



# Ogden Chronicle

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Dear citizens

This is my last communication with you as Mayor of Ogden - my mandate expires with the election in November and I am not running for re-election. These past four years have been an invaluable learning experience for me, and I want to share with you the most precious and significant kernels of wisdom and intelligence I have been privileged to absorb.

As you know, I have always believed that progress happens only to the extent that we get involved in our community -- that each one of us has a role to play and that whatever rights and privileges we enjoy come with the responsibility to contribute our time and talent. During my tenure as Mayor, I have been struck time and again by the differences in approach and outcome between male and female colleagues. I have no doubt that women work in more collaborative ways - they are team-builders, they have better communication and interpersonal skills. These attributes lead more easily to reaching consensus.

My colleagues have been essential to the successful implementation of many programs. We improved roads immensely, made our garbage collection more efficient and less costly. We adopted by-laws for the welfare of our animals. We greatly improved communications with the citizens through our new bi-monthly Chronicles bulletin. We were able to work with the MRC experts to help us resolve issues with their extensive knowledge and savoir-faire. We modified the speed limits to protect our citizens. We commissioned the creation of an historic booklet. We ended each year with a comfortable surplus in case of major disaster. These successes are vital to improving our day to day lives.

The major change this administration has achieved is a fundamental one that illustrates the benefit of having women involved in policy decisions and actions - changing from a budget-only orientation to an administration focused on the individual. Opening up the municipality to citizens through our social committee has created many opportunities for citizens to meet and to discuss issues directly with council and the mayor. Activities such as Meet the Mayor (with around 60-70 citizens participating) and Sugaring-off parties (around 100 citizens participating) made a huge difference in citizens getting to know the people they elected.

One main objective was to make the municipality more dynamic. Our social committee offered activities that stimulate and help condition mind and body - Pilates, Tai Chi, line dancing, art initiation, Zumba etc. Not only did our citizens meet and exchange views, but they also committed to a healthier, more vibrant community.

Ogden has two distinct populations - the lake citizens and the farming community - who have completely different ways of thinking and living. We feel we helped in starting to build a bridge between these two distinct communities. Now with many new citizens from the major cities moving here, things will change even more and we must adapt.

Women have told me that they do not seek election as a power trip or simply to exercise authority but more to combine their knowledge and sensitivity to create relational and motivational long-term changes. I am convinced that the considerable skills both men and women bring to council will achieve this worthy goal. Thank you so much for the opportunity you gave me these last four years.

Thank you again and see you soon.

**Richard Violette, mayor**



## TOWN HALL

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### MAYOR

Richard Violette

### COUNCILLORS

Michael Sudlow

Councillor n° 1

Jean R. Roy

Councillor n° 2

Claudette Dupras

Councillor n° 3

Marie-Andrée Courval

Councillor n° 4

Lise Rousseau

Councillor n° 5

Vacant

Councillor n° 6

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### THE MUNICIPAL TEAM

Vickie Comeau

Director General and  
secretary-treasurer

Emmanuelle Bilodeau

Building and environment  
inspector

Vincent Langlois

Road inspector

Ann-Marie Galvin

Administrative assistant

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### MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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### BUSINESS HOURS

The municipal office is open from  
Monday to Friday from 9 am to  
Noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm.

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### GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRINTING OF THE NEWSLETTER

Les Publications Municipales  
1 877 553-1955

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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### VOTING BY MAIL

You can vote by mail if you are in one of the following situations:

- Your domicile is not located in the territory of the municipality;
- Your domicile is located in the territory of the municipality and;
  - You are domiciled in an eligible health establishment .
  - You are unable to travel for health reasons or you are a caregiver domiciled at the same address as such a person;
  - You will be 70 years of age or older on polling day.
  - Between Sunday, October 17, 2021, and Wednesday, October 27, 2021, you must comply with an order or a recommendation for isolation from public health authorities because you:
- returned from a trip abroad within the last 14 days;
- were diagnosed with COVID-19 and you are still considered a carrier of the disease;
- are showing COVID-19 symptoms;
- have been in contact with a suspected, probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 14 days;
- are waiting for a COVID-19 test result.

**To vote by mail, you must make an application by contacting the returning officer, Vickie Comeau, no later than Wednesday, October 27, 2021.**

How you apply and the validity of your application will vary depending on your situation:

- If your domicile is not in the municipality, your application must be made in writing and will be kept for all elections and referendums following its receipt.
- If you are domiciled in the municipality and you must comply with an order or recommendation for isolation from public health authorities, your application may be verbal or written and will be valid for the current poll only.
- If you are in one of the above-listed situations, your application may be verbal or written and will be valid for the current poll and any recommended proceedings arising from this poll.

The ballot papers for voting by mail will be sent as of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

If you are registered to vote by mail and you have not received your ballot papers a few days after their sending, you can contact the returning officer to obtain new ones.

Ballot papers must be received at the office of the returning officer no later than Friday, November 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

You can contact the returning officer at the following address, e-mail and telephone number.

**Vickie Comeau**  
**Returning officer**

Address: Ogden Town Hall  
70 Ogden road  
Ogden, Quebec, J0B 3E3  
E-mail: [dg@munogden.ca](mailto:dg@munogden.ca)  
Telephone: 819-876-7117

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1 Eligible health establishment are hospital centres, CHSLDs, rehabilitation centres and private seniors' residences listed in the register established under the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2) and hospital centres or reception centres within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (chapter S-5).



## MISCELLANEOUS

### HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Here is the latest information received from the office of the Premier of Quebec:

On March 22, 2021, the governments of Quebec and Canada launched Operation High Speed. The Régions branchées and Éclair I components target 148,000 households, for a joint investment of \$826.3 million. The Éclair II component, launched on July 21, targets an additional 18,200 new homes, in addition to accelerating the rollout to 34,500 homes covered by previous rounds of funding, for an investment of \$94 million. All projects funded by Operation High Speed must be completed by September 2022.

The company selected to cover the municipalities of the Memphremagog RCM is Cogeco: Canada-Quebec High-Speed Operation - Governments of Canada and Quebec add \$94M to connect 18,200 additional homes to high-speed Internet by September 2022: Government of Quebec (quebec.ca)

Over the past few weeks, Cogeco has been conducting an inventory of homes without high-speed Internet access (HSI). The High-Speed Internet Secretariat of the Ministère du Conseil exécutif is currently analyzing and validating this inventory to ensure that no eligible residence is missed. In the meantime, Cogeco is finalizing the project engineering and permit applications to access the support infrastructure (poles and strands). Only once these steps are completed will Cogeco be able to plan the construction work, and therefore confirm the work schedule for our municipality. It is important to note that all accessible year-round residences with a Hydro Quebec meter are eligible for Operation High Speed. Unlike previous programs, there is no "list of addresses and routes" since the entire territory is covered.

Remember that the minimum speed offered must be 50 Mbps for downloading and 10 Mbps for uploading. In addition, the price of the packages will have to be similar to those offered in the major cities.

An interactive map will be available at the beginning of 2022 on the Quebec government's website, to allow citizens to obtain more details on the projects financed by Operation High Speed and their progress.

### REMINDER - RACCOON RABIES: REPORT SUSPICIOUS ANIMALS

The best way to prevent a return of raccoon rabies in Quebec is through surveillance.

Did you know that reporting wildlife can be done year-round? You can report any raccoon, skunk or fox found dead or that appears sick, paralyzed, disoriented or unusually aggressive.

To report suspicious animals in any season, call 1-877-346-6763, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or anytime at [Quebec.ca/rageduratonlaveur](http://Quebec.ca/rageduratonlaveur).

*Thank you for your valuable cooperation.*



# REVOLVING SALES

The **LARGEST** selection of second-hand items in the region



MAGOG : 1700, Sherbrooke St.  
COATICOOK : 177 Cutting St.

819 804-1018

[www.ressourceriedesfrontieres.com](http://www.ressourceriedesfrontieres.com)

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September 23 to 29



**20%** on **tools** and **hardware**

September 30 to October 6



**20%** on **computer desks** and **chairs**

October 7 to 13



**20%** on **sport items**

! October 14 to 23



FALL TORNADO

**! 30%** On almost everything in store

Exclusions : big appliances, snowblowers, Christmas items, restored furniture, snacks and deliveries

## MISCELLANEOUS

### CITIZENS OF OGDEN - TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS:

The Memphremagog Users' Committee is a team of volunteers who help you obtain quality health and social services and who work to improve all these services in the local health network (Hospital, CLSC, CHSLD and RPA).

Info: [cusagers.mm@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:cusagers.mm@ssss.gouv.qc.ca) // 819-843-2572 ext. 2639.

### OGDEN SPEED LIMITS

Speed limits on Ogden roads will soon be reduced for the safety of all... please watch for the new signs.

Thank you!

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AT OGDEN TOWN HALL:

#### Advance polling day:

Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

#### Polling day:

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm



### SAFETY WHILE WALKING AT NIGHT

It is a good idea when walking, especially at dawn, dusk, and other low-light conditions, to wear light colors or bright clothing so that you can be easily seen. Dress to be seen by drivers. If you walk at night, remember that wearing white clothing does not guarantee drivers can see you. When walking at night, use a flashlight to make yourself more visible to drivers and to help light your path. It is also a good idea to wear reflective or retroreflective materials, which give off light when headlights shine on them and can be seen by drivers three times farther than white. Many stores sell walking shoes, jackets, and safety sports equipment featuring retroreflective material. Be safe!

## NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

STEPS	DATES TO REMEMBER
Public Notice of Election	September 17, 2021 at the latest
Last day for property owners and residents to transmit their signed request to the municipality in order to be registered on the electoral list before it is submitted	October 3, 2021
Last day for co-owners and co-occupants to transmit their procurations to the municipality in order to designate a person to be registered on the electoral list before it is submitted	October 3, 2021
Period for submitting candidacy declarations	September 17 to October 1, 2021 (closes at 4:30 pm)
Period for submitting a request for revision of electoral list	Potential period: October 16-26, 2021
Revision of electoral list, if necessary	Potential period: October 16-28, 2021
First day to request to vote by correspondence for electors recommended to isolate or as ordered by public health officials	October 17, 2021
Last day for receiving requests to vote by correspondence at the office of the president of elections	October 27, 2021
Last day to send vote ballots by correspondence to electors	October 28, 2021
Date limit for receiving correspondence vote ballots addressed to the president of elections	November 5, 2021, 4:30 pm
Mandatory anticipated voting day	October 31, 2021, 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Election day	November 7, 2021, from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm
Last day to request a recount or a new vote census at the <i>Cour du Québec</i>	4 days following the vote count, which generally means November 11, 2021
Proclamation of elected officials	For those elected without opposition : October 1, 2021, at 4:30 pm For those elected by ballot: followed the delay established for requesting a recount or a new vote census at the <i>Cour du Québec</i> , which generally falls on November 12, 2021.
Last day for legal contest of elections	30 days after the election proclamation