

MUNICIPAL BULLETIN – SPRING 2019

English Summary

Dear fellow citizens,

2019 will certainly be an environmental year for Cowansville. First, it will be our pleasure to present to you our Sustainable Development Strategic Plan on Saturday, April 6th. We invite you to come and discover the guidelines of the different projects intended to build a sustainable future for our city. This document will guide the City Council in its decisions for the next 5 years.

Furthermore, we decided to follow the movement and install a point of deposit for the recycling of glass containers in the Super C parking lot. We strongly encourage you to use it in addition to your recycling bin. We also acquired our first 100% electric car in order to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

All these actions are part of a bigger initiative towards the green change that Cowansville wants to undertake. I encourage you to do the same at home, with your family. Remember that every little action counts!

Regards,

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CITIZEN CAFÉ

Saturday April 6, from 10 am to 12 pm
City Hall (220, place Municipale)

Come meet your municipal council, ask your questions and welcome the new residents-owners of Cowansville. At this meeting, the Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development will be presented. Come and discover the main orientations of the municipality for the next five years!

NEXT MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

March 18 – April 2 and 15 – May 7 and 21, at 7:30 pm
City Hall (220, place Municipale)

FUNDING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF WASHABLE DIAPERS

Did you know that a funding program for the purchase of washable diapers was introduced as part of the Family and Seniors Policy for residents of Cowansville? People interested in benefiting from it must go to the Maison de la famille Cowansville Région located at 1159, du Sud street. Some documents are required.

All the details at www.ville.cowansville.qc.ca.



WELCOME BAG FOR NEWBORNS

New Cowansville parents with a baby 6 months old or younger are invited to register on the municipality's website. They will receive a gift bag from the municipality and its partners (Famiprix, Jean Coutu Pharmacy, Studio Nala, Verveine et cie., Maison de la famille Cowansville Région). Congratulations to the happy Cowansville families!

RECEIVE IMPORTANT NOTICES

Be informed quickly of opinions that concern you directly:

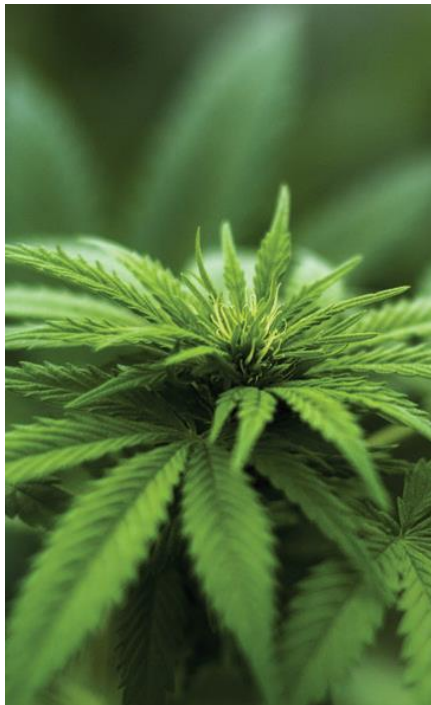
- Aqueduct breakage;
- Notice of boiling water;
- Emergency measures;
- Any other message deemed important.



To verify that your phone number is in our system or to add your cell phone number:

Visit the City's website in the *Online Services* section at www.ville.cowansville.qc.ca or contact us at 450 263-0141.

CANNABIS



Cannabis legalization came into effect across Canada on October 17. As announced in the previous edition, City Council gave itself a few months to reflect on this important social issue and its impact on citizens. At the end of this reflection, the City of Cowansville has chosen to adopt a municipal by-law in addition to the provincial law that already regulates the possession and use of cannabis in public places by prohibiting the smoking of cannabis wherever smoking is already banned (www.encadrementcannabis.gouv.qc.ca).

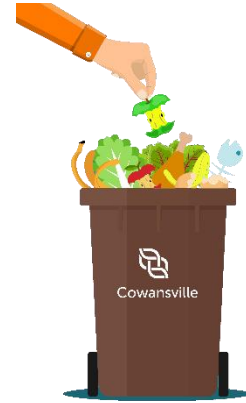
Since last February 27th, smoking or vaping cannabis is strictly prohibited in a public place throughout Cowansville, with the exception of streets and sidewalks.

The City also recalls that it is forbidden to be intoxicated in a public place, whether by excessive consumption of alcohol or drugs (including cannabis). Offenders will be subject to the penalty set out in By-law Number 1822 (RM 460) regarding the peace, order and nuisance of the City.

SOME TIPS FOR COMPOSTING

Where is your compost going?

A composting platform has been created at the *Régie intermunicipale de la gestion des matières résiduelles de Brome-Missisquoi* located on Rang St-Joseph in Cowansville. Organic materials from several municipalities in the region are sent to this location.



Tips and tricks for composting

- Pack your matter in paper bags, newspaper, flyers or cardboard. Often, doubling or tripling the thickness can prevent liquid leakage.
- Store stinking materials (meat, fish, dairy products and other food products) in the freezer while waiting for collection.
- Put a large paper bag (usually used to pick up leaves) in your brown bin and empty the food accumulated in your small kitchen pan in this big bag.

Watch for the City of Cowansville Facebook page, several composting capsules will be published later during the year.

MODIFICATION IN THE PRICING REGULATION



A fee of \$15 is required for the issuance of a permit for the reconstruction of residential connections of municipal networks from the border stop (waterman) to the residence.

In addition, the person performing the reconstruction work is responsible for contacting the *Service des infrastructures et des immobilisations* to advise that the excavation will be completed and when the networks will be visible. A representative of the City will then present himself on the scene to see the current state of the network.

In the event that no representative of the City is available, visual proof (photo or video) must be sent by email to servicestechniques@ville.cowansville.qc.ca immediately. The name of the applicant and the full address of the site of the reconstruction work must be in the email.

100 IN 3 DAYS COWANSVILLE

100 in 3 days Cowansville is a call to action for citizens in order to improve the public space and the living environment of Cowansville. You have been dreaming for a long time of blooming a corner of your neighborhood park, painting your rink or sharing a pleasant moment with your neighbors: it is time to put into action these ideas that inhabit you.

Register your activity on the website www.100en3journscowansville.com and put it into action during the event from May 24 to 26, 2019.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Beware of burning activities

The arrival of spring often means cleaning the grounds by removing branches and leaves. Open fires are prohibited unless licensed by the *Service de sécurité incendie*. Several special conditions must be respected to obtain this permit. Composting of organic waste is recommended. It has the advantage not to bother the neighborhood with smoke and being better for the environment.



Think about it, firefighters respond too often to this type of intervention!

Hurdles and fire hydrant

In order to facilitate access to firefighters in case of fire and to help municipal employees maintain the water system, a clearance of at least 1 meter must be maintained between vegetation and fire hydrants. Whether it is a fence, a wall or any decorative ornament, this clearance is required so that everyone can use it effectively if necessary. This is a simple way to contribute to neighborhood security.



ECOCENTRE

The ecocentre will be open every third Saturday from April 19 to November 15 and the first Saturday of the months of May and October. More information here: www.bmvert.ca

**Régie intermunicipale de gestion des matières résiduelles de Brome-Missisquoi
2500, rang St-Joseph, Cowansville**

COLLECTION OF BULKY WASTE

Contact the City of Cowansville at 450 263-0141 for pick up and mention your address and the item to be picked up. There is a maximum of three picks per civic address for the year 2019.

DEAD LEAF COLLECTION

April 22 in all areas of the city. Paper bags only.

GLASS RECYCLING IN COWANSVILLE

The City of Cowansville will set up in March a voluntary deposit point dedicated to the recycling of glass in the Super C parking lot (1775, du Sud street). You will be able to deposit your glass bottles so that they are recycled to the maximum.

Eligible materials in the glass container

Only packaging glass is accepted in the container. Among this type, we find any bottle that contained food or liquids (bottle of wine, jar of pickles, jar of juice, jar of jam, etc.)

Attention, the culinary glass (dishes and clear dishes) is not accepted in the container because it is transparent ceramic. Porcelain, earthenware, sandstone, tiles, earth, stones, gravel, cement, wood, metals and special glasses (armored glasses, windshields, television screens, light bulbs, etc.) are to be put in the garbage bin or to be deposited at the ecocentre.



BROWN, BLUE AND GREEN BINS: RULES TO FOLLOW

Bins must be placed at the curbside, the day before collection. They must be positioned in the entrance of your yard near the street. However, the bins must not impinge on the sidewalk or the street in order not to interfere with traffic or snow removal. Wheels and handles should be directed towards the residence. The City is not responsible for un-emptied bins that were placed near the road too late. Since collection times may vary, it is important to put your bin on the way the day before collection. In addition, a clearance of 50 cm must be left around the bin to allow mechanical lifting to do its job well. It is forbidden to leave a wheeled bin on the sidewalk, in the street right-of-way or on public roads.