Ogden Chronicle

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Ogden – A rural, peaceful, and deeply committed community.

As I look back on my past mayoral chronicles, I can't help but smile at how often I've talked about... roads and garbage! These day-to-day matters make up a large portion of our municipal budget — and rightly so, as they're part of everyone's daily life.

But when we recently consulted with residents to shape Ogden's **2025–2030 vision**, a different kind of aspiration emerged — one that looks ahead, one that speaks to what truly matters to our community.

Here's what you told us, loud and clear:

- Preserve our **natural and rural heritage**
- Strengthen the **sense of belonging** and **citizen participation**
- Take concrete action for the **environment** and **climate adaptation**
- Plan our territory with care, **to serve our quality of life**
- **Mobilize citizens** and **equip our municipal team** to build the future **together**

These aren't just ideas — they are a roadmap for the years to come. They reflect who we are in Ogden: a proud, close-knit community, deeply rooted in its land and way of life.

Ogden is a natural and historical treasure, an exceptional place to call home. As your municipal council, we are simply **its stewards, for a time**.

But this treasure belongs to you — to all of us as citizens. Together, we must care for it: its landscapes and forests, hamlets and streams, heritage and infrastructure.

Thank you for your trust, your attentiveness, and above all, your commitment.

Together, we can make Ogden a model of vibrant, inspiring, and sustainable rural living.

David Lépine, mayor

TOWN HALL

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The reception is open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

SECURE YOUR OUTDOOR POOL TO PREVENT ANY RISK OF DROWNING.

To limit access by young children, rules apply to all outdoor residential pools that can hold 60 cm of water or more, whether they are above ground, in-ground, or even removable (inflatable or other). First, contact your municipality to apply for a permit to build a pool or related facility (fence, platform, deck, etc.).

The Residential Swimming Pool Safety regulations (Règlement sur la sécurité des piscines résidentielles) apply to all pools, regardless of when they were installed. Owners of pools **installed before November 1, 2010**, who previously benefited from an exemption, have **until September 30, 2025**, to bring their facilities up to standard. All others must already be in compliance with the rules.



DEFIBRILLATOR, EPIPEN AND NARCAN

Please remember that in case of a medical emergency, serious allergic reaction or opioid overdose, the Municipality of Ogden always has all three of the above items available in the outside emergency cupboard located beside the front door of town hall and that this cupboard is accessible at all times.

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
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OGDEN MOBILE ECOCENTRE

THANK YOU AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who participated in our June 7th Mobile Ecocentre. Your involvement made it possible to recover dozens of items and materials for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal.

A total of 72 households in Ogden took advantage of this service, and with vehicles making multiple trips, over 80 visits were recorded.

A great success made possible thanks to you!

Mark Your Calendar:

- Saturday, September 20, 2025
- From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Ogden Town Hall, 70 Ogden Road

How the Mobile Ecocentre Works

This service is focused on material recovery. On-site you'll find:

- A truck from the Ressourcerie des Frontières to collect reusable or resellable items and materials
- Three containers:
  1. Wood
  2. Metal
  3. Non-recyclable waste

Volunteers will be present to guide you to the appropriate container. Please follow their directions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to help make this event a success? Join our team of volunteers!

- Email us at agent@munogden.ca
- Or call 819-876-7117, ext. 4

Your help is invaluable!

Important Guidelines:

- What to bring:
  - Proof of residence in Ogden (driver's license or tax bill)
  - Pre-sorted materials in your vehicle or trailer
- Materials not accepted:
  - Regular household waste and recycling (weekly curbside collection)
  - Contaminated soil, asbestos, medications
  - Hazardous waste: aerosols, car batteries, cleaners, paint or solvent containers, varnish, fire extinguishers, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, chemicals, used oil and grease, oil filters, fluorescent tubes, propane tanks, gasoline, etc.

  Reasonable quantities only.

This service is not intended for contractors or residents disposing of waste from new construction or major renovations. These must be disposed of privately.

Did You Know?

1. Hazardous waste can be dropped off at any time at the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets solides in the Coaticook region.
2. Fluorescent bulbs are accepted at the BMR in Stanstead.
3. Motor oil, empty containers, filters, antifreeze, and aerosols are accepted at the LP (Harnois) garage in Stanstead.
4. Small batteries can be dropped off at Informatique ASR, 9 Passenger Street, Stanstead.
5. Paint containers can be deposited at the Canadian Tire in Magog. (Take the street that goes towards Walmart and turn right to go to the back of the Canadian Tire store to the goods reception area. There is a blue container where people can put their paint cans).

For more information about paint recycling:
https://www.ecopeinture.ca/



INTRODUCTION TO CHAIR YOGA WITH CINDY CLEARY





Date: **September 19th, 2025**
Time: **11 am**
Where: **Ogden Town Hall**

Chair yoga is a modified form of traditional yoga that focuses on practicing poses while seated or using a chair for balance. It's designed to be accessible and gentle, making it suitable for individuals with mobility challenges, seniors, or anyone who prefers a seated practice. Chair yoga incorporates elements like physical poses, meditation, and breathing techniques, all while adapting poses to fit a seated or chair-supported posture.

Seating is very limited so book your chair now! The lesson will be followed by a lunch sponsored by the Massawippi Valley Health Foundation.

This activity is free for Ogden citizens and is organized by the Ogden Culture and Leisure Committee.

To register: cdupras@munogden.ca

OGDEN'S STRENGTHENING AND STRETCHING CLASS!

Ogdenites keeping fit with LeeAnne Chase every Wednesday morning at 9 am.





1 2 3 4... DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

6 COUNTRY DANCE LESSONS 1 2 3 4... FREE FOR OGDEN RESIDENTS

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN & SHARE SOME LAUGHS
IN A WARM AND WELCOMING AMBIANCE

SPECIALLY DESIGNED CHOREOGRAPHY BY HURRICANE DANCERS OF COATICOOK FOR BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 7 pm
DATES: JULY 31, AUGUST 7-14-21-28 AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

LOCATION: BORDER CURLING CLUB
26, rue Principale in Stanstead

REGISTRATION: cdupras@munogden.ca





AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

Citzens of Ogden are invited to participate in an amateur photo contest on our beautiful Flora of Ogden theme. This friendly competition is open to persons of 14 years and over.

A prize will be awarded to the top three selected photos in the amount $150, $100 and $50 respectively.

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



YARD SALE – INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A COMMUNITY YARD SALE?

If so, tables will be available to OGDEN citizens.

Saturday, August 16th from 9 am to 2 pm at the OGDEN Town Hall.

Space is limited.

Reservation : cdupras@munogden.ca

The Culture and Leisure Committee of the municipality of Ogden organizes this activity.



FIGHTING JAPANESE KNOTWEED



Among the invasive plants listed in terrestrial environments, Japanese knotweed is the most significant invader in the Ogden area, where it continues to spread in the absence of sufficient and sustained control methods.

Knotweed can be found along roadsides, in groves on residential properties, and near ditches. To control it effectively, it is important for property owners to coordinate their efforts with their neighbors if the infested area extends beyond their property lines. The same applies to municipal efforts along roadsides. That is why, starting this year, the municipality is limiting the cutting of knotweed when mowing roadsides to limit its spread.

Knotweed spreads through small fragments of rhizomes or stems that can produce new plants. The more it is cut without being collected and controlled, the more knotweed spreads. It also spreads through:

- water and ice (especially during floods);
- machinery and equipment contaminated with soil containing plant fragments;
- excavation work involving the removal of soil.

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Due to its harmful effects on the environment and because it is very difficult to destroy, it is important to prevent its spread. Any landowner who observes knotweed plants on their property is encouraged to follow these recommendations:

- **Avoid** sowing, planting, propagating, or transporting it.
- **Plant** fast-growing, competitive plant species where the soil has been exposed. The willow family of shrubs and trees is an excellent competitor to knotweed.
- **Dispose** of all plant debris in the trash. Do not leave it in the wild or put it in your home compost. Depending on the volume of material excavated, it may be sent to a landfill.
- **Clean** any equipment that has come into contact with the plant to avoid spreading fragments.

Fight Japanese knotweed

Controlling Japanese knotweed is particularly difficult and takes several years. Ideally, control measures should be implemented as soon as new colonies appear. Control methods:

A colony and its rhizome network can be **excavated** using a mechanical shovel. When done properly, this technique can eliminate a colony. However, the excavated material must be properly managed. This method cannot be used near a watercourse or in sensitive areas (steep slopes, wetlands, etc.) without obtaining authorization.

Repeatedly **pulling** up the stems and rhizomes on the surface over several years can reduce the size of a colony.

Pulling up the stems and covering the area with a tarp, which consists of spreading a tarp over the ground to prevent the plant from growing. Recommendations for using this method:

- Use a high-quality, highly opaque fabric (geomembrane or geotextile).
- Cut the stems at ground level and remove them.
- Lay the fabric so that it covers the entire colony as well as a buffer zone of at least 2 meters around it. When more than one sheet is needed, plan their dimensions to allow for an overlap of at least 50 centimeters.
- Place weights, such as wood chips or bags of soil, on top to keep the sheets in place and increase opacity.
- Avoid piercing the fabric, as knotweed will take advantage of any opening.
- Inspect the fabric regularly to repair it if necessary and remove any new stems.
- Keep the fabric in place for several years (a minimum of two years is necessary).
- Restore the site by planting fast-growing shrubs when removing the fabric (alders, dogwoods, willows, brambles).

As a last resort, **approved herbicides** may be used. Ensure that current regulations allow this and that the product's conditions of use are strictly followed. A distance of at least 3 metres from a watercourse or wetland must be maintained when applying pesticides.

For more information on this invasive species:
www.environnement.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/especes-exotiques-envahissantes/renouee-japon/index.htm

Hunger on your mind?

We offer food aid in the 17 municipalities of the Memphremagog MRC.

Contact us to make a request:

banquealimentaire.ca
(819) 868-4438 ext. 1
info@banquealimentaire.ca

BANQUE ALIMENTAIRE Memphrémagog



HERITAGE OGDEN

Sunday morning, July 27th, a small, brave but very wet group of about 15, first in the hamlet of Tomifobia by the Nature Trail, and afterwards at Apple Grove Cemetery (corner of chemins Cedarville and Marlington), gathered to see the inauguration of Heritage Ogden's two new display stands. Since 2018 a total of five (5) exterior display stands have been erected in different Ogden localities, designed to host fun, informative large posters that depict different aspects of Ogden's always interesting history. The sharing of this collective legacy from the past is a wonderful means to help build community today and for the future.









Participants at the Tomifobia and Apple Grove display stand and poster inauguration, find shelter as best they can.

Speaking of sharing and community, in the middle of the deluge a neighbour, Philippe Ledoux, came across the road and very kindly offered us his house to finish the inauguration under much drier and more pleasant conditions.

The project has now come to a successful completion and it is time to acknowledge the help we have received along the way. The material costs of the display stands were kindly paid for by the Municipality by grants given to our small organization. However, the building of the stands and the production of the posters is the volunteer work of Heritage Ogden. We would like to profusely thank in alphabetical order, Ken Boulton, Alain Castonguay, the late Robert Chauvette, Philippe Danton, Jay Dewey and his crew from Dewey Cedar Fences , Brian Goulding, Vincent Langlois, Bill May, Tom Montgomery, Jeff Packard, Scott Pashley, and Eleanor Ward for contributions big and small in helping with site selection and construction.

The following organizations have generously given space to put up the display stands: Weir Memorial Park Inc., the Municipality of Ogden, Tomifobia Nature Trail (Sentiers Massawippi), Apple Grove Cemetery Association, and the Polycor-owned quarry in Graniteville.



EVACUATION AND SHELTERING

Do you know the difference between evacuation and sheltering? Evacuation is used when you need to get away from a situation that puts you in danger, such as a flood, landslide or others. Sheltering, on the other hand, is used in cases where being outside your home becomes dangerous, such as during an explosion causing toxic fumes or when there is a dangerous fugitive in your home. sector. In both cases, it is important to follow the instructions given by the authorities.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATION OR SHELTERING

EVACUATION

Follow the instructions of the authorities.

- Leave your home as soon as authorities advise.
- You will be told where to go to a Disaster Services Center or assembly point. Once on the premises, if you need assistance, find the people wearing an orange bib and an "identification badge" with their name and the civil security logo. These people are designated to help you.
- Bring your emergency kit with you.
- Shut off the main water supply, turn on the taps and flush the toilets to drain as much water as possible.
- If there is a risk of freezing, leave a few electric baseboard heaters in operation set at 15°C.
- If there is no risk of freezing, turn off the electricity.
- Turn off the gas.
- Lock your doors and close your windows.
- Take designated roads and be on the lookout for information on road closures.
- Monitor information and instructions from authorities on radio, television and online.
- Notify your loved ones of your situation.

If you have a pet

The best way to protect your pet during an emergency is to take it to an animal shelter. Make a list of places to leave your pet in case you need to leave, such as:

- shelters, animal shelters
- veterinary clinics
- family members and friends.

SHELTERING

Fire in the neighborhood or spill of hazardous materials

If the emergency services ask you to shelter in place (confinement) in your residence:

- Close and lock all windows and doors to the outside.
- Turn off all air exchangers as well as heating and air conditioning systems connected to an outside air intake, to prevent the infiltration of dirty air.
- Go to a room above ground level, if possible in a room without windows.
- Use duct tape or damp cloths to seal gaps around doors and air vents.
- Follow the evolution of the situation on the radio, on Facebook and by consulting the municipality's civil security web page.
- For help from emergency services, dial 9-1-1.

Only the authorities can confine you. Making the decision to stay at home on your own can have serious consequences.

If you have a pet

Keep your pet indoors. Animals are very sensitive to sudden changes in temperature, and they often isolate themselves when they are afraid. Never leave an animal outside or tied up.

Separate dogs from cats. Keep small animals, such as hamsters, away from larger ones. Stress can create unusual behaviors.

COUNTERING MISTREATMENT ONE CALL AT A TIME

The Mistreatment Helpline is a provincial telephone line for listening, reference and support specializing in the mistreatment of older adults and all adults in vulnerable situations.

Ligne Aide Maltraitance Adultes Aînés — Québec

1-888-489-2287
7 DAYS A WEEK FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM
lignemaltraitance.ca

LOOKING FOR ARTISTIC WORK – TABLE DE CONCERTATION DES AÎNÉS MEMPHRÉMAGOG

Every year, the Table de concertation des aînés (TCAM) publishes a resource directory and calendar for seniors. The cover page features a photograph or painting by a local artist.

They are therefore looking for an artist willing to share one of their works free of charge for the 2026 edition. In return, this offers the artist great visibility and the opportunity to enhance a tool consulted by thousands of people.

If you know someone (preferably a senior) who is interested in contributing to the 2026 directory, please write to tcamemphremagog@gmail.com before August 13th. Thank you!



FORM TO REPORT THAT A RACCOON, SKUNK OR FOX MAY HAVE RABIES

Go to https://mffp.gouv.qc.ca/the-wildlife/troublesome-sick-animals/report-suspicious-wild-animal/?lang=en and use the form to report a sick, injured or dead wild animal found in the Montérégie or Estrie region that you suspect may have rabies

Report a sick or a dead raccoon, skunk or fox

A raccoon, skunk or fox:

- that is **dead**, even if it is a roadkill; or
- that displays **one of the following symptoms**:
- it seems **very sick**;
- it is **dying**;
- it seems **disoriented**;
- it is unusually **aggressive**;
- it is **paralyzed**.

In the case of a dead animal, the declaration is relevant even if it is a roadkill. Only raccoons, skunks, and foxes in the **Estrie** and **Montérégie** regions are currently being monitored.



ARE YOU A LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG WATERFRONT PROPERTY OWNER?

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

The Join the Flow project offers you a free, no-obligation personalized analysis of your property's rainwater management. As a bonus, you'll receive simple, practical advice tailored to your property.

Why is it important? Because all the water that runs off your property ends up directly in the lake, carrying sediment, fertilizers, and pollutants with it.

Our goals:

- Reduce nonpoint source pollution
- Preserve drinking water quality
- Maintain the natural beauty of Lake Memphremagog

□ 24 waterfront property owners have already signed up—our goal is to reach 35 registrations by the end of the summer.

□ Don't delay: the registration form takes less than 2 minutes.

□ https://cogesaf.qc.ca/projets/joignezreseau/



Épluchette de blé d'inde

Corn Roast

Maïs et hot dogs gratuits

Free corn and hot dogs



- Bière, vin et autres consommations non-alcoolisées vendues sur place.
- Musique, maquillage et jeux.
- Apportez vos chaises.

au parc Thayer, Fitch Bay

Dimanche 17 août

de 12h à 15h

N.B: L'activité se déroulera même en cas de pluie sous le pavillon central du parc et sous les autres abris couverts.

- Beer, wine and soft drinks sold on site.
- Music, face painting and games.
- Bring your chairs.

at Thayer Park, Fitch Bay

Sunday August 17

from 12 p.m to 3 p.m

N.B: The activity will take place even in case of rain under the park's central pavilion and other covered shelters.

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