

# *The municipal*



## **Port-Daniel – Gascons**

**UN MEILLEUR AVENIR POUR TOUS**

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In order to provide a better service to citizens, the municipality invites you to communicate to the respective municipal councillor, any problem that may arise in your districts (ex : removing snow for road, stray dogs, ditches unclean, street lights etc.)

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District #2 : Mireille Langlois

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District #3 : Denis Langlois

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Mayor : Henri Grenier

Téléphone : (418) 751-3156



Happy  Holidays!

## Word from the Mayor

Dear citizens,

The year 2018 is coming to an end! Several municipal files and projects occupied us throughout the year. One of the most important files was without a doubt the evaluation of the cement plant, which, I must admit, ended with the most positive and appreciate note. The McInnis Cement industrial complex is valued at + or - \$180 million, which translates into property tax entry of + or - \$2.1 million for the year 2019. To that, we add + or - 1.5 million for the years 2017 and 2018.

The Gascons water and sewer project has also evolved significantly. Government financial assistance for eligible costs increased from \$11 million to \$26 million, which allowed us to go out to tender for professional services for the design of plans and specifications for construction. Submissions will be open on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Another file that is being implemented is the conversion of the former Port-Daniel arena into a municipal garage and fire station. Recently, we received confirmation of financial assistance of \$2.3 million on a project cost of \$3.3 million. The refurbishment work is scheduled in January 2019. The development and paving of the land (parking and access road) will be done this summer.



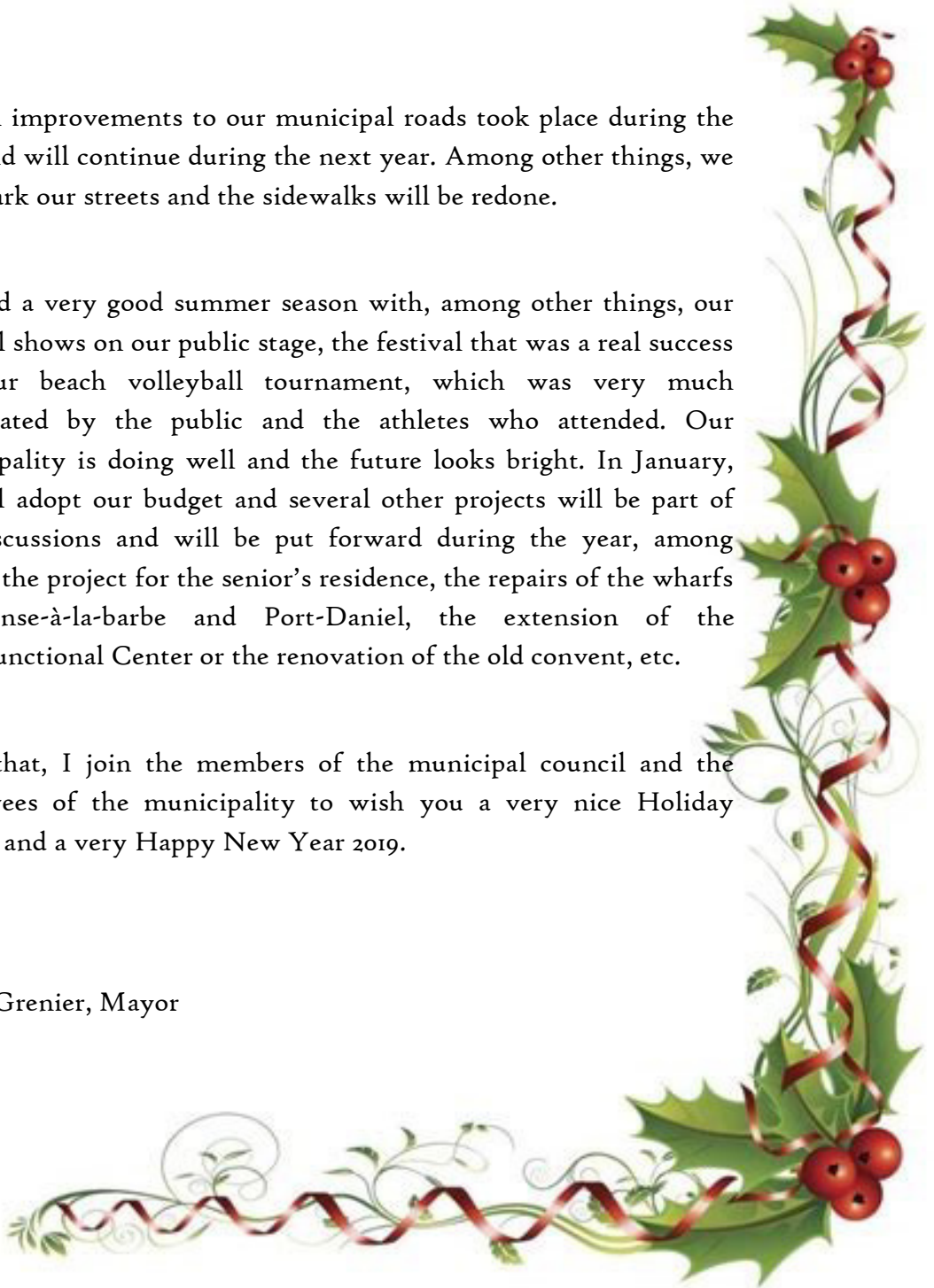


Several improvements to our municipal roads took place during the year and will continue during the next year. Among other things, we will mark our streets and the sidewalks will be redone.

We had a very good summer season with, among other things, our musical shows on our public stage, the festival that was a real success and our beach volleyball tournament, which was very much appreciated by the public and the athletes who attended. Our municipality is doing well and the future looks bright. In January, we will adopt our budget and several other projects will be part of our discussions and will be put forward during the year, among others, the project for the senior's residence, the repairs of the wharfs at l'Anse-à-la-barbe and Port-Daniel, the extension of the Multifunctional Center or the renovation of the old convent, etc.

With that, I join the members of the municipal council and the employees of the municipality to wish you a very nice Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year 2019.

Henri Grenier, Mayor



## A Word from Alexandre Rail, McInnis Cement's

### Vice President-Operations

Good day!

Winter has settled in early this year, hasn't it? At the plant, we learned a lot from the harsh winter we had last year. As soon as the cold season arrived, we saw a major increase in our operations compared to a year ago. Our team has worked to significantly reduce the effects of cold weather on our operations, I am pleased with this improvement. We still have some wintering work to complete, but so far, I am more than satisfied with those recent cold weeks.



### Biomass and Clean Tech: in Action!

Over the last few months, we have taken important steps for two major initiatives that we hold dear and for which we put a lot of effort and energy. First, the feasibility study on the use of biomass in launched! It will allow us to clearly identify our needs, to set up a potential supply chain and an efficient logistics circuit. We strongly hope that this study confirms that forest biomass could be used in our process as a source of combustion, which would allow us to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, while creating dozens of new jobs in our region.

For its part, the *Pôle des Technologies propres de la Gaspésie* – the Cleantech Cluster – announced the hiring of their general manager, Mr. Guy Pardiac, who assumed his new role in the middle of the Fall. The organization founded last Spring by your municipality, the Rocher-Percé and Bonaventure MRCs, the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine Regional Environmental Council as well as McInnis, will seek to identify the best technological solutions that could lead to reducing our environmental impact, through carbon capture. Our cement plant already has the lowest footprint per tonne of cement produced in its industry, and our intention is to maintain our leading position and leadership in this regard. The *Pôle* will help us achieve this goal and we are very satisfied with the organization's first steps.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday!  
My best wishes for health and happiness is extended to you all!

**Alexandre Rail, Vice-President, Operations Port-Daniel–Gascons  
McInnis Cement**



## Calendar of regular meetings 2019

The regular municipal council meetings will begin at 7:00 pm alternately at the Maison LeGrand community hall and at the multifunctional Gascons room, except for those held on June 10 and September 9, 2019, which will be held at the Golden Age Club. the 3 stars inc. ", as follows:

Monday, January 14, 2019: community hall of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, February 11, 2019: multifunctional room of Gascons

Monday, March 11, 2019: community hall of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, April 8, 2019: multifunctional room of Gascons

Monday, May 13, 2019: community hall of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, June 10, 2019: Golden Age Club Hall "The 3 Stars"

Monday, July 8, 2019: multifunctional room of Gascons

Monday, August 12, 2019: community hall of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, September 9, 2019: Golden Age Club Hall "The 3 Stars"

Tuesday, October 15, 2019: multifunctional hall of Gascons

Tuesday, November 12, 2019: Community Hall of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, December 9, 2019: multifunctional hall of Gascons



# **Notice to the population**

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Regulation reminder

concerning the maintenance of winter roads

for motor vehicle traffic



## **Article 5: Snow Deposit**

During the snow removal of parking lots, driveways entrances or private properties, no one may deposit this snow near the fire hydrants, on roads and roads maintained by the municipality in such a way to encumber the roadway or to reduce the width road.



## **Article 6: Parking forbidden**

It is strictly forbidden to park any motor vehicle within the right-of-way of municipal roads, as well as in the routes at the end of these roads and paths, in order not to interfere with the snow removal operations that are carried out there. Any vehicle so parked will be towed at the expense of its owner.

## **Article 7: Offender to the regulation**

Is liable to the penalties laid down by the regulation, anyone who prevents or harms the work of the municipality or of his representative or anyone who contravenes any other article set out in the regulations.



Alain Blais,  
Director of Public Works

## NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

Lately, the municipality has been in the dark a few times. We have some problems and power outages are more and more common.

If this happens again and some of our citizens are affected, do not hesitate to contact the municipality at 418-396-5225 extension 1, or on my cell phone at 418-751-3156

Henri Grenier, Mayor



### Tips for properly managing the outage situation

- make a list of emergency numbers, including the number of **Hydro-Québec** (1 800 790-2424) to dial to report a failure.
- Have a battery-powered radio so you can follow the evolution of a major breakdown situation.
- Prepare an emergency kit and stored it in an easily accessible location. Check the contents regularly so that it is always complete and in working order.
- Provide a battery-powered flashlight in your emergency kit to avoid the use of candles- these may pose a fire hazard.
- Plan a backup energy source or temporary accommodation for someone living in your home who needs a survival device.
- Download the Hydro-Québec application to follow the evolution breakdowns and stay informed through notifications.



## Emergency Kit:

- flashlights, spare batteries,
- first aid equipment,
- supplies for people with special needs,
- battery-operated radio,
- warm blankets, non-perishable foods,
- copy of your list of phone numbers,
- games, books, etc.. to keep everyone busy while the service is



## ACTIVITIES - ARENA

In a magical setting, come skate on the 28th (Friday) and 29th December (Saturday) in the afternoon and evening.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019  
PRE-NOVICE DAY

INFO: 418-396-2829



THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CERCLE DES FERMÈRES  
DE GASCONS



On behalf of the families of sick children, we would like to thank the members of the Cercle des Fermières de Gascons for the check they gave us in the amount of **746 \$**. This amount represented the proceeds from the Christmas sales activity for Operation Enfant Soleil, which took place on Sunday, November 11th at Maison Legrand in the Port-Daniel sector. This amount, included half/half which was \$152 of which \$76 was awarded to Renée-Claude Lagacé of Port-Daniel the lucky winner. . A huge thank you to all the people who contributed to the success of this beautiful solidarity activity both those who participated in the preparation of Santa Claus and those who took the time to visit us during the activity. A special thank you to Pascale Dubé who presented this great initiative and to Céline Legault, Viviane Huard and Brigitte Michaud for their precious collaboration.

On this day, an amount of \$ 118 net is added for sales of small decorative Christmas items prepared by Opération Enfant Soleil partners, Meggie and Rosalie Levesque as well as Kasandra Langlois , young youth between 8 and 14 years old

2019 will be our 5th year of participation in the cause of sick children and in the last 4 years we have donated more than \$ 15,000 to Telethon for Port-Daniel-Gascons. Our regional hospitals (Chandler-Maria and Gaspé) benefit each year for equipment to improve pediatric care thanks to your generosity and solidarity.

Other activities will be held between January and May 2019, to which you will be invited to participate.

Once again THANK YOU!

For Opération enfant soleil,

Réjeanne and Marilyn Grenier, Meggie and Rosalie Levesque, official partners of the Telethon Opération Enfant Soleil 2019 which will take place on Sunday, June 2nd on the TVA network.

# Quebec waste reduction week.. a great success!

- Nearly **400 students** came to visit the sorting center during the week!
- The young people saw with their eyes the equipment, the good gestures to make to facilitate the work of the sorters
- our employees exchanged a lot with them, answered their questions
- and Saturday ...**90 citizens came to meet us**
- the most frequent questions :

o les questions les plus fréquentes

What do we do with the plastic bags? We put them all in the same transparent bag (the bread bag for example) and put it in the blue bin

o small pieces of paper, plastic metal...can we put them in the blue bin ? YES because we have our line of cleaning of rejects which allows us to recover the lids of cans, caps, the small pieces of glass

Shredded paper? Help us and put it in a transparent bag...it will be easier to sort

## **The participation rate in the Brown bin...a small stimulus is necessary!**

- There is a decrease in the rate of participation in the Brown bin so a few reminders
  - o on our territory, participation in the Brown bin rates vary between 25 and 50 % (PDG = 33 %, Chandler = 53 %, GR = 49 %, STE-T = 49 % et Percé = 26 %)
  - o in comparison, in Gaspé, they maintain a rate of 70-80% since June
  - o the fall and winter, a large brown paper bag ...no disadvantage (no flies or little worms!) It's a good time to start.
  - o a 30 % increase in the participation rate = 200 000 \$ savings

We encourage people to begin and call us for advice.



*Nathalie Drapeau*

*Directrice générale*

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**Réduire l'empreinte écologique, c'est l'affaire de tous.**

# CLUB DES 50 ANS ET + « L'ÉTOILE DE LA MER »



The club's regular activities will resume in  
January 2019

## **Afternoon amateurs**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Sunday, March 17, 2019



# CLUB DES 50 ANS ET + « LA RENAISSANCE »



The club's regular activities will resume  
in January 2019

Wednesday, 9th : from 18h30 to 20h30:  
country dance lessons

Thursday, 10th: at 8 pm: military whist

Sunday, 13th: afternoon amateurs

Monday, 14th: at 19:00; sandbag game (pockets)

Tuesday, 15th: afternoon for the ladies (bingo, cards, etc.)

and at 19:00: pétanque-trump

President: Gilles Langlois (418-680-4467)

Vice President: Raphaël McInnis (418-396-2715)



# Christmas Breakfast



*Chevaliers de Colomb*

*Port-Daniel-Gascons*

*Restaurant l'Étale*

*December 23th 2018*

*8:00 - 12:30*



*Adults: 8.00\$*

*Children - 12 years old: 5.00\$*



*Family Contest*

« *Decoration of the Holiday season 2018* »

The holiday season is coming soon!

As part of the family policy, the municipality invites the citizens of Port-Daniel–Gascons to decorate outside their home during the holiday season!

First prize: 100\$

Second prize: 75\$

Third prize: 50\$

two vouchers of 25\$ Ace (Richard Briand, prop.)

Which area of the municipality will be the most illuminated?

Decorate and shine Port-Daniel–Gascons.

**OPENING HOURS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**MUNICIPALITY OF PORT-DANIEL—GASCONS**

From Monday to Friday

8 :00 to 12 :00 – 1 :00 to 4 :00

Phone : 418 396-5225 Fax : 418 396-5588

**GASCONS SERVICE POINT**

From Monday to Thursday

8 :00 to 12 :00 - 1:00 to 4:00

Closed on Friday

Phone: 418-396-5400 Fax: 418-396-2333



**CLOSURE OF OFFICES**

Please note that municipal offices will be closed (to customer)  
from December 24, 2018 to January 3, 2019 inclusively

***NEXT PUBLICATION***

If you have announcements to publish in the next newsletter, please send them  
no later than : February 8, 2019

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