

# *The municipal*



**Port-Daniel—  
Gascons**

UN MEILLEUR AVENIR POUR TOUS

*Summer 2020  
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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 your districts (ex: removing snow from roads, stray dogs, ditches unclean, street lights etc.)

**District #1 :** Hartley Lepage  
Phone : (418) 689-0848

**District #2 :** Mireille Langlois  
Phone : (418) 396-2745

**District #3 :** Denis Langlois  
Phone : (418) 752-4157

**District #4 :** Marc-Aurèle Blais  
Phone : (418) 680-2918

**District #5 :** Marie-Ève Allain  
Phone : (418) 689-0874

**District #6 :** Sylvie Blais  
Phone: (418) 396-2304

**For the Mayor:** Henri Grenier  
Phone : (418) 751-3156



Regular Town Council meetings	
(Until now in camera)	
Monday, July 13, 2020	Monday, August 10, 2020

## Word from the Mayor



Dear citizens,

In June 2016, the municipality adopted its strategic development plan, following a citizen consultation to which the population was invited.

From this consultation, a vision emerged, supported by guidelines and objectives; the main objectives being to increase the quality of life of residents and to increase the attractiveness of the municipality in order to allow us to welcome new residents and promote the retention of our visitors.

For the past few years, the municipality has been working hard to beautify the village, improve its infrastructure and provide services to its population. But, it is clear that some people attach no or very little importance to it, to the detriment of the majority!

And here are some points that catch our attention:

- ✓ **the safety of our children and our residents;**
- ✓ **vandalism to our infrastructure;**
- ✓ **the dirtiness around certain residences**
- ✓ **dogs that are not tied**
- ✓ **the noise caused voluntarily and deliberately**

In relation to :

**Safety;** along our secondary roads, whether it is cars, trucks, 4 wheels or motorcycles, there are some people who are riding at excessive speed, putting their own lives and, above all, the lives of others at risk. There is no excuse for these unacceptable behaviors. It is a matter of citizenship and respect for the lives of others, and above all, think of the children who are mostly on these roads! »

**Vandalism ;** since the spring, many of our infrastructure has been damaged, whether it's damage to our parks, marking tires on our asphalt or destroying our street signs to make people aware of reducing their speed for everyone's safety.

**The uncleanliness of certain residences;** I invite you to clean up your house contours. Living in a clean village is a matter of pride! And so, we get noticed for good things.

Continued...word from the Mayor

In relation to :

**Dogs that are not tied up and wander here and there.** Well, we ask you to take your responsibilities. Think about it! Do you find it normal for people, who take a walk, to be chased by dogs that are deliberately not tied up? In my case, if I had a dog running or barking at a person, my first instinct would be to tie him up and I will make sure it does not happen again. It is the least we can do and, once again, it is a matter of citizenship and respect.

**Noise** , we receive several complaints from citizens !Note that every municipality has a by-law on this, among other things, to avoid any noise between 22 :00 in the evening and 7 :00 in the morning. Also be aware that no matter what time of the day, it would be better not to make any noise voluntarily and thereby harm the well-being and tranquility of the neighborhood.

I hope that these few messages can be heard and that we can live in harmony and respect for each other!

With that, I join the members of the municipal council and the employees of the municipality to wish you a very pleasant summer season despite the constraints caused by the covid.

Henri Grenier, Mayor

### **Local contest – Bloom Quebec.**

For this year's contest, two prizes of \$50 in each of the municipality's districts will be awarded to the most beautiful landscaping.

For registration: please leave your name at 418-396-5225 ext. 1

The deadline for registrations is Monday, August 3rd, 2020



## REMINDER

If you are planning to do some work on your property, perhaps you need a permit issued by the municipality before you start the work?



Here is a non-exhaustive list:

Interior renovation

Exterior renovation (roof, exterior siding, window, etc.)

Construction or extension of gallery, veranda or patio

Construction of a garage/shed

Construction of a chicken coop

Installation of a swimming pool (in ground, above ground, removable)

Construction of a private greenhouse

Excavating or earthmoving more than 15 m<sup>3</sup>

It is best to take all the necessary information before you start your work. We will be happy to inform you.

Maxime Ahier

Municipal Inspector and Public Works Controller

418-396-5225 ext. 3

## Built Heritage Management

I am introducing myself, Olivier Beaudin, an architectural technologist and currently studying for a bachelor's degree in urban planning. During the summer, I will be an intern in the Municipality of Port-Daniel—Gascons in collaboration with the Faculty of Planning at the University of Montreal.

The village houses are being analyzed for inventory of the built heritage of the Municipality of Port-Daniel—Gascons.

The municipality has an interesting architectural heritage on its territory that needs to be preserved. The built environment, the urban morphology, the landscape and natural heritage are part of the identity of a place and directly contribute to the quality of the living environments.

In a context where many buildings across the province are falling into oblivion, I am called upon to create the first inventory of the built heritage of Port-Daniel—Gascons. Owners of buildings of heritage, architectural, iconic, urban or historical interest will be contacted by message. In order to demonstrate the value of these properties, the exterior of these properties could be photographed in the coming weeks, with the consent of the citizens. Descriptive sheets will be distributed to each owner advising you of the value, potential and characteristics of your home and other buildings in the lot.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. You can contact me at the municipality at (418) 396-5225, ext 8. Signed papers can be returned to the municipality during business hours.

The Municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons invites the population to share old photographs, postcards, engravings, maps, etc., of buildings and landscapes of the ancient villages of Port-Daniel-Ouest, Port-Daniel-Est and Sainte-Germaine -de-l'Anse-aux-Gascons. Our trainee Olivier Beaudin, will recover and digitize them in order to add them to the documentation of the Municipality. Digitizing documents is essential for a quality result.

*ÉGLISE SAINT-GEORGES,  
PORT-DANIEL, VERS 1950*



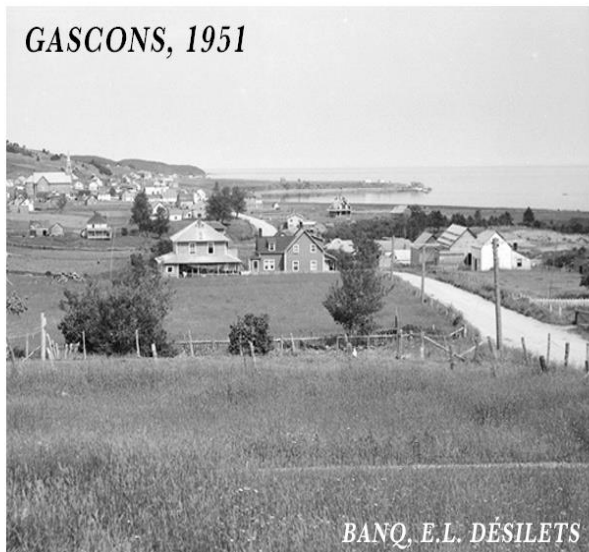
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*PREMIER BUREAU DE POSTE  
ET ÉCOLE, PORT-DANIEL, 1950*



BANQ, FONDS LIDA MOSER

*GASCONS, 1951*



BANQ, E.L. DÉSILETS

*ENTREPOT FRIGORIFIQUE  
GASCONS, 1951*



BANQ, E.L. DÉSILETS

*CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECONDARY V GRADUATES*



*Polyvalente Mgr Sévigny de Chandler*

*Anthony Briand*

*Camille Duguay-McInnis*

*Audrey-Ann Horth*

*René-Jean Desbois*

*Carolane Grant*

*Gabriel Parisé*

*Victoria Savard*



*NEW-CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL*

*Aaron Walker*

*Jayden Sweetman*

*Keshia Dow*

*Riley Dow*





*École Polyvalente de Paspébiac*

*Yoan Allain-Duchesneau  
Sabrina Loiselle*

*Démy Joseph-Acteson  
Noa Prevel*

*Marc-Olivier Syvrais*

**Three scholarships of \$100 will be awarded to three graduates of each school by a random draw during the regular municipal council meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020.**

The municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons wishes you a bright future. Aim high! Aim far! Step by step and from time to time, admire what you have achieved or gone through, without being discouraged by what remains to be done.



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

Good day!

Spring has sprung at a rapid pace, and we are already at the dawn of summer. I look forward to getting to know the area better during the summer, if touring is possible.

**The Situation at the Plant**

After several weeks of operation with reduced staff, we had to stop production at the cement plant in late April, since all of our storage facilities – both at the terminals and at the plant – were at full capacity. At that time, we estimated that the production shutdown would last at least a month.

We kept all our employees at work in May by assigning them to various training courses, notably in health and safety, which remains our priority. We also did a good housekeeping week, in addition to taking advantage of downtime for value-added maintenance on certain equipment. I am very happy to tell you that despite the uncertain context due to COVID-19, nobody was laid-off, even on a temporary basis. Our employees were able to maintain their job links and their salaries during this period of uncertainty, which makes me very proud. That said, we must remain extremely disciplined, both at the plant and at home, to try in an attempt to hold off this famous virus. If there was ever to be a case among our employees, our action plan is ready, but my wish is not to have to implement it!

**And the Markets Are Recovering Vigorously!**

As soon as early May, we quickly felt that the markets were very dynamic and that the construction sector was active, making up for the time lost during the April break. So much so, in fact, that we resumed operations after just over two weeks of shutdown. This is great news and our team is working harder to meet market demand. In the longer term, it is difficult for us to predict the consequences of the crisis, but we intend to do our very best to make the most of the current strength. And there is an acceleration of infrastructure projects everywhere to kick-start the economy, so let's be optimistic; cement will continue to be essential.



To meet this demand, we have put a new vessel into service which joins our fleet, so you will see her sailing on Baie-des-Chaleurs when she arrives to pick-up cement at our facility. The NACC NEWYORKER is the largest cement carrier currently on the water, with a capacity of 28,500 metric tonnes. She will be dedicated to our U.S. terminals, more particularly to that of The Bronx. We loaded her for the first time on May 29 and 30. She is very impressive!

I wish you all a wonderful summer, staying safe and healthy!

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



# Collection of bulky items (Large scrap)

The collection of bulky items allows disposing of both waste too large to be accepted for regular collection of waste (household appliances, furniture, mattresses, etc.) and valuable materials (tires, televisions, etc.).

This collection is intended for **residential customers only**.

In 2020, due to COVID-19, the collection of bulky items was postponed to September.

In the **MRC du Rocher-Percé**, collection begins on September 8, 2020.



Here is the collection schedule:

- **September 8-11 : Port-Daniel-Gascons**

Please dispose of your materials, maximum the day before the planned collection, i.e. no later than September 7, 2020

Note that wood, cement, gypsum, paint, propane canisters and household garbage bags are not accepted materials for bulky collection

## SCHEDULE OF YOUR ECOCENTRE

Ecocentre	From May1st to October31st	From November1st to April 30th
Gascons	Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday <b>8:00 am to 5:00 pm</b>	Tuesday and Saturday <b>8:00 am to 4:00 pm</b>

Residential customers have the right to bring 150 cubic feet of materials per year to the ecocentre.

Here are some instructions :

1. When you arrive at the ecocentre, you must go to the reception building;
2. For owners and tenants, proof of residence is required;
3. Each residential address in the territory of the MRC du Rocher-Perce is entitled to 150 cubic feet per year at no charge;
4. From 151cubic feet, trips will be charged according to the type of material and the volume

If you are making a trip for another citizen, a power of attorney is required to allow you to bring the trip to the ecocentre. To do so, you must ask the applicant citizen to complete the online proxy form or to write a handwritten version with the same information to authorize you to carry out the trips in his name. Note that a maximum of 150 cubic feet can be accepted free of charge for each residential address.

If you are a construction, renovation or demolition contractor and are carrying out a residential project, note that you are entitled to bring the waste to the ecocentre free of charge with a signed power of attorney. To do so, you must ask the applicant citizen to complete the online proxy form or to write a handwritten version with the same information to authorize you to carry out the trips in his name. Note that a maximum of 150 cubic feet<sup>3</sup> can be accepted free of charge for each residential address.

## ***Heritage enhancement project***

The Culture House of Grande-Rivière in collaboration with the Municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons and its heritage committee would like to seek your help with the *heritage enhancement* project. The goal is to highlight a historic figure who marked your city. An exhibition will be held in the MRC Rocher-Percé:

**Definition of a deceased historical figure:** A historical figure, can be, for example, a citizen or an important mayor, a religious community having marked the history of the municipality, the pioneer of a native family, a suffragette, a lord, the first parish priest, an artist, inventor or athlete who contributed to the influence of the locality.

To help us: we need his full name and some facts accomplished during his life.

Thank you for helping us to find the character who marked your community! Thereafter, we will contact you in the form of a short survey so that the population can choose the character to be valued in the context of our project.

### **Member of the heritage committee for Port-Daniel – Gascons:**

Mrs Yolande Chouinard

Mrs Madeleine Huard

Mrs Louise Langlois

Mr Olivier Beaudin, Urban planning intern Municipality of Port-Daniel – Gascons

Mr Éric Huard, director of leisure, culture and tourism of Municipalité de Port-Daniel–Gascons

Mr Samuel Méthot-Laflamme, Director General of the Culture House of Grande-Rivière

## FABRIQUE SAINTE-GERMAINE DE L'ANSE-AUX-GASCONS

Hello everyone,

Considering that we cannot meet physically, the Fabrique Committee informs you of the financial situation at 30-04-2020. We started the year with \$20,737.40 in cash account, there is \$12,423.87 in the account, so a net deficit of \$8,313.53. The Church has been closed since mid-March, tithing payments have ceased and incomes are no longer available due to the Pandemic. The only income is the rental of the seniors 'residence, \$825.00/month, expenses are: payment to the sector \$1,546.17/month, electricity \$1,881.00/month, telephone and fax \$85.09, thus a monthly deficit of \$2,687.26. This situation shows you our concern at the administration of our Church, which is on a ventilator.

We ask for your collaboration for donations (by mail or at church on Sundays between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) up to your ability to pay. The sum of \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00/month could make a difference in whether or not we maintain our GASCONS CHURCH. We thank you for paying special attention to the observation that is submitted to you and of course your help is essential. If there is a mobilization, Catholic services to the population can continue. The Committee will keep you informed of the evolution of this precarious and very problematic situation in our parish. We wish you a beautiful summer and take care of yourself.

GILLES GRENIER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY



## *Golden Age Club of Gascons "L'étoile de la mer"*

Your Board of Directors communicates with all its members to tell you that we miss all of you after more than two months of confinement. We hope you are all well, if you have any brilliant ideas for a later reopening, send us your opinion or comment to that effect.

([grenier1951@hotmail.com](mailto:grenier1951@hotmail.com)).

Many events did not take place due to this pandemic (Mother's Day, Father's Day, our annual general meeting, afternoon of amateurs and so on). We have made two draws and we inform you that Ms. Laure-Ida Wafer won \$50.00 as Mother of the Year 2020 and Mr. Raymond Huard \$50.00 as Father of the Year 2020. The municipality has given us a rent leave for the next period from June to December; we only have to pay the phone.

I join all the members of the Board of Directors in wishing you good luck and a great summer season despite the constraints. If you want more information or questions about your club, call me at 418-396-5304.

See you soon,

Gilles Grenier président



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**OPENING HOURS OF THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF PORT-DANIEL—GASCONS**

**From Monday to Friday**

From 8:00-12:00 – 1:00-4:00

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



**GASCONS SERVICE POINT**

**From Monday to Thursday**

From 8 :00-12 :00 – 1 :00-4 :00

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

**Administrative services closed for an indeterminate period.**

**THE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**

**NEXT PUBLICATION- FALL 2020**

**If you have news to publish in the next municipal bulletin, please send  
Them to:**

**Fax: 418-396-2333 (identified for the municipal bulletin)**

**Email: [gascons@munpdg.ca](mailto:gascons@munpdg.ca)**

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