Ogden Chronicle

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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.

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
Accounting Clerk

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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

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

REMINDER - LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2026-27:

Are you a resident of Ogden who is interested in becoming a member of our Land use advisory committee or our Environment advisory committee? We are looking for citizens who would like to get involved. If you have any questions on what is entailed or if you would like to apply, please contact us at info@munogden.ca before December 18th, 2025. Thank you!

TAX BILLS BY E-MAIL

When the 2026 tax bills are sent out next February, if you would also like to receive a copy of your tax bill by e-mail, please send your request in to Chantal at info@munogden.ca. Thank you!

CALLS TO TOWN HALL RECEPTION

Please note that calls to Town Hall reception are returned on Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you!

2026 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Please note that the 2026 municipal calendar is not yet available, but it will be posted on the municipal website before the beginning of 2026 and sent to citizens as soon as possible. If you would like to consult the calendar to see the collection days for January 2026, please visit www.munogden.ca in mid-December 2025, where the new calendar will be posted. Thank you for your interest!

FREE SWIMMING TICKETS

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.

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

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMAIN ACTIVE.

Contact cdupras@munogden.ca to reserve your ticket.



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

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:

- 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 as of February 2026.

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

Mme 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.

ÉCONOLOGIS – A FREE PROGRAM TO SAVE WATER AND ENERGY

ÉCONO LOGIS

Are you a tenant or homeowner with a modest income?
Take advantage of these FREE benefits:

- Low-flow showerheads
- Faucet aerators
- 5-minute shower timers
- Personalized advice to reduce energy use
- Caulking, door weatherstripping, and electrical outlet insulation
- A free energy-saving kit

Check your eligibility and sign up on the Government of Québec website: econologis.gouv.qc.ca

This service is provided FREE of charge by ExpertBâtiment:
1 844 303 7333.

Drinking water is a precious resource. Alongside Éconologis, discover more eco-friendly habits at: Quebec.ca/empreinte-bleue



OGDEN Emergency Preparedness
It's Serious

IN CASE OF EVACUATION, WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

As you know, our municipality has adopted a Civil Security Plan. This preparation is to face and help us to intervene in case of major disasters. Among the response measures, we have particularly planned various premises where certain activities would take place according to needs and demands if we were to activate our plan.

We've planned the opening of a Service Center for disaster victims, as well as a temporary Accommodation Center, in the event of evacuation of your home, for example during a prolonged power outage or a flooding alert. In Ogden, the Municipal Office Basement / Town Hall is planned as a Disaster Services Center and as the first option for temporary accommodation. But, the capacity is very limited. Other places could therefore be opened such as Stanstead College or other schools in the area as larger centers to accommodate more people.





The Municipal Office / Town Hall are also provided as an "Assembly Point", for example if you had to leave your residence or your place of work during a major disaster. This location would be privileged to have information on any situation, especially in the event that telecommunications (telephones, cellphones) were not working. Signage at the premises would also be used as below :

However, this does not mean that we have everything necessary for you and your loved ones. It is therefore important to have certain items ready to take in case of need and evacuation.

Items to take to the accommodation center or if you are staying with family or friends:

- Medications
- Hygiene items – toothbrushes, towels, soap, toilet paper
- Spare clothes
- Blankets / sleeping bag
- Beds (rollaway beds if available, or at least a travel mattress or padded mat - yoga or other).
- Money (cash)
- Car and house keys
- Pieces of identity
- Baby items – infant formula, disposable diapers, bottles.

Tips :

- Pack these items in a backpack or bin ahead of time.
- If you are a person with reduced mobility, don't forget your cane, walker or wheelchair.

Pets :

The best way to protect your pet during an emergency is to take it to an animal shelter. Our accommodations only accept service animals. Make a list of places to leave your pet in case you have to leave. This list may include:

- accommodation centers and animal shelters
- veterinary clinics
- family members and friends.



ARENA
PAT BURNS
27, rue Pat Burns
Stanstead

Patinage libre / Hockey libre 2026
Free Skating / Stick and puck 2026

Dimanche 4 janvier 13h30 – 14h30 Sunday January 4th 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Samedi 17 janvier 18h30 – 20h30 Saturday January 17th 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Dimanche 15 février 15h00 – 17h00 Sunday February 15th 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Mercredi 4 mars 10h00 – 12h00 Wednesday March 4th 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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■ : Hockey libre/ Stick and puck

SAFAS

Dear Friends of the Frontier Animal Society,

As the year comes to a close, animals continue to arrive at our shelter, each one hopeful for a chance to start over.

Some, like the litter of tiny kittens dumped in a ditch inside a broken, filthy carrier with their eyes sealed shut from infection, arrived in dire circumstances — small, vulnerable, frightened, and alone. Others, like Pompon, a senior Shih Tzu, came to us after their lives were upended by sudden and unexpected change.

Though their stories may be marked by hardship, abandonment, or loss, they aren't broken — only terribly let down, often scared, and confused. Once in our care, they find safety, comfort, and love.

Our shelter isn't where their story ends; it's where hope and trust begin anew.

In the words of the late Jane Goodall, a compassionate voice for animals, "You cannot share your life with a dog, or a cat, and not know perfectly well that animals have personalities, minds, and feelings." At our shelter, we see this every day. Each animal is an individual, deserving of kindness, compassion, and the chance to thrive.

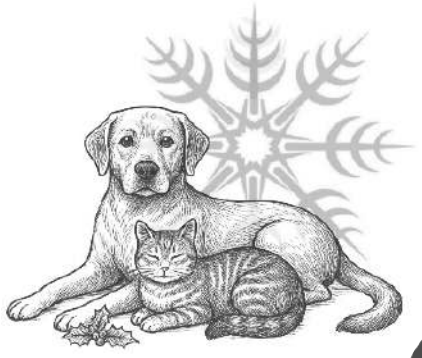
With your support, fear becomes comfort. Loneliness becomes love. Uncertainty becomes the security of a caring home. Every gesture — every meal, every warm blanket, every vet visit, every gentle touch — is a promise that their lives matter.

Your gift today gives a homeless animal a safe place to land. It becomes a life transformed, a story rewritten.

Please give what you can to help us continue this life-saving work. For every animal still waiting, hope begins with you.

Donations can be made by check payable to SAFAS and mailed to 2405 Griffin Road, Ogden (QC) J0B 3E3, by e-transfer to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com, or online via PayPal or credit card on our website, safas.ca, by clicking the "Donate" button.

On behalf of everyone at the Frontier Animal Society, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A REGIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FUEL DISCUSSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The *Réseau estrien en développement social (REDS), Chantier Habitation Memphrémagog*, and the Estrie Public Health Department are joining forces to launch the ***Bâtir l'Estrie: Le logement en 5 thèmes*** campaign, a regional initiative aimed at sparking discussion and equipping communities to address housing issues.

Together, the three partners have developed five informative fact sheets, accessible and rooted in the reality of the Estrie region, which illustrate the social, economic, and collective impact of non-profit housing. These fact sheets are available on the REDS and *Chantier Habitation Memphrémagog* websites. The fact sheets are now available at: https://cdcmemphremagog.com/chantier-habitation/ or www.devsocialestrie.org.

YOUR HEALTH

