

## STANSTEAD – 20 YEARS AFTER THE MERGER



had to work hard to convince their citizens of the benefits of merging. Former Mayor Albert Simoneau of Rock Island had a vision for the three villages. He supported the merger conditional upon Beebe sector's commitment to join the project. It was felt that the three villages needed to regroup and work together to share resources in order to revitalize the region.

In the 1990s, the Government of Quebec strongly recommended the merging of small municipalities in order to improve efficiency and the management of each town. To encourage mergers, the government provided funding and/or tax credits to those municipalities opting to merge. These mergers were not unanimously supported. Town councils

At the time, the mayors of the three towns were Albert Simoneau of Rock Island, Renald Demers of Stanstead Plain, and Raymond Lussier of Beebe Plain. It was these three mayors who worked to convince their people of the benefits of merging. On February 15, 1995 the merger of the three villages took place, creating the Town of Stanstead we know today. On June 26, 1995, the town

received official status as the Town of Stanstead. Later on, there were elections in order to establish the new Town Council. Albert Simoneau became the Mayor of the new town of Stanstead. At that time, in order to ensure that decisions would be made equally for each village, two councillors were elected per sector. The Council was then comprised of Alain Roy and Florent Roy representing Stanstead, Albert Parent and Paul Goodsell representing Rock Island as well as Robert Gaboriault and Raymond Lussier representing Beebe. Stanstead's new motto became: Three villages, one border.

After 20 years of union, we can attest to the fact that the merger was a good decision. We have developed more services and improved the quality of life for our citizens. The revitalization of some sectors continues. Development of industry and tourism continues. Marketing Stanstead positively allowed for our town to be highlighted in programs such as: Hockeyville in 2010, "Ma Caravane au Canada" in 2012, La Petite Seduction in 2013 and continues with Still Standing, to be released in 2016.

Stanstead is also part of numerous associations to promote our beautiful town: Association of Quebec's most beautiful villages, Jewels of Québec as well as the Quebec federation of Villages-Relais.

As citizens with a common goal, we must actively work together to further develop our community.

Sources : MAMROT; [mairesduquebec.com](http://mairesduquebec.com);

### Municipality at a Glance

- **Apple picking at Stevens Orchard on Saturdays and Sundays until October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;**
- **Large Waste: The town would like to remind citizens that household waste must be placed in a container with a lid for pick-up during regular waste collection. For all large waste items, citizens must contact the Border Ressourcerie toll-free at 1 855 804-1018 to take advantage of their free pick-up service. It is forbidden to leave any large waste on the curb;**
- **Winter Parking, from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>: To facilitate the cleaning and maintenance of streets and public places, the Town of Stanstead would like to remind its population that any vehicle parked at a private residence must be at least one metre from the sidewalk or curb. During these same dates, it is forbidden to park on municipal streets between the hours of 11:00 pm and 8:00 am.**

# THE FIRE OF 1915

At the break of dawn on October 12, 1915, a fire started in the bakery of Mr. George K. Muir. Unfortunately, a series of adverse circumstances quickly rendered it a major fire, razing much of



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magnificent Dufferin Street in the village of Stanstead Plain.

The alarm, usually sounded by the Lay Whip Company, did not sound on this night because there was not enough steam to sound the whistle. The villagers had to resort to less expeditious methods to advise their neighbours and to request help from neighbouring villages. Strong winds accelerated the spread of the fire which already had a head start before Stanstead firefighters arrived on the scene. To make matters worse, a problem occurred when firefighters opened the valve controlling the water supply, and with many hoses connected to the network, a drop in water pressure resulted. The water supply dwindled and further slowed the firefighters' progress.

Due to the extent of the fire, the street quickly became impassable, further complicating the task of firefighters. There was no parallel street at the time, therefore communication was impossible between the teams fighting different sections of the fire. News was conveyed by a few brave citizens who crossed the fences to follow the evolution of the fire.

At its peak, the fire lit up the sky so intensely that the rays could be seen as far as Danville. Firefighters were on the alert for at least a week in order to ensure that the fire did not restart.

About 70 buildings were engulfed in flames, including the Catholic Church and

the Town Hall, valued at an estimated \$ 500,000. Several farm animals also perished in the fire. Unfortunately, at that time, most people had no insurance or were not sufficiently covered for damages.

Nevertheless, reconstruction began quite rapidly and continued in the years that followed. Dufferin Street quickly became, and remains today, a beautiful street lined with splendid houses.

Sources : *The Stanstead Journal* and the *Stanstead historical society*

## COMMEMORATION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF STANSTEAD AND 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FIRE

The town is planning a "5 à 7" to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of the three villages as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire of 1915, which decimated a large part of Stanstead Plain. The event will take place at the Colby-Curtis Museum on Thursday October 22, 2015. There will be a speech commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town of Stanstead and the Stanstead Historical Society will do a presentation and photo exhibit on the fire of 1915. Cocktails will be served on site. Everyone is welcome but is asked to reserve a place before October 20, 2015 by calling 819-876-7181, ext. 0 or via [info@stanstead.ca](mailto:info@stanstead.ca). Come one and all!

## BY-ELECTION

The Town is pleased to welcome Nicholas Ouellet as Councillor for seat n° 2. Mr. Ouellet won the By-Election on September 27, 2015 with 142 votes.

### The other candidates were:

Georges O'Shaughnessy : 141 votes	Jean-Louis Le Cavalier : 33 votes
Denis Dubois : 65 votes	Robert Dubois : 13 votes
Michel Corriveau : 56 votes	



### Center Schedule :

October 24<sup>th</sup>

The Ressourcerie Depot Centre, located at 70 Principale Street, will be open from 9 a.m. to noon

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# Public Notices

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF MEMPHREMAGOG COUNTY

### TOWN OF STANSTEAD

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION MUNICIPALITY OF STANSTEAD POLL OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given by Mtre. Jessica Tanguay, returning officer, that, after having examined the complete results of the election, the following person was declared elected to the position mentioned below:

Position: Coucillor, Seat n° 2

Name of the person declared elected:  
Nicholas Ouellet

GIVEN IN STANSTEAD on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Mtre. Jessica Tanguay,**  
Returning Officer

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR A MINOR DEROGATION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a request for

a minor derogation, number 2015-03, has been made by the owner of the building located at 492 Dufferin Street in Stanstead regarding lot 5 075 884 of Quebec cadastre of Stanstead registration division.

The request is to allow the installation of a new sign measuring 1.2 square metres while the Zoning By-law 2012-URB-02 and its amendments as well as the grid of various standards for signs by specific zones only allows a total area of 0.5 square metres.

**Any person objecting to the minor derogation will have a chance to be heard at the council meeting that will be held on November 2, 2015 at 7 p.m., at 425 Dufferin Street, Stanstead.**

GIVEN IN STANSTEAD on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Mtre. Jessica Tanguay,**  
Acting Town Clerk

#### PUBLIC NOTICE (CONCERNING THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLE OF THE TOWN OF STANSTEAD)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the municipal property assessment role of the Town of Stanstead, being in force during the fiscal years of 2016-2017-2018, has been deposited at the Town Hall on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, where any interested person may review it during regular business hours.

In accordance with Article 74 of the Act respecting municipal taxation, notice is also given that any person who wishes to contest the accuracy, the presence or the absence of an entry to this role, with regard to property which himself or another person is the owner, may file an application for review under Section I of Chapter X of the Act.

**To be eligible, the request must meet the following conditions:**

- be filed before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016);
- be filed at the following location or be sent by registered mail:

**Regional Municipality of  
Memphrémagog County  
455 MacDonald Street, suite 200  
Magog, Québec J1X 1M2**

- be filed on the form available at the location indicated above;
- include the required payment as determined by By-Law 2010-135 of the Town of Stanstead and applicable to the evaluation unit covered by the request.

*The present text is not official, the French version prevails.*

GIVEN IN STANSTEAD on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Mtre. Jessica Tanguay,**  
Acting Town Clerk

# General Information

## MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP

Mayor Philippe Dutil presented the official reward for the 2014-2015 school year at a drawing on October 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 21 high school graduates (DES) or equivalent or having obtained a vocational diploma (DEP) were part of the draw. The lucky winner was Kristin Mueller.

**The Town would like to congratulate all students for their persistence and determination!**

## WELCOME POLICY

### A total of 25 scholarships awarded

On October 7<sup>th</sup> the Town of Stanstead, in collaboration with the Caisse Desjardins du Lac Memphrémagog, presented scholarships to many participants of the Welcome Policy. During the evening, 17 new owners were awarded a scholarship for the home-ownership component while eight families received a scholarship for the growing family component.

The Welcome Policy for growing families is directed towards parents of a newborn baby or those who are new property

owners in Stanstead. To be eligible, you must complete an application form with the Town within six months following the birth or adoption of a child or in the case of purchasing or building a new home, within six months of the signing of the notarized contract.

**For further details, please contact:**

**Town of Stanstead**  
819-876-7181  
www.stanstead.ca

**Caisse Desjardins du Lac Memphrémagog**  
1-866-400-3328

## Border Curling Club Funspiel

The Border Curling Club is holding its Opening Funspiel from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

Free tryout curling sessions will be held on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All you need is warm clothing and a clean pair of sneakers.

**Questions or RSVPs can be sent to the club at [information@bordercurling.com](mailto:information@bordercurling.com) or by calling 819-876-2484 or by message via their Facebook page.**

# Leisure & Registration

## PUBLIC SKATING

Pat Burns Arena 2015-2016 Schedule

Saturday Nights	18:30-20:00
October	17-24-31
November	28
December	12-19
January	2-16-23-30
February	6-13-20-27
March	5

**Holidays and school breaks 13:00 – 14:30**

December	23-24-26-27-28-29-30-31
January	4-5
February	29
March	1-2-3-4

**Wednesday mornings 10:30-12:00**

December	2-9-16
January	6-13-20-27
February	3-10-17-24