

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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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

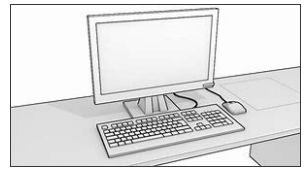


Monday, March 11, 2019: community hall

of the Maison LeGrand

Monday, April 8, 2019: multifunctional room of Gascons

WORD FROM THE MAYOR



Dear citizens,

It is with pleasure that I address you at the beginning of the year 2019.

First of all, I would like to bring to your attention the outline of the 2019 budget that we adopted on January 31st; a budget of \$4,424,059 compared to \$ 3,534,918 in 2018. The residential tax rate and for buildings with (6) or more units and farm buildings passed from 72 cents in 2018 to 59 cents. For 2019, the tax rate for non-residential and industrial buildings remained unchanged at \$ 1.15 .The rates for water and sewer operations and residual materials remain the same as last year. In the 2019 budget, \$ 400 000 was injected into a development fund in addition to working capital of \$ 250 000. I must also mention that no special tax will be added to the tax bill. All the loans we have contracted, whether it be for the improvement of our municipal roads, the acquisition of new vehicles and equipment, the conversion of the old arena into a municipal garage and fire station ,etc. are budgeted and no special tax is attached to them.

Regarding the conversion of the former Port-Daniel arena into a municipal garage and fire station, work began on January 21st. Progress is well underway and is expected to be completed by mid-July, including the construction and paving of parking and access roads. We keep the community hall, and it will also be refreshed.



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The analysis of the bids for the preparation of plans and specifications for construction in the project ~water and sewer~ of the sector Gascons has been completed and we will know the firm chosen very soon. This is expected to be a mandatory step until the summer of 2020, after which we will issue the call for tenders for the general contractor.

Another file that is ongoing; it is the project of the construction of a residence for seniors under the direction of the board of directors of ~les habitations Port-Daniel-Gascons~. In this regard, we recently adopted a resolution demonstrating the municipality's participation in the rent supplement program, agreeing to commit 10 % for the first five (5) years for at least 20 % of the project's housing units and up to the maximum number of units within the operating agreement. The municipality has also voted favorably by instituting a municipal financial assistance program complementary to the Accèslogis program of the Société d'Habitation du Québec consisting of a property tax credit corresponding to 100% of the amount that would otherwise be payable for a period of 35 years, connecting municipal services and donating land.

Finally, several other projects are on the drawing board of the municipality and will be part of our next releases.

With that, I join the members of the municipal council in inviting you to participate in the carnival that will take place at the Center Plein Air la Souche, on February 22, 23 and 24. We would like to thank the organizing committee and its volunteer members for giving us a good time during this winter.



Henri Grenier, Mayor

**A Word from Alexandre Rail,
McInnis Cement's Vice President-Operations**

Good day!

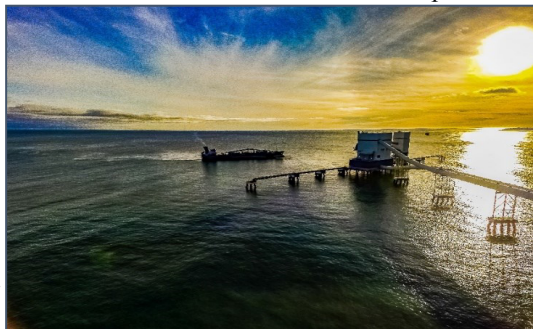
Before I update you regarding the plant, let me share some news of the company.

Firstly, the McInnis Board of Directors recently confirmed the appointment of Jean Moreau as Chief Executive Officer of McInnis on a permanent basis. Jean had been acting CEO since August. This news has been well received in the company because of the very unifying management style that Jean quickly demonstrated when he joined McInnis.

I would also like to remind you that our Scholarship Program for college and university students enrolled in programs that join our core activities is in effect each year, and all relevant information and how to apply to receive a scholarship is available on our website. I rely on you to circulate this information! We hope that we will be able to reward a student from Port-Daniel–Gascons in 2019, during the annual presentation to be held during the summer.

2018: a year in review!

The year 2018 ended with the production of 1.1 million tonnes of cement, it is very impressive and I am delighted that we reached this milestone! This represents an average of 92,000 tonnes per month. For comparison, 2017 production was 300,000 tonnes for the year – remember we started production in the Spring – and our average monthly production was 40,000 tonnes. We have more than doubled the monthly production! To distribute this cement, we loaded no less than 55 vessels at our terminal, as well as 5,500 trucks!



Our annual shutdown for maintenance is behind us, the operations have gradually resumed at the beginning of the month. As you know, an important equipment failure made us anticipate this planned stoppage. We completed the required repair at the end of the year, followed by the regular maintenance in January. For 2019, the increase in production promises to be quite significant, approaching our nominal capacity. With the plant back in operation, the whole team is ready to take up this challenge!

Regards!

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



carnival La Souche

22-23-24 february

Friday, february 22nd, 2019

9:00 to 1:30PM, school day

- * snowshoeing
- * initiation to dance winter exercise
- * slides
- * treasure hunt
- * Dinner (spaghetti) (Marché Dor-é)
- * Taffy on the snow

5:00 to 7:00 of the carnival

on the menu: fish patties

reservation in advance: 581-351-1013

9:00 pm Evening country music

with Nash Stanley

admission: \$ 10

Saturday, February 23rd

7:00 to noon:

carnival breakfast

Brunch plate or fruit pancake:

\$ 10

13h00 family day

several activities for the family

- * dog sledding
- * mini farmhouse
- * Krafts workshop with Kati
- * Adventure of virtual reality
- * snowshoeing
- * slides

Bar service and on-site dining

5:00 to 7: 00 sausages on the
BBQ

our volunteers will be at the
BBQ to serve you

Saturday, February 23th

7:00 pm: snowmobile rally

departure from Centre Plein Air La Souche
around 7:00 pm and return scheduled for
10:00 pm registration: 10 \$

8:00 pm night snowshoeing rally

departure from Centre Plein Air La Souche
around 8:00 pm. You need a headlamp
and your snowshoes

Registration: 5\$

10:00 pm: bonfire in collaboration with
the Rock N' Ride Show

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outdoor bar and caribou drink

10:30 pm: rock show with Morning bone

presentation of the show on a giant
screen outside

admission 15\$

Sunday, February 24th

1:00 pm seniors afternoon

- * Tournament of sand bags
- * Small snack
- * Carnival punch

virtual reality on site ... travel and visit

other countries without moving

1: 30 pm fantasy style skidoo race

- * obstacle course
- * award
- * and pleasure insured

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Melodius supper with

Roger Roy

pea soup - beef bourguignon -

dessert - wine -coffee

25 \$

card in pre-sale at Centre Plein Air
La Souche and with members of
c.a.

8:00 unveiling the winners of the
different activities and unveiling
of the Bonhomme Carnival



Take note that the next bingo of the Fabrique de Port-Daniel will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the multifunctional hall of Gascons

Afternoon of country and social dancing

The collective kitchen of Port-Daniel-Gascons invites you to an afternoon of country and social dance:

Sunday, March 24, 2019
from 13:00 to 17:00
at the multifunctional hall of Gascons
Admission: \$ 8.00



For information: Viviane Huard: 418-396-5661
Paulette Robidoux: 418-396-3051

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

Afternoon amateurs

Sunday, March 17 and Sunday, April 14

COME HAVE FUN



HIDDEN CONSUMPTION ?

*By Marie-Pier Dion, Communications and Management officer at
Conseil régional de l'Environnement Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine*

Many appliances continue to use electricity on a daily basis even if they have been turned off with the on/off button. So the device stays on until it's unplugged, much like the standby mode. This « hidden » consumption after one year can have a real impact on the electricity bill, but also on the environment. According to Hydro-Québec, this waste represents between 5% and 10% of our electric costs. This includes television, microwave, phone chargers, game consoles and more.

A simple solution is the use of multi-receptacles with one or more switches. The idea here is to plug in a number of devices so that they can be easily turned off when not in use.

This hidden consumption is due to the fact that the main switch is after the transformer. So the transformer is working to change the voltage and current values, even when the device is off until it is turned off.

This is a simple gesture to include in its routine that reduces its impact on the environment.

To participate in our *#déficregîm* every week,
Go to the CREGÎM Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/cregim1

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- ⇒ Electronic devices are in standby mode about 75% of the time, or about 6,500 hours per year
- ⇒ a home contains an average of 20 to 40 devices generating ghost charges
- ⇒ most appliances are usually used between 3 and 30 minutes a day; the rest of the time they are in sleep mode
- ⇒ In Canada, the standby mode corresponds to a consumption of about 5.4 twh, the equivalent of the annual electricity needs of 300,000 households



Source: Hydro-Québec

CLUB DES 50 ANS ET +
« LA RENAISSANCE »

regular activities :

Monday: sandbag game (pockets) / Tuesday: afternoon for the ladies (bingo, cards) and
7h00 pm: pétanque-trump / wenesday: country dance lessons / Thursday: military whist.

Welcome to all!

President: Gilles Langlois (418-680-4467)

Here are the winners of the Christmas decorations outdoor contest

First prize: Ms Wylie Benwell - 100\$

2nd prize: Mme Niki Hottot - 75\$

3rd prize: M. Daniel Desbois - 50\$

4th prize: M. Noël Morin - 25\$ (gift certificate)

5th prize: M. Yves Beaudin - 25\$ (gift certificate)

Gift vouchers offered by Ace (R. Briand, owner)



Thank you to the people for your participation !

Sylvie Blais, counselor of district #6

project - conversion of the arena



For safety reasons, we ask unauthorized persons to
avoid traveling on the perimeter of the project, whether
on foot, by vehicle or by snowmobile.

Nathalie Lacasse, project manager

Consultants O .P.R.



survey

object: day camp, school break week

The municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons wishes to inform its population that a survey has been distributed in our three elementary schools. The deadline is 25 February for the registration of children

Information: 418-396-5400

Éric Huard, dir. Loisirs, culture et tourisme



School release 2019

| activity | where | schedule |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| the release in skate | arena of Gascons | March 5, from 11:00 to 13:00 March 6, from 13h00 to 15h00 March 7, from 13h00 to 15h00 |
| free hockey (12 to 17 years old) | arena of Gascons | March 7, from 18h30 to 20h00 |
| Cinema Paradiso | Chandler | March 8—16h30 |
| day camp | Centre Plein Air La Souche | from Monday to Friday 7h00 to 17h00 |

for the holding of the day camp, a survey is given to the students

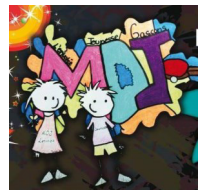
youth club L'Envolée Jeunesse

opening for school break week

Monday to Friday, afternoon: 13:00 to 16:00

in the evening: Monday to Wednesday from 18:00 to 21:00

Thursday and Friday from 18:00 to 22:00



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

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