

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.)

District #1 : Hartley Lepage

Téléphone : (418) 689-0848

District #2 : Mireille Langlois

Téléphone : (418) 396-2745

District #3 : Denis Langlois

Téléphone : (418) 752-4157

District #4 : Marc-Aurèle Blais

Téléphone : (418) 680-2918

District #5 : Marie-Ève Allain

Téléphone : (418) 689-0874

District #6 : Sylvie Blais

Téléphone : (418) 396-2304

Mayor : Henri Grenier

Téléphone : (418) 751-3156



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

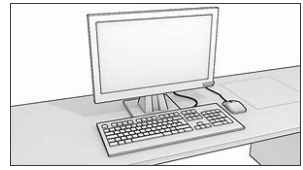


Monday, March 09, 2020: community hall

of the Maison LeGrand

Tuesday, April 14, 2020: multifunctional room of Gascons

WORD FROM THE MAYOR



Dear citizens,

First of all, allow me to offer you my sincere greetings!



In recent years, we have been improving many of our municipal infrastructures (roads and buildings) and investing in sports, recreation and the outdoors. We consider this to be a necessary shift due to the fact that, over the past 20 years, our population has decreased by just over 25%, making vulnerable, among other things, our local services such as our grocery stores, convenience stores, hardware store, pharmacy and schools.

The objective of these investments is to offer better services to our population, increase the quality of life of our residents and increase the attractiveness of our municipality in order, among other things, to welcome new residents.



I would like to take this opportunity to invite the public to participate and contribute to the development and beautification of the municipality by taking care of the contour of their residence. A clean village is all the more welcoming and inviting to attract new residents to settle there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Roxanne Beaudin and her team for presenting their project as part of the "I Listen to Youth" program of the MRC du Rocher-Percé. This shows us that our 18-35 year olds are interested and have at heart the development of our municipality! Our young people are our future and we must listen to them!



The project in question is the installation of a nautical landing for non-motorized boats at the wharf near the tourist kiosk. The advantage of the location is access to two water points including the Barachois and Port-Daniel Bay. A very interesting project to facilitate and encourage the practice of water sports such as: paddle boarding, kayaking, paddle boat, canoe, etc. It is a project that will highlight our natural attractions and I am proud of it.



With that, I join the members of the municipal council and the employees to wish you a very good end to the winter season!

Henri Grenier, Mayor

ARTICLES FOR SALE

The municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons sells a deep fryer and an electric gravy boat. Submissions will be received under a sealed fold until March 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m., at 494 Route 132, Port-Daniel.

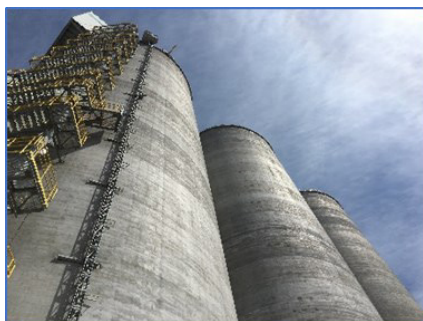
Submissions will open at 11:01 a.m. the same day at the same location.

For more information, contact Alain Blais,
Director of Public Works at 418-396-5253

**A Word from Alex Wojciechowski,
McInnis Cement's Chief Operative Officer**

Good day!

I know that many of you are already aware of the changes in management that happened early this year; I'm pleased to address you directly for the first time, via this newsletter. For over a month now, I have had the pleasure of directing operations at this world-class facility that you have seen emerge in recent years. It is a privilege to discover your region and to work with the team in place, which greatly impressed me! We added to this bulletin my "official" photo so that you can recognize me if we meet in the village, but immediately forget the jacket and tie, I'm more of a field guy!



My First Impressions and Priorities

Over the course of my 30+ years in the cement industry, I have had the opportunity to visit dozens of plants all over the world. I can tell you that our Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant is a model of energy efficiency and environmental performance, and it also has everything it takes to become the most efficient from an economic standpoint, it is such an impressive facility! In terms of priority, health and safety will be at the forefront of my days. We all want our employees to perform well at work, but most of all, we want them to go back home at night with all their pieces, being able to enjoy life with their families. Next, our focus will be on making the most with this plant, with its incredible potential,

and to ensure that McInnis becomes the model to follow in all respects, in our industry.

Annual Shutdown for Maintenance

January 2020 will have pleasantly surprised us! We established a monthly clinker production record with 151,246 tonnes produced, right in the middle of winter! Our previous monthly production record was in August 2018. This demonstrates the fact that the plant team displays confidence and great control of our processes and equipment, despite the more difficult climatic conditions!

Gradually over the past few days, each of the plant workshops stopped for the annual shutdown dedicated to the maintenance of our equipment. With fairly high clinker inventories, we will be able to use our cement mills as required during the shutdown period, which should last until early March. Our game plan is well established, and our entire team is ready to work on this important step, so that we can continue the year 2020 as beautifully as we started in January!

Looking forward to meeting you!

**Alex Wojciechowski, Chief Operative Officer
McInnis Cement**





Established in 1967, the Order of Canada is one of the most prestigious civilian honours in the country. Presented by the Governor General, the Order honours those whose services transform our society, whose innovations stimulate our imagination and whose compassion unites our communities.

A native of Anse-aux Gascons receives the Order of Canada

Omer Chouinard, from Anse-aux-Gascons, son of the late Geraldine McInnes and René Chouinard and professor emeritus of the environment at the University of Moncton, is in the most recent cohort of designations to the Order of Canada. Mr. Chouinard is commended for his work on protecting Maritime ecosystems.

Holder of a bachelor's degree from the University of Moncton, a master's degree in social sciences (sociology) from Laval University and a Ph.D. in developmental sociology from UQAM, Mr. Chouinard began his career at the University of Moncton in 1995.



With an excellent reputation on a regional, national and international scale, he has been a visiting professor at several universities in Canada, France, Haiti, Slovakia and Martinique. Retired in 2018, however, he remains an associate professor at the University of Moncton's MEE.

Mr. Chouinard has led numerous research projects and has been involved in nearly 100 of them on interdisciplinary teams on issues such as coastal and rural environments, from adaptation to change, protection of ecosystems, water quality and fisheries resource management. It has redefined the community-university link and paved the way for the next generation of researchers. .. He is regularly cited for his knowledge, practice and scientific publications with, by and for communities.

Omer Chouinard regularly returns to the Port-Daniel-Gascons area to meet his family members.

Mr. Chouinard will be invited to receive his badge at a ceremony to be held at a later date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. OMER CHOUINARD !

HLM COMMITTEE

**Looking for a member of an organization to be
a part of the**

HLM Committee

Info: Mireille at 418-680-4051





Take note that the next bingo of the Fabrique de Port-Daniel will take place on Saturday march 07, 2020 at the communauty room of Municipal Complex.

The second prize is 1 000\$. Come in all !

CLUB DE L'ÂGE D'OR
(GASCONS)
« L'ÉTOILE DE LA MER »



Afternoon amateurs

Sunday: March 8 and 22, 2020

COME HAVE FUN !

Regular Club Activities

Monday: cribble and brain gym

Wednesday: various activities (bingo, cards)

In the spring of 2020, the switch to daylight saving time in Quebec will take place on the night of Saturday to Sunday, from March 7 to 8 at 2 a.m.

At that point, we will move the clock forward.



Is it really necessary to start your car in advance?

Did you know that heating your engine for 15 minutes every day during the 4 months of the cold season is equivalent to spending a full tank of fuel without traveling a single kilometer?

Heating your car not only has an impact on your budget, but also on the environment. Indeed, an idling engine contributes greatly to global warming by generating significant amounts of greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, starting your car in advance is only a matter of personal pleasure since according to CAA-Québec; a car only needs 20 to 30 seconds to be optimal before taking the road, even during extreme cold.

If you start your engine in advance only with the goal of thawing windows, your best solution is to scrape and defrost them with a scraper to limit your impact on the environment. Otherwise, here's a simple recipe to keep in the car to remove the ice accumulated on your windshield: mix 2/3 part of rubbing alcohol with 1/3 of water, put the solution in a bottle with a sprayer. In case your windows are frozen, spray this solution and after a few seconds, the ice will disappear.

Check out our Facebook page to stay on top of environmental news!



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 !

Here are the winners of the contest — outdoor decorations for the holiday

1st prize of \$ 200 - Nikki Hottot

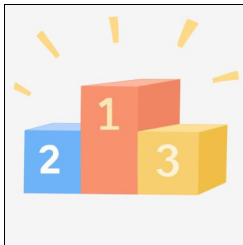
2nd prize of \$ 100 - Noël Morin

3rd prize of \$ 75 - Claire Duguay

4th prize of \$ 25 - Ludovic Cyr

5th prize of \$ 25 - Daniel (E) Langlois

6th prize of \$ 25 - Roland Dorion



Thank you to Mr. Richard Briand of the Center de

Rénovation Ace in Port-Daniel for two vouchers in the amount of \$ 25 each.

These were given to Denise Allain and Dépanneur Michel.



PROJECT— RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CENTER
MULTIFUNCTIONAL GASCONS

Construction sites are extremely dangerous places.

For the safety of all persons, it is forbidden to drive on the perimeter of the construction site, on foot, by car or with any other vehicle, unless it is explicitly authorized. Security starts here.

Nathalie Lacasse, project manager
Consultants O.P.R.



THREE STAR GOLDEN AGE CLUB

MARCH

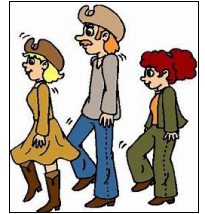
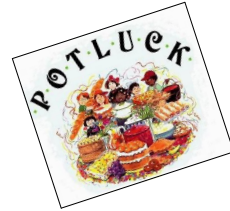
Monday, 9:



Saturday, 14: Pot Luck supper for St. Patrick's Day

28: Military Whist cost \$ 5

Sundays, 1st, 8, 15 22 and 29: line dancing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Sunday, 22: lunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities will take place if the weather permits!

LE CERCLE DES FERMIERES DE GASCONS

invite you

to his military whist

Friday, March 6 at the multifunctional hall of Gascons

8:00 p.m.

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

Variable schedule as needed at the Port-Daniel office

Closed on Friday

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



Municipal Offices Closed

Holy Friday: april 10, 2020

Easter Monday: april 13, 2020

NEXT PUBLICATION

If you have announcements to publish in the next newsletter, please send them no later than : APRIL 10, 2020

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Email: gascons@munpdg.ca

Mail : 494, route 132, Port-Daniel QC G0C 2N0 or

63A, route 132 west, Gascons Qc G0C 1P0

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