
LUD TIMES

(Lorette)

January 2003

For the Record

As we have stated many times in the past, the LUD Committee members at no cost to the taxpayer provide the "LUD TIMES" to the community and we intend to continue this public service. You may note that Councilor Norman's name and number do not appear on the LUD Times. Jeff intends to provide his own news letter with information from council's perspective. Jeff can be reached at 878-2192.

Katimavik

As you may be aware, Katimavik has arrived in Lorette. Katimavik is a Federal Government Program, which offers young Canadian men and women aged 17 to 21 an opportunity to acquire valuable personal and professional skills through an alternative educational program. Like the American Peace Corp, The Katimavik program is based on the concept of service learning - learning through volunteer work on community projects to which participants make a significant contribution.

Katimavik participants will be very active throughout the community of Lorette and the RM of Tache. The local work sponsors include Ecole Lorette Immersion, Dawson Trail School, Ecole Lagimodiere, the LUD of Lorette, and RM of Tache. Participants volunteer 35-40 hours per week at their workplace and also participate in local activities.

As part of the program, a Welcome party has been planned to allow the community to meet and greet the participants who will be staying in Lorette. This will be an excellent opportunity to get to know what Katimavik is all about as well as to initiate relationships with the participants and their new host community.

Want to find out more?

Come out to the Parish Hall.

Tuesday, January 21, 2003 7:00 PM

These young men and women have come to our community from across Canada, let's give them a warm welcome.

Needed

The Katimavik group could use a little of our help getting established. In particular they are looking for bread pans, cookie sheets, some furnishings and also any carpet remnants you can spare. To arrange for pickup of donated items please contact Jennifer Smith at 878-2763, it's greatly appreciated.

Public Works and Operations Foreman

We're only six months into this project and it's safe to say that it has been an overwhelming success. In addition to the scheduled work, Ray and his seasonal crew have completed an amazing number of additional projects. In fact, so many so that we expect to easily exceed our estimated saving. Stay tuned for a full report after the first year is complete.

As with any new system there are often growing pains. One particular issue is that Ray is often being contacted directly. If you have an emergency that's fine, but if you are reporting non-emergency items you should call the RM Office at 878-3321. This will help us keep track of concerns and will help Ray prioritize his schedule.

Winterfest For Kids

Wow!! C&S Garden Center did a terrific job of organizing a full family day for the community. With wreath making classes, hay rides, free hot chocolate & cookies, a bonfire and bannock making there was lots to do for everyone. Due to the lack of snow we were unable to have Arctic golf or the snowman building contest, maybe next year!

The afternoon of events was capped off by the first ever Santa Lights Up The Night Parade and the annual lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. With approximately 500 people in attendance this kickoff to the Christmas season is becoming a real community tradition. If you missed this year you should mark your calendar now, (first Sat. in December) because everyone expects it will be even better next year.

Thankyou again to the C&S Garden Center and all of the float participants for a job well done.

Questions or Concerns? Contact your LUD Committee for the facts.

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Beautification Committee

Have you ever come across something in your travels and said, *We should do that in Lorette?* Ever wanted to get more involved in sprucing up the community? Do you have ideas and suggestions that you'd like to share?

If you answered yes to any of these questions you should consider joining the Beautification Committee. Meet once or twice a year with likeminded people, plant a few flowers or trees and make a difference.

Contact: Mona Turcott 878-3771, (Chair of the Beautification Committee), Chris at C&S Garden Center 878-3454 or Ron Tardiff 878-9585.

Next meeting will be January 23rd at 6:30 PM in the hotel restaurant.

Snowmobiles, ATV's, Dirt Bikes

It always seems that the actions of a few have an impact on how all are viewed. This is especially true when it comes to these machines. In many other communities the irresponsible actions of the few have led to an outright ban of the use of these machines with-in town limits.

The policy in the Village is that you are to find the shortest route out of town and **NOT** make the town your playground. The East and West routes are Hwy 207, the North route is Station Road, and the South route is Lagimodiere to the Seine River. **River Drive is posted and is NOT a route for this type of traffic.** If you live in the Village you should be heading for the closest route out of town. **Let this newsletter serve as fair warning, that the RCMP has been notified.** If you do not live on River Drive and are caught using this type of equipment on River Drive **you will be charged.**

Responsible owners know that hot-dogging, speeding up and down streets & sidewalks, and damaging public and private property is not acceptable. If you see this happening please take action to inform and educate that person of the rules within the community. Operating these machines within the Village is a privilege not a right. **Don't loose it, because someone abused it.**

Sump Pump/Backup Valve Program

Last fall we indicated that we were considering the implementation of a program to encourage all homeowners to upgrade their homes to the current standard. The standard/building code dictates that all homes built after 1991 must have a sump pump and proper sewer backup valve. This valve must be an inline valve not the old rubber stopper type, as these are not sufficient to protect your home.

The proposal is to provide funding of up to \$250 per household for the installation of back-up valves and sump pumps. It is our estimate that this amount will cover the cost of materials. There are some conditions that will apply, permits, inspections will be a must, and the program will be limited to a maximum number of applications per year. For budget purposes we would ask that if you are interested that you please submit your application to the office before February 15, 2003.

Please keep in mind that it is **your responsibility** to take the necessary precautions to protect your home against sewer backup and that the Village is **NOT RESPONSIBLE.**

Water Meters

If you're connected to the village water supply, please be advised that in 2003 all water meters are going to be replaced. We currently have a mixed bag of different meters most of which are obsolete. We intend to upgrade to an electronic type that can be read from a pad on the exterior of your home. This will be a major upgrade and your cooperation with village staff is appreciated.

Village Web Site loretteonline.ca

The official web site for the Village of Lorette, loretteonline.ca, is up and running. It currently offers: minutes from the LUD Committee meetings, online copies of the LUD Times, write-ups and links to the schools, aerial photos and maps of the village and RM, space for development opportunities, events calendar, links to area churches and much more. We are currently working on getting the French version in operation and hope to have it ready for spring. If you have an event you would like posted, please let us know.



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