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# Port-Daniel-Gascons UN MEILLEUR AVENIR POUR TOUS

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#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING 2024**

MONDAY, APRIL 8 / MONDAY, MAY 13 / MONDAY, JUNE 10

#### Word from the mayor

Dear fellow citizens.



In this municipal newsletter, I would like to inform you about two topics that are current and part of our daily lives.



The first subject is the closure of the counter and ATM of Desjardins. To this end, at first glance, I deplore the fact that the leaders did not come to meet us to inform us of their intentions before making their decision.

As you know, the municipality is a very important member of Desjardins. All of our bank accounts are with Desjardins and every time we have a temporary loan, we got o Desjardins because we had a very strong attachment to the institution that was located in our municipality.

Before making the decision to close, we could have discussed, argued and pointed out to them the negative impacts on our municipality and our citizens, their members.

After the leaders came to meet with us to share their decision, we went out of our way to get them to reconsider their decision.

On four occasions, I sat down with them, we formed a committee to rescue, a petition circulated and over 860 people signed it, we proposed and tabled a municipal resolution to the within which we spoke to them about impacts at the level of our community and we even provided them with a solution that could undoubtedly have suited both parties.



Unfortunately, to this day, we have been met with refusal from them, although I still a little hope that they reverse their decision.

The second topic is much more positive than the first. After years of studies, failures, discussions and representations, we finally have confirmation for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs that it considers the project for the supply and distribution of drinking water, collection, interception and treatment of wastewater in the Gascons sector to be a priority and that our application has been selected for financial assistance.

Our municipality is therefore eligible for 95% financial assistance based on the actual cost of the compliant bid, regardless of the amount of water works. Regarding the installation of the sewer network, including the construction of a wastewater treatment plant, the calculation is different



We will receive 95% of the maximum eligible cost determined by economic benchmarks including a maximum amount for each eligible primary residence. The next step therefor consists of the publication of the construction call for tenders wich will be issued on April 2.

Over the next few weeks, I will personally meet the people we need to acquire land and easements to undertake the work. To this end, I must mention to you that the acquisition of land and easements are not eligible for any financial assistance, which means that the associated cost will be directly charge to taxpayer's bills. I expect good cooperation from you.

I also inform you, to me great dismay, that part of the municipality will not have access, initially, to the services, including a certain part of the North Morin Road and "Chemin à Pierre". The reason why the ministry cannot provide financial assistance is that the sector in question is outside the urbanization perimeter.

Rest assured that we will continue our efforts and that our desire is always to supply this sector with drinking water. Within this project, we will install a booster to supply you and discussions will continue with the ministry. A recent study shows that a majority of your residences use non-potable water and we will share this argument with higher authorities with the goal that the ministry accepts funding for the sector concerned and that the work can be carried out in same time as the project initiated .

The village is large and I am aware that many other sectors of our municipality would need to be served, at the very least, by a drinking water network. When the problems in the Gascons sector are corrected, I expect the municipality to see to it.

Finally, spring is upon us and the fishing season will soon begin. I therefore join the members of the council, the management and the employees of the municipality in wishing the fishermen and the works a good season and a good season also to the farmers who are often forgotten but so important.

With that, Happy Easter!

Henri Grenier, mayor



#### COLLECTION CALENDAR 2024 PORT-DANIEL-GASCONS

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#### BIBLIOTHÈQUE BONHEUR-D'OCCASION



TUESDAY / THURSDAY / SUNDAY 1:00 P.M. AT 3:00 P.M.

#### TOY LIBRARY (closed from June to October)



Saturday, april 6: 10 a.m. to noon Spring story time "La boîte aux belles choses" Followed by a thematic craft (3-5 years) Playtime for all



Thank you

Saturday, may 25: 10 a.m. to noon Summer story time "Le yoga des petits lapins" Followed by a parent-child yoga session (3-8 years) Play time for all

for your participation for the year 2023-2024. We have several regulars and the number of new subscribers to the toy library continues to grow. To stimulate your interest, we have added several new games which will be available for rental starting in April. Don't hesitate to contact Isabelle Soucy, leisure technician

418-396-5225 ext. 137



#### Incentive pricing for waste

Announced in January 2023, incentive pricing will be implemented gradually over the next few years. In 2024, only households with more than 20 waste bin collections are targeted by our personalized communication approach.

#### What is incentive pricing?

Incentive pricing will gradually replace the current taxation system for residual materials over the next few years. The IT is based on the number of waste bin lifts recorded at your address.

In this way, it aims to encourage better practices. Reduce the number of lifts and save money.

Considering the gradual implementation of incentive pricing, this gives you the next few months to review your practices and thus reduce the number of times your waste bin is collected. We invite you to continue your efforts to participate in compost and recycling collections.

If you have any questions about incentive pricing or tips for future savings, check out our frequently asked questions at <a href="rittmrg.com/TI">rittmrg.com/TI</a> or call us at 418-385-4200.



#### Waste characterization study

In September 2023, the RITMRG team conducted a waste characterization study at de Gaspe landfill site. The purpose of this study is to identify the composition of the buried materials.

Results of the study: too much material is buried that should be put in the brown or blue bin.

In fact, only 35% of the materials buried in the landfill had a place in the garbage bin, which is called "real waste".

As a result, many citizens mistakenly put compostable or recyclable materials in the waste.



Why is it important to limit landfilling? Landfilling is very expensive for taxpayers. It is twice as expensive to bury as it is to recycle or compost. Then, recycling and composting allows the materials to be put back into the loop: paper can be recycled up to seven times, aluminum can be recycled endlessly, composting table scraps allows the materials to be returned to the earth by producing a beautiful compost. So very effort counts!

#### Conclusion

In order to reduce the collective cost of waste management and to limit the increase in taxes with the implementation of incentive pricing. It is essential to properly sort materials at home. How? By composting, actively recycling and bringing valuable materials such as wood and paint to the econcentre.

Go ahead, compost and recycle, it's not complicated and the RITMRG is here to support you. It's a collective effort.



#### Booking a regular ride

To make a reservation, you must contact us by phone at 1 877 521 0841, during business hours; Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 24 hours in advance. If you wish to book for Monday, you must make a reservation the previous Friday.

#### Journey schedule

There is a transfer to the Fraser Motel, but users remain on board

Transportation Port-Daniel-Gascons to Chandler				
Port-Daniel City Hall	CLSC Gascons	McDonald's		
07:01	07:08	07:30		
2:01 p.m.	2:08 p.m.	2:30 p.m.		
Transportation Chandler to Port-Daniel-Gascons				
McDonald's	CLSC Gascons	Port-Daniel City Hall		
10:00 a.m.	10:23 a.m.	10:30 a.m.		
4:30 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		

#### Cost 65+ years

Access card (reusable and reloadable online) = \$5 Monthly pass (unlimited rides for one month) = \$60 One-way daily commune = \$5 Summer (July 1st to September 1st) free

To pay, it is directly to the driver in cash only

With the access card, you have to pay it to the driver. Then, you have to register on the website. We can top up our card online by Visa or PayPal

#### **Contact**

1 877 521 0841 https://regim.info

#### CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) will help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care for eligible Canadian residents.

Applications will open in phases starting with seniors. Find out when you can apply.

#### Other coverage for families with young children

If you're a parent or guardian of a child under the age of 12, and you do not have access to dental insurance, you may already be eligible for the Canada Dental Benefit. This benefit is available until June 30, 2024.

Use your adjusted family net income from:

- 2021 for dental care received between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023
- 2022 for dental care received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

#### Benefit amounts per eligible child

Adjusted family net income	Full custody amount	Shared custody amount
Less than \$70 000	\$650	\$325
\$70 000 to \$79 999	\$390	\$195
\$80 000 to \$89 999	\$260	\$130
\$90 000 or more	not eligible	not eligible

#### Application schedule

Group	applications open
Seniors aged 87 and above	started December 2023
Seniors aged 77 to 86	started January 2024
Seniors aged 72 to 76	started February 2024
Seniors aged 70 to 71	started March 2024
Seniors aged 65 to 69	started May 2024
Adults with a valid disability tax credit certificate	starting June 2024
Children under the age of 18	starting June 2024
All remaining eligible Canadian residents	starting 2025

Type Canada Dental Care Plan, you will be able to find answers to your questions and find out if you're eligible for the CDCP

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

From Monday to Thursday From 8:30 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 16:00 Friday: 8:30 – 12:00 closed afternoon Phone: 418 396-5225 Fax: 418 396-5588



#### CENTRE SPORTIF MARCO-SEBASTIEN CYR

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#### Offices will be closed for:

Good Friday: March 29 **Easter Monday: April first** Victoria's Day: May 20





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