







# FEBRUARY 2025

## **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2025**

Every four years, on the first Sunday in November, the citizens of every municipality in Quebec must **elect** the mayor and councillors who oversee the administration and development of their municipality.

This election will take place on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, **2025**.

Are you particularly fond of your municipality? Would you like to turn your attachment into commitment? Would you like to take on a new professional challenge, or simply make a positive contribution to your community? We **welcome** your candidacy for the 2025 municipal general election.

Council is committed to the quality of life in its community. Elected officials must always make decisions in the **interests** of the citizens they represent, and only at council meetings, in the form of by-laws or resolutions.

The Council generally takes its **decisions** by a majority of members present. It meets regularly once a month, and may also convene special meetings.

The main role of the Council is to ensure that the services offered meet the **needs** of the community. Elected officials must be available to **listen** to citizens.

In municipal elections, there are **two types of positions**: mayor and councillor. A person may run for the position of mayor or for one of the councillor positions. Candidates must select the position they wish to run for before applying. Candidates may not run for more than one position.

To be a candidate, a person must:

- Be entitled to **be registered** on the municipal's electoral list;
- **Reside** within the municipality at the time of application:

A person may file a duly completed **nomination paper** between the 44<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the day set for the election. The declaration must be filed at the office of the returning officer. The days and hours of operation of this office are specified in the public notice of

election. On the last day, declarations are accepted until 4:30 p.m.

We will publish information on this upcoming election throughout the year.

For more details, **visit our website** in the section The Municipality / Municipal Election.

#### **2024 NEWBORN CELEBRATION**

Every year, the Town of Richmond, the Township of Cleveland and the Township of Melbourne unite to celebrate the arrival of newborns who have enriched the population. As part of the celebration, the municipality presented the parents with a cheque for 100 \$ as well as gifts from local businesses and artisans. This annual ceremony takes place in the presence of the region's mayors and local deputies.

On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Township of Melbourne welcomed 8 newborns at the Richmond community hall.

Let's welcome 7 boys and 1 girl:



- Joseph: son of Louise Moreau and Marc-André Sansoucy;
- Zaj : son of Charlie Jones and Émile Corbeil ;
- Jules: son of Clémence Antoine and Thomas Driant;
- Imaël: son of Lauriane Yargeau and Adam Péloquin Gilbert;
- Laurier: son of Alexandra Pinsard and Jean-Gabriel Martin:
- Joshua: son of Isabelle St-Laurent and Guillaume Boisvert;
- Eva Lee : daughter of Stéphanie Jeanson and Frédéric Viger ;
- Bennett: son of Anna Driver and Owen Page.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PARENTS!!** 

#### RECYCLING - A NEW WAY OF DOING THINGS

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, a new reform of selective collection in Quebec has been in force under the management of Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ). This change makes companies responsible for their products, from marketing to recycling.



**The major change** is that all containers, packaging and printed matter, such as chip bags and yogurt pots, can now be placed in the bin.

Putting the right recyclables in your bin is the first step in the recycling process. At the end of the process, these same materials are transformed into new products. This change will reduce the volume of your garbage cans, because most of what was thrown away can now be recycled.

To find out more about good sorting habits, visit bacimpact.ca.

### NEW ON WWW.MELBOURNECANTON.CA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**: They inform citizens of decisions made by the municipal council or those it intends to make (The Municipality tab/public notice).

<u>CITIZEN MEDIATION</u>: This is a means of resolving a conflict by calling on people outside the dispute, without going through the legal system. (Citizens tab)

**MELBOURNE EN PHOTO**: Many photos of the municipality. (The Municipality tab / history)