environmental studies;
- Practical experience in urban planning, municipal inspection, or a related field relevant to the position and desired profile;
- Good knowledge of municipal laws, bylaws, and policies;
- Valid driver's license (Class 5);
- Bilingualism, English and French;
- Proficiency in the computer tools necessary to perform tasks;
- Be independent, demonstrate very good judgment, and be proactive;
- Promote a customer-focused approach through your actions;
- Demonstrate rigor, discretion, and diplomacy.

Working conditions:

- Poste permanent exigeant un minimum de 21 h/sem, mais
- Permanent position requiring a minimum of 21 hours/week, but may also be increased to 35 hours/week depending on the candidate and their profile;
- Part of the work may be done remotely depending on the season and needs;
- Very competitive compensation and benefits;
- Position available immediately.

Interested candidates are invited to send their resume and cover letter to the following address:

Ms. Vickie Comeau
Permanent position –
Building and Environment Inspector
70 Ogden Road
Ogden, Quebec J0B 3E3
Email: dg@munogden.ca
Phone : 819-876-7117

We thank all applicants for their interest. Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted.

OGDEN *Emergency Preparedness*
It's Serious

THIS WINTER, BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD...

KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER!

It's a good idea to visit https://weather.gc.ca/index_e.html for local weather forecasts before you leave home. Environment Canada issues warnings of major storms, heavy snowfall, freezing rain or drizzle, intense cold snaps or strong winds. You can even subscribe to receive weather alerts by e-mail by registering on this web page: https://ecalertme.weather.gc.ca/createaccount_en.php

To check local road conditions, visit www.quebec511.info/en/Diffusion/EtatReseau/Default.aspx

DRAW FOR FREE SKI TICKETS TO MONT ORFORD!

-MONT-
ORFORD

Once again this year, the municipality of Ogden, as a member of the Memphremagog 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 24, 2026**. The draw will take place on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, and winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail. Please note that these tickets are only valid during the 2026 ski season, until April 30, 2026. Tickets are not redeemable for cash. Maximum 1 ticket per person. Good luck to all!

CENSUS

The next Census of Population will take place in May 2026. To carry out this important work, Statistics Canada is **hiring approximately 32,000 people across Canada** to help residents complete their census questionnaires.

The census provides valuable data for planning local services and creates meaningful employment. These jobs give residents the chance to support their community, while earning income and building skills.

Applications are now being accepted for supervisory and non-supervisory positions across the country. For more information, please visit census.gc.ca/jobs.

Statistics Canada Statistique Canada



Journée nationale
promotion santé mentale positive / 13 mars

National Mental Health Promotion Day - March 13

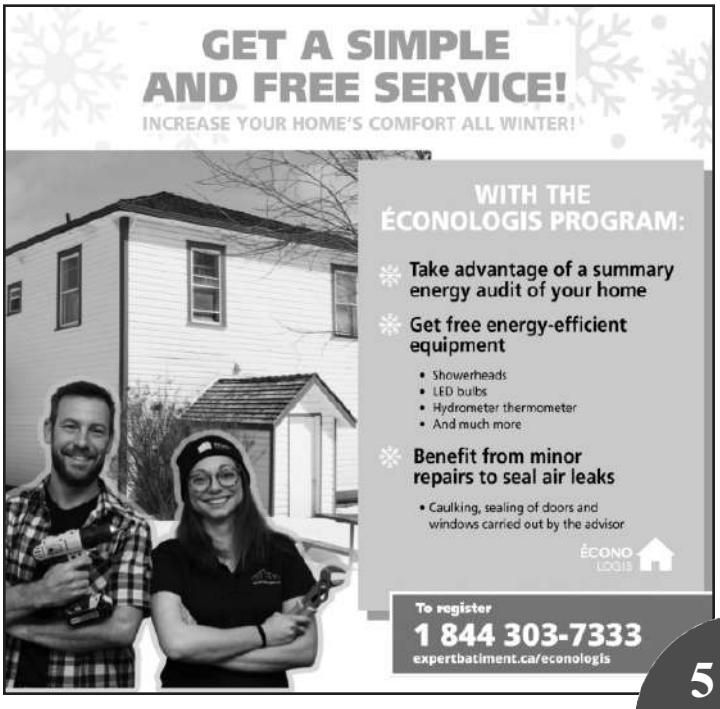
The Municipality of Ogden's council has proclaimed March 13th as ***National Positive Mental Health Promotion Day,*** and invites all citizens, organizations and institutions in the municipality to share the tools of the annual mental health promotion campaign under the theme **"One step, one gesture, one movement... Together for good mental health!"**. The Municipality invites you to visit https://mouvementsmq.ca/sante-mentale/ for information on Mouvement Santé Mentale Québec.

LES JOURNÉES DE LA PERSÉVÉRANCE SCOLAIRE

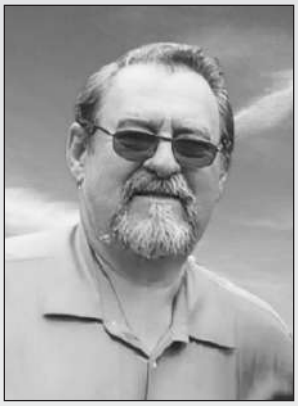
HOOKED ON SCHOOL DAYS (HSD) - FEBRUARY 16TH TO 20TH, 2026

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. This year, the theme of Hooked on School Days is "Perseverance takes you far."

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!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Jean R. Roy
(1948-2025)

Jean's association with Ogden covers more than three decades. In the 1990s the Council used to hold public meetings in the basement of then Town Secretary Faye Dustin's basement on Boynton Road, but the new Town Hall had been planned in 1993 and much of the construction of the building was done with volunteer help. Jean's hands contributed greatly to what is now our present Town Hall.

In the same year the Quebec Government handed responsibility for local road networks to the municipalities. So, the Council had to seek out a Road Inspector, turning to a willing young Councilor Jean Roy. With virtually no previous experience in this sphere, Jean was obliged to resign his Council seat before immersing himself into what was to be a 20-year career, not merely inspecting and dealing with hired contractors, but also getting down to a multitude of hands-on tasks.

Learning on the job, his astute memory and facility with mathematics, he quickly acquired the essential skills. Roads need most urgent attention in the worst weather conditions and Jean was well up to the task, ensuring minimal periods of road closures. He put his heart and soul into his job for which he gained so many appreciative friends in the municipality.

In 2013 he took his retirement but did not need much persuading to jump back from employee to employer again for another eight years- ensuring that his encyclopedic knowledge of our road network could be handed down to his successor.

On behalf of all the citizens of Ogden,
a "Big Thank You Jean".

Michael Sudlow, municipal councilor no. 1

ACTIVITIES, CULTURE & LEISURE



BINGO IN THE BASEMENT OF SACRÉ COEUR CHURCH
Holy Trinity Parish
At 645 Dufferin Street, Stanstead

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.
(Closed February 18 and 25, back on March 4)

SAVE THE DATE!

PUT YOUR DANCING BOOTS ON!



Line dancing classes with the Hurricane Dancers begins April 15th at the Border Curling Club!

This activity is free for Ogden Citizens and is organized by the Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee.
To register cdupras@munogden.ca

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THE BORDER CURLING CLUB (OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS):

- Cribbage Tournaments (Every Thursday from 2 to 4 pm). All are welcome! Cost is $5 until the end of the season in April.
- Junior Curling (Every Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm). Open to all children and their family members to come and try curling - free event.
- Open Curling Drop-In (Every Sunday from 1 to 3 pm). For new curlers to come try this sport.

The Border Curling Club is located at 26 Principale street in Stanstead.

INTRODUCTION TO CHAIR YOGA

with Cindy Cleary



When: Tuesdays, March 3rd to May 5th, 2026
Time: 9 am
Where: Ogden Town Hall
To register: cdupras@munogden.ca

THIS ACTIVITY IS **FREE** FOR OGDEN CITIZENS

Chair yoga is a modified form of traditional yoga that focuses on practicing poses while seated or using a chair for balance. It is designed to be accessible and gentle, making it suitable for individuals with mobility challenges, seniors, or anyone who prefers a seated practice.

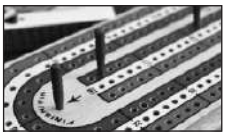
This activity incorporates meditation and breathing techniques, all while adapting poses to accommodate seated or chair-supported postures.

Seating is limited. Lessons are given for one hour.

The Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee organizes this activity.

SUNDAY CRIBBAGE

Want to do brain exercises
while having some fun?
Join us for a game of cribbage



When: February 22nd and March 8th, 2026
Time: 1:30 pm
Where: Ogden Town Hall

All levels are welcome. An instructor will be available if you wish to learn. Cribbage boards are available, or you are welcome to bring your own.

Refreshments will be served

The Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee organizes this activity and it is free for Ogden citizens.

BEGINNERS STEP AEROBICS



When: Fridays - March 6th to May 8th 2026
Time: 10 am
Where: Ogden Town Hall

Step aerobics is a low-impact aerobic exercise that uses a step box with moves choreographed to the beat of the music. Other than the fun factor, you don't have to try that hard to get your heart rate up. It happens naturally, and within a few minutes, you can be burning major calories.

The benefits of aerobic exercise include: improved heart health, blood pressure, endurance, muscle strength, and coordination. Space is limited. Please register as soon as possible

To register: cdupras@munogden.ca

The Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee organizes this activity and it is free for Ogden citizens.

FONDATION SANTÉ DE LA VALLÉE MASSAWIPPI

FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM – WINTER & SPRING 2026

Increase your activity level & improve balance and coordination. FSVM is pleased to sponsor Prevention of Falls courses in two locations this winter. =

1. Ayer's Cliff at Beulah Church Hall, 967 rue Main, Ayer's Cliff, J0B 1C0, on Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. January 6 to March 24, 2026.
2. Grace Village (Huntingville), 1515 Pleasant View, Sherbrooke on Thursdays from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. January 15 to April 2, 2026.

12 classes. $75 per person for the session.
Space is limited. Anyone can register.
Payment taken on the first day.
Registration at direction@fsvm.ca
For information : Chantal Touzin (819) 572-4654

This class is designed for adults aged 50 and over who want to improve their overall physical fitness in a safe, motivating, and supportive environment. Led by a certified kinesiologist from Acti-sports, Coaticook, each session focuses on strengthening exercises, cardiovascular training, and flexibility work. Balance, posture, and coordination are also key components of the program.

Beyond physical improvement, the sessions offer opportunities for learning, empowerment, and social connection, making it an ideal class for staying active, confident, and engaged.



There were lots of smiles at the Christmas reception held at Town Hall on December 6th! Thank you to the Municipality of Ogden's Culture and Leisure Committee for organizing this enjoyable event!













DRIVING INTO THE PAST

A HISTORY OF COVERED BRIDGES IN QUEBEC



BIBLIOTHÈQUE ET ARCHIVES CANADA

A FILM BY LOUISE ABBOTT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026, 1:30 P.M.
GRACE VILLAGE

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GRAND HALL!

THIS FILM WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC AND THE MRC MEMPHREMAGOG UNDER THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AS WELL AS BY THE CANTON DE STANSTEAD.

Memphrémagog MRC

Québec

Bienvenue CANTON DE STANSTEAD

Memphrémagog
MRC

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Bicycle patrol officers for the 2026 season

The Memphremagog MRC is looking for cyclists to serve as bicycle patrol officers during the 2026 cycling season.

Training period	March to May 2026
Patrol period	May to mid-October 2026
Hours of volunteer work per week	3 hours
Patrolled sections	Tomifobia Nature Trail, La Montagnarde between Eastman, Orford, and Magog

Are you a cycling enthusiast who wants to make Memphrémagog a destination of choice for cyclists? Don't wait any longer! Apply to become a volunteer for the Memphremagog MRC's bike patrol!

As a patrol member, you will receive preparatory training in first aid, prevention, mechanics, and tourist information.

To get involved, you must be of legal age, own a bike, a helmet, and a cell phone, and be available for training and to patrol for a minimum of three hours per week during the summer season. We are looking for courteous candidates with a sense of responsibility toward the community.

No matter what kind of cyclist you are, you are welcome!

If you have any questions about this opportunity or would like to apply, please contact Élisabeth Graveline, Sustainable Mobility Project Manager, at 819-843-9292, ext. 340, or by email at e.graveline@mrcmemphremagog.com.

The deadline to express your interest is **February 16, 2026**.

455, rue MacDonald, bureau 200, Magog (Québec). J1X 1M2 Tél. : 819 843-9292
info@mrcmemphremagog.com • **mrcmemphremagog.com**

Patrimoine d'Ogden Heritage Ogden

info@heritageogden.ca

GRANITEVILLE'S 150TH

Apart from agriculture and woodlot exploitation, the oldest and still ongoing commercial activity in Ogden, is granite quarrying and finishing. Relatively few residents of Ogden appreciate the vital role the granite industry has played in the local economy over more than a century. Heritage Ogden would like to change this by staging **A Celebration of Ogden's Granite Industry** in the summer of 2026. All will be welcome to attend and **we are looking for volunteers to help with the project**.



The first commercial granite quarry in the area that was to become Graniteville, was opened 150 years ago. In 1876, an immigrant from New Hampshire, Jonathan Haselton, along with his associate, Elmer Roundy of Beebe, acquired quarrying rights from local farmer David W. Moir. Moir soon joined the partnership and work began on what was initially known as the Harris Quarry. Amazingly, the quarry has remained in operation (greatly enlarging obviously) every year since! Other entrepreneurs soon got in on the action extracting stone in the near vicinity, notably Samuel Norton, James Brodie and Russell Rediker. By the early 1900s, Graniteville as it had become known, was a growing concern and its quarries hired generations of Ogden men. Over the years these adjacent operations were subsumed into the immense quarry that Polycor Inc. now operates, some 35m deep and covering some 7 ha.



Granite extraction from very small surface quarries had been going on in the southern Townships since at least the 1830s but its use in construction was always strictly local due to the bulk and weight of the stone and the challenges of transportation -the quarries were short-lived, the industry still-born. With the coming of the railroad in 1870 much more lucrative urban markets for the granite, such as Montreal and Boston, could be reached. The Harris Quarry was the first operation to realize the potential of these external markets and Jonathan Haselton is rightly regarded as the founding father of the industry in the region.

From the very beginning Graniteville's "Stanstead Grey" was prized for its durability, moderate grain and blemish-free quality, and was specified by Canadian architects across the nation, ending up in many well-known commercial and institutional buildings. The Sun Life Building in Montreal is a prime example, but Stanstead granite is also present in the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, as well as the Supreme Court. These projects, among others, provided steady work during the Great Depression, and the Graniteville quarries supported Ogden families during that difficult time.

Please stay tuned to the Chronicle and our website (www.heritageogden.ca) as our plans for the celebrations become finalized. For more information on the local granite industry see the poster section of the website, or the booklet "A Brief History of Ogden", or visit the outdoor display at the quarry lookout itself.

PLEASE NOTE : BELOW IS THE CORRECT COVER PAGE FROM THE NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025 OGDEN CHRONICLE, WHICH HAD BEEN MISPRINTED.

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Dear citizens,

As the Holiday Season approaches, I wanted to take a moment to send you my very best wishes. May this time bring you peace, joy, and precious moments with your loved ones.

Thank you for your community spirit, your kindness, and your commitment to our beautiful municipality. It is thanks to you that Ogden remains a wonderful place to live, help one another, and build the future together.

I wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a 2026 filled with health, happiness and inspiring projects.

Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Happy Holidays!

David Lépine, mayor

Marlington Bog and Dunn Biodiversity Reserve

These two exceptional sites are an integral part of Ogden's natural heritage and benefit from permanent protection status. They represent valuable assets for our municipality, which we have a duty to preserve.

Marlington Bog

Since last year, access via Davis Road has been closed. Previously, visitors had to cross one or two private properties, whose owners have since revoked access rights. The peat bog belongs to the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), thanks to a generous donation from Joel Max Andress in 1992.

The municipality manages this land on behalf of the NCC, and day-to-day operations are handled by volunteers from SCENE (Société pour la Conservation et l'Éducation à la Nature: www.lascene.org). The municipality is currently working on defining a passageway where a new access point can be built.

Our goal is to finalize these steps in order to reopen access to the public for the 2026 season. We encourage all citizens of Ogden to become members of SCENE and discover this unique natural site.

Michael Dunn Biodiversity Reserve (planned)

Thanks to a very generous bequest from Michael Dunn, Quebec has acquired a remarkable 118-hectare property on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, on the Vermont border. Although the reserve has officially existed since 2014, it remains difficult to access and requires increased monitoring during the warmer months.

It is administered by the Quebec Ministry of the Environment (www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/reserves-bio/michael-dunn/plan-conservation.pdf). In 2025, a citizens' committee was formed to manage the reserve and establish its permanent mission. This committee will submit its action plan in 2026 and will have the support of the municipality.