



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS – COVID-19 WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Municipality of Saint-Gabriel-de-Valcartier, 2020-03-26

Dear fellow citizens,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our citizens for their vigilance in respecting the instructions issued by the government and to applaud everyone for their community support. During the past several days, special attention has been paid to the seniors on our territory who do not have a local support network and could be in need of help. Although municipal buildings are closed to the public, the municipal team is still hard at work to answer your calls and emails.

The municipal council held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 25th by videoconference to discuss municipal issues relating to the Covid-19/Coronavirus pandemic. To alleviate the stress on households newly confronted with financial issues, a by-law will soon be adopted to **postpone the payment of municipal taxes to the following dates:**

Previous due dates	New due dates
April 1st, 2020	July 1st, 2020
July 1st, 2020	September 1st, 2020
September 1st, 2020	November 1st, 2020

All payments previously received by the Municipality will not be reimbursed. Postdated cheques will be deposited according to the new due dates unless specified otherwise by the proprietor.

Furthermore, the annual interest rate of 12% will be modified to **0% for 2020**. Citizens and companies will not lose their privilege to pay their municipal tax bill in multiple installments, even if their first payment is not received by the due date.

The winter and spring sessions of the Sports and Recreation activities are cancelled, and payments will be reimbursed for services that were not received. Memberships to the Physik Center will be extended for a period equal to the duration of the closure.

Important information :

- Although the municipal offices are closed to the public, essential services are available, and you may contact us by phone (**418-844-1218**) or by email (admin@munsgdv.ca) from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm (noon) and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.
- Municipal parks and playgrounds are already closed this time of the year (Community Center: playground, skate park, etc.), Plateaux Park and Clark's Bridge Park). They will be reopened according to the evolution of the present situation and the recommendations issued by the government. As walking is permitted in our respective neighbourhoods, remember to practice social distancing.
- The Fire Safety Service asks that citizens who call 911 please mention to the operator if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 so that the appropriate measures can be taken to protect our first responders and their families.

If you are experiencing Coronavirus/COVID-19 symptoms, please call **Info-Santé 1-877-644-4545**. For more information, go to quebec.ca/coronavirus.

Together, we can protect the ones around us and the safety of our loved ones. Thank you for your understanding and for your collaboration.

Brent Montgomery
Mayor