



2022 NEWBORN CELEBRATION

To all the parents who welcomed a newborn in 2022, between January 1st and December 31st, the newborn celebration will take place on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Centre des Loisirs de Richmond (820 Gouin).

Families wishing to participate must register with the municipality **before January 18th, 2023**. Call 819 826-3555.

Several gifts and surprises will be offered to these families.

This event is organized by the Town of Richmond in collaboration with the Township of Cleveland and the Township of Melbourne, to celebrate the arrival of your little treasures.



WINTER CARNIVAL



The winter carnival will also be back in 2023 and will take place on Saturday, January 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Place des Loisirs, next to the arena.

A great opportunity to meet people and to play outside. This activity is also organized by the Town of Richmond in collaboration with the Township of Melbourne and the Township of Cleveland.

Here is an overview of the programming:

- Inflatable games for young and old;
- Crazy play stations;
- Bonfire to warm up;
- Mascots, entertainment;
- And lots of other surprises!

RESULTS OF THE BY-ELECTIONS



The Township of Melbourne held a by-election to fill two councillor positions that had become vacant following their departure for personal reasons. Citizens had the option of choosing between advance voting held on November 20th or election day on November 27th.

In order to fill the two seats, we were pleasantly surprised by the number of applications and the interest of young people wanting to get involved in our municipal politics.

We would like to thank the citizens who came out to exercise their right to vote. Out of a possible 928 citizens, only 293 voters cast their ballots, for a participation rate of 31.57%.

Here are the results:

Seat number 4:

- Audrey Morneau 166 votes
- David Paterson 83 votes
- Paul Antoine Lepage 30 votes
- Steven Rousseau 12 votes

Seat number 5:

- Sean Boersen 111 votes
- Harold Stalker 81 votes
- Sean St-Hilaire 64 votes
- Emmanuella Germanini-Laval 30 votes

Welcome and above all congratulations to our 2 new councillors who were in place for their first council meeting of December 5th, 2022.



RECYCLING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES

As every year, we remind you that it is possible to drop off your Christmas trees so that they can be transformed into wood chips.

Avoid putting them in your bins for the collection of household waste.

There will be a drop off point near the Melbourne Municipal Garage. Be sure to remove all decorations and ornaments from the tree.

You can drop off your trees until January 10th, 2023.



PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION IN 2022



In the first eleven months of 2022, 70 construction, renovation or other permits were issued, for a value of just over 3.2 \$ million.

Investments for all types of construction had jumped by 80% in 2021. The year 2022 was slower for the issuing of permits. People are more informed than before and prefer to postpone their projects given the rise in the price of materials, the increase in the prices of the various trades and the high interest rate.

Whether it is to build, to demolish, to renovate or to install a swimming pool, to dig a well or even to install a septic tank with weeping fields, for all these works and many others, a permit is MANDATORY. All forms are available on the Township's website.

REMINDER / TO REMEMBER

- Town Hall CLOSED from December 23rd, 2022 to January 3rd, 2023
- Have a rolling bin from January 1st, 2023
- Garbage collection on December 22nd, 2022 and January 5th, 2023
- Recycling collection on December 28th, 2022
- In case of problem on the roads during closing hours call 5-1-1 or 310-4141
- We have some 2023 calendars available for 10 \$ each

MAYOR'S GREETINGS



The year 2022 has been a great adventure with the ups and downs of life. We have all been affected by the rise in various consumer costs. We had to redouble our efforts since these increases were not provided for in our operating budget.

Despite all this, we were able to make many improvements. The work that was planned for was able to be carried out despite all the constraints. My wish as Mayor is to ensure that life in the Township of Melbourne is as pleasant as possible and that our facilities and infrastructure meet the needs of our citizens.

I would like to highlight the work of our team, which does a remarkable job. Mrs. Cindy Jones, general manager and clerk-treasurer, Mrs. Sylvie Gosselin, administrative secretary, who take care of the administrative side of the municipality. Our team in the field, Mr. Jason Badger, supervisor and manager of municipal roads, and Mr. Donald Beard, our seasonal roads and parks employee, work rigorously to keep our 120 kilometers of roads in excellent condition. I would also like to highlight the work of the members of the council, old and new, who have been diligent and have made it possible to see the success of the completed projects.

Thanks for the dedication. You are truly an asset to the entire organization.

Congratulations and especially welcome to our two councillors newly elected on November 27th, Ms. Audrey Morneau in seat number 4 and Mr. Sean Boersen in seat number 5. You can count on us to support you in your new role as a municipal councillor.

It is with great excitement, optimism and determination that I will begin the year 2023.

I take this moment to wish you all my best wishes for happiness, health and prosperity for the coming year. Have a very Happy Holiday Season with your loved ones.

