

## NEWSLETTER april 2022

Municipal news and changes in sight

The municipality is working actively with the local committees on improving the functioning of the current municipal structure.

For several years, within the Municipalité de la Côte-Nord-du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent, questions have been raised about the current operating structure of the municipality, particularly regarding the involvement of local committees.

Since then, the Municipalité de la Côte-Nord-du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent in collaboration with the Ministère des Affaires Municipales et de l'habitation (MAMH), has involved local committees in order to propose improvements to the operation of the municipality and changes to the current organizational structure.

Consultations with local committees were held in spring 2018, November 2019 and November 2020. Members had the opportunity to be heard on their challenges and to propose possible solutions to the lack of community engagement.

The proposal, that was decided upon, is to ask the Minister of MAMH to establish a general committee consisting of one member from each local committee, ideally the president. The request is being processed by the Ministry. A meeting has already taken place between the members in December 2021 and we can already see progress in the discussions towards improving our structure.

Here are the representatives working on the process to represent you in your municipality:

Mrs Heather Rogers, Kegaska M. Denis Desjardins, La Romaine M. Stephen Martin, Chevery M. Kelly Bobbitt, Harrington Harbour

M. Gilles Monger, Tête-à-la-Baleine

In summary, the discussions from the community are quite unanimous. The following are the main points that emerged:

- 1. Promote citizen interest and participation;
- 2. Implement more democratic procedures and better representation of the population;

3. Adapt the structure for a better efficiency of operation;

- 4. Clarify roles, mandates and responsibilities;
- 5. Modify procedures in accordance with a revised structure;

6. Increase and facilitate communication channels.

The Municipalité de la Côte-Nord-du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent is working with the MAMH and the local committees in order to present to the population a structure that is representative of the needs and vision of its population. This will be presented by the elected members of each of the local committees during the year 2023.

# Administration employees serving the population at different levels:

Administrator : Darlene Rowsell-Roberts

Administration secretary: Kathy-Ann Nadeau

Municipal inspector : Crystal Rowsell

Assistant Secretary Treasurer : Nancy Cox

Security Coordinator, Administrative Technician for the Chevery Airport : Jody Anderson

Office Technician : Josée Stubbert

Administrative Assistant-: Danielle Collard

#### You can consult our WEB page

#### for more information ...

#### www.mcngsl.ca

You will also find the elected representatives of each of our local committees.

As a reminder, municipal elections will be held in the following villages in May 2022.

- Chevery
- Harrington
- La Romaine

And in October 2022 ...

• Tête-à-la-Baleine

Kegaska in october 2024

Our **municipal employees** in each of the villages of our municipality work either full time, part time, on call or on contract. The challenges are great and often our workers do a little of everything. We appreciate their dedication to their village and our municipality and we thank them for it.

**Volunteers** also play a very important role in our mostly aging communities. Without their involvement, many activities would not be possible!

We invite you to share the names of your volunteers and why they are important to your village.

It would be nice to thank them and acknowledge their dedication!!!

To do so, send us a short note by email or mail!

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or

MCNGSL 29 chemin d'Aylmer Sound Chevery, QC GOG 1G0 Attention : Josée Stubbert.

We look forward to hearing from you.



### Tourism Cote-Nord

Our villages will now be part of Tourism Cote-Nord and will have a tourist sticker to offer to tourists visiting our region. To get them, they will have to go to a specific place of each village visited, specified in their tourist brochure which will be given to them by Tourisme Cote-Nord.

The selection of photos for the illustration was made by your local committee. Following that, Caplan company made a representative image of each village of our municipality.

Here are the illustrations and where to get them:





## HARRINGTON HARBOUR









## <u>Procedures in case of a medical</u> <u>emergency or accident inside or</u> <u>outside the village.</u>

Following emergency events experienced this winter in our beautiful region, we would like to take the opportunity to inform you that **at all times** if you are a witness or victim of an accident, an emergency situation such as illness and you need immediate assistance, **CALL 9-1-1**, this will initiate a series of rapid actions to respond most effectively to the emergency.

In an **emergency situation**, there is **no room** for improvisation.



We wish you a Happy Easter and remind you that your municipality is there for you!

