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Welcome to the "Source". This is the seventh edition of a newsletter for the citizens of West Bolton. We hope that the "Source" becomes an informative tool for you. If you know any items of special interest to citizens of West Bolton, please call Joann McBrine at 450-243-0869.

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Municipal Council Notes

Two by-laws were adopted at the council meeting held December 3, 2007. #264.1.2007 relates to special implementation and tree clearing norms on steep hills and mountainous zones. The maximum area that may be cleared on a building lot for construction is reduced to 1500 square meters and any construction can not cause a break in the tree line. #265.3.2007 concerns surface area and lot dimensions in high elevations. At elevation 400-499 meters above sea level lots must be 2 hectares, 500-599 meters above sea level lots must be 3 hectares and above 600 meter elevation 4 hectares are required. These by-laws were adopted as a result of our increasing concerns over quality of our watershed and the importance of needless soil erosion on our hills and mountains.

More Council Notes

Article 5.1 of the subdivision by-law stipulates that as a preliminary condition to the approval of a cadastral operation, at the discretion of council the owner must cede 7.5% in land or money for the purpose of creating parks or playgrounds . A large property was bought recently on Mont Foster and the municipality of West Bolton is working together with St. Etienne in order to pool resources to establish a park, including trails to the tower on Mont Foster

SAFETY MATTERS

As part of their ongoing commitment to the safety of their employees, customers and other drivers, Canada Post is conducting comprehensive safety reviews of all rural mailboxes across the country.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Maison au Diapason, volunteers will be collecting money for the construction of the Maison Au Diapason, palliative care centre project, through the sale of tickets representing bricks at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Historical Note

In the south-central part of West Bolton lies Sally's Pond. There are two legends that tell how it got its name. One legend states that a native Indian of the same name lived in a cabin by the pond around the 18th century. She was known for her basket weaving and herbal medicines. Other lore tells of surveyors of the Bolton Pass road who in 1842 named the pond after Nathan Hanson's wife Sally. Nathan was the proprietor of the Hanson Hotel which was where the surveyors boarded that summer. None of the early maps shows the name of the pond, but there is documentary evidence from the surveyors that dates back to 1842 that specifically names this as Sally's Pond.

REMINDER

The municipality of West Bolton as owner of the municipal road network, possesses a right-of-way which may vary slightly from one road to another. This width is usually around 45 feet and is divided in half and measured from the middle of the road. The right-of -way enables the municipality to maintain the integrity of the road surface by ensuring that proper drainage occurs and water flows freely in the ditches.

ENVIRONMENT— RECYCLE EVEN MORE

Recycling regularly decreases your amount of garbage and your municipality thanks you. You can lessen these amounts even more by composting, even if you don't have a garden. There's no fancy equipment needed although you may obtain a compost bin which will speed up the whole process. Pick a spot in a corner of your property with easy access all year and just start a compost pile. Three main ingredients are required for good compost, green vegetation, including clippings and plant trimmings. Add to this, brown vegetation including the best type, dead leaves which may be easily located. The last ingredient comes from things we consume in the house, coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells etc with no meat or fat of any kind. Layer your compost ingredients, turn it over every once in awhile and in a couple of months you will have beautiful compost that can be used as mulch. Compost makes everything in the garden grow healthier and makes your plants more disease resistant and less susceptible to damage from other pests. Your garbage amounts will decrease by at least 25% or more . It's nothing more than a win-win situation.



The municipality actively supports the program

RECYC-FRIGO and requests residents to get rid of their old appliances. Fridges and freezers 10+ years old and still working. Call 1-877-493-