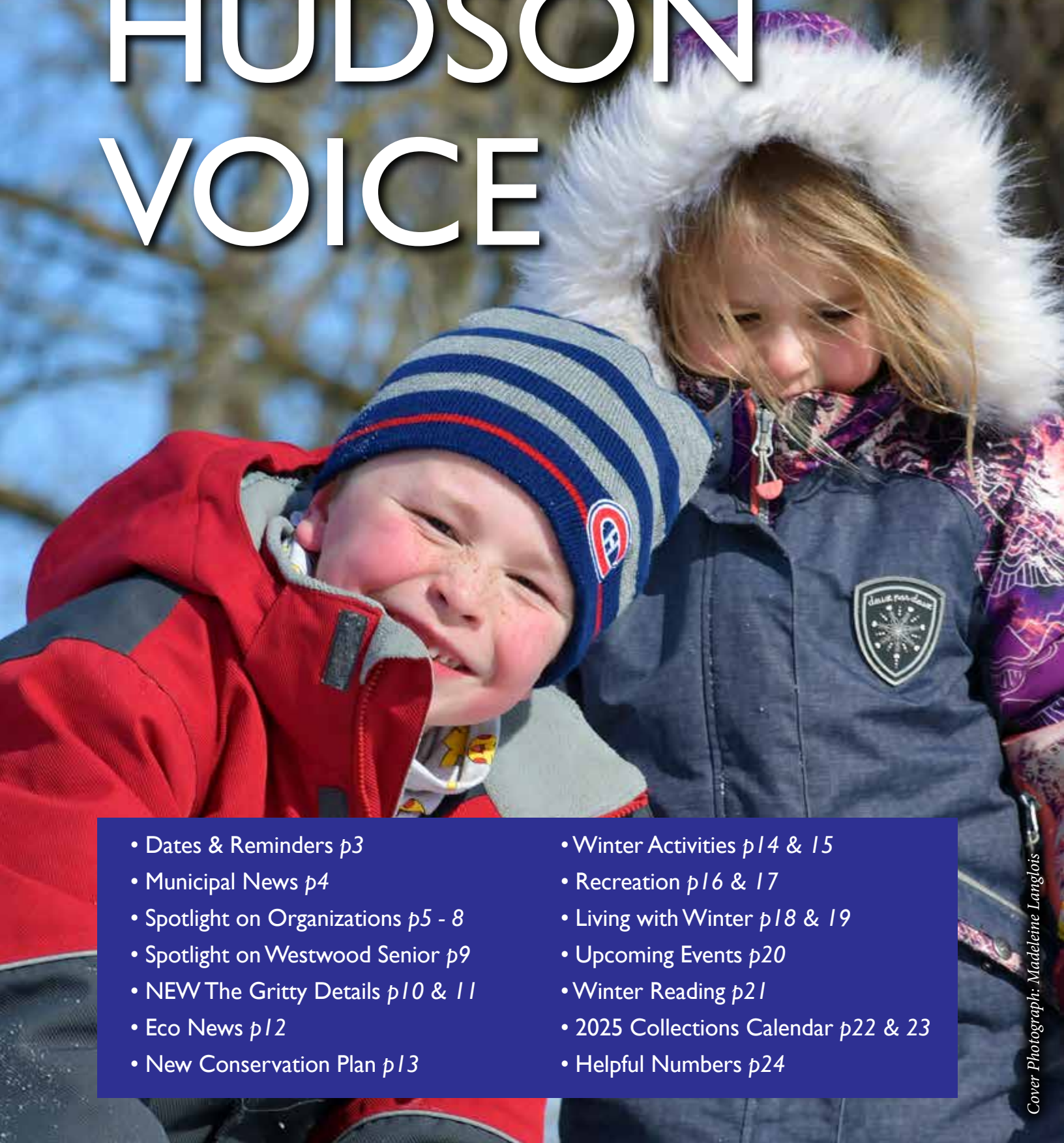




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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS are held at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre, 394 Main Road. When the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting is usually held on the Tuesday.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES:
 Wednesday, January 8th
 Monday, February 3rd
 Monday, March 10th
 Monday, April 7th

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR is held the Saturday after the Council meeting, from 10 am - noon at Halcro Cottage, 539 Main Road.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR DATES
 Saturday, January 11th
 Saturday, February 8th
 Saturday, March 15th
 Saturday, April 12th

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:
EMERGENCY..... 911
 Info Santé 811
 Suicide Crisis line 988
 Health and social services information 211
 Community Patrol 514-219-5383
 Town Hall..... 450-458-5347
 Poison Control 1-800-453-5060
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DATES & REMINDERS



NOTABLE DATES:

JANUARY

- 03: Town offices reopen
- 06: Special cardboard collection
- 06: Registration period for fitness begins
- 08: Monthly Town Council meeting
- 11: Coffee with the Mayor
- 13: Christmas tree collection (no registration required)
- 24: Registration opens for Spring break activities

FEBRUARY

- 03: Monthly Town Council meeting
- 08: Coffee with the Mayor
- 08: ShiverFest

MARCH

- 03: Spring break activities at the Community Centre (March 3-7)
- 10: Monthly Town Council meeting
- 15: Coffee with the Mayor
- 15: St Patrick's Parade

APRIL

- 07: Monthly Town Council meeting
- 12: Coffee with the Mayor
- 18: Bulky item pick up, register by 4 pm, Tuesday April 15th
- 18: Town offices closed
- 19: Easter party and egg hunt
- 20: Town offices closed
- 26: Earth Day celebration

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer for our events!

Volunteering offers an exceptional opportunity to make a positive contribution to the community, acquire new skills, meet new people, plus, it's really fun!

Interested? Contact us at tech_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca or 450-458-5347 ext. 3702.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8: ShiverFest

April 19: Easter party and egg hunt

March 15: Saint Patrick's Parade

WORK IN HUDSON THIS SUMMER!

Are you looking for a summer job? The Town of Hudson has the following open positions:

- Lifeguard (senior, intermediate, junior)
- Swim monitor
- Aquatic supervisor
- Aquatic coordinator
- General labourer

Send your cv today to: emplois@ville.hudson.qc.ca

More info at hudson.quebec/en/employment

Work close to home, earn a competitive salary in an environment where respect and fairness are the primary values.

WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

4 ways to stay up to date:

1. Town of Hudson website: www.hudson.quebec/en
2. Hudson This Week email newsletter
3. Town of Hudson Facebook page: @Town of Hudson - Ville d'Hudson
4. The Automated Calling System; receive emergency messages such as flooding, boil water advisories, and other pertinent information.

Do you have a QUESTION, a CONCERN, or a SERVICE REQUEST?

3 ways to get in touch with us:

1. Register a service request from the Town of Hudson website: www.hudson.quebec/en
2. Email us at info@ville.hudson.qc.ca
3. Call us at 450-458-5347.



NEW 2025-2027 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

Have you recently checked your new property assessment roll for the years 2025 to 2027 online? Did you notice that your property's value has significantly increased?

Indeed, the property value of single-family dwellings in Hudson has increased an average of 41%, and condos have increased by an average of 35%. This means your property has gained value. You're wealthier today than yesterday, which provides greater financial flexibility with your assets. Your net worth has grown!

The big question: If my property value has increased by 40%, will my tax bill increase by 40%? *The answer is, no!*

When property values see such a significant market increase, elected officials can decide to lower tax rates to reduce the financial impact on property owners. However, this doesn't mean there won't be any impact on your tax bill.

Find out more about the 2025 budget at www.hudson.quebec/en

How is your property value calculated?

Appraisers from LPB, hired by the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC, base their assessments on various factors, including real estate transactions during a specific period, what buyers are willing to pay for properties, and renovations made to the building.

Accessing the public roll

If you haven't done so already, you can consult your new assessment roll for free by entering your address in the online form available in the "Property Assessment" section of the Town's website.

Request for review

If you disagree with the valuation of your property in relation to the real estate market in your area and wish to contest or request a review, you can do so within the required deadlines. Visit the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC website for more details.

SNOW CLEARING

Love it or hate it, winter means... snowstorms! And with every snowstorm, the Town's responsibility is to clear the streets, sidewalks and public parking lots.

Operations are divided into 3 phases:

- Phase 1: Clearing,
- Phase 2: De-icing,
- Phase 3: Street widening.

Order of priority for each phase:

Priority 1: Primary network: Main Road, Montée Lavigne, Côte Saint-Charles, Cameron, and Bellevue Streets.

Priority 2: Secondary network:
All remaining streets

Clearing the primary network begins as soon as the first flakes appear. Snow removal operations will usually take 6 hours, depending on the amount of precipitation.

A final security pass is done after 11 pm. Please respect all parking restrictions and, on collection days, make sure your bins are placed in **your driveway entrance a minimum of 1 metre from the street** to avoid creating obstacles for the snow plows.



SPOTLIGHT

A DECADE OF ACTION - A COLLECTIVE EFFORT!

*Special contributor: Robyn Rees,
President, Hudson Food Collective*

Fall 2024 marks the Hudson Food Collective’s 10th year of fulfilling their mission to build knowledge, skills, and relationships around food that is ecological, healthful, and just. Their work is based on the conviction that good food is at the center of communities that are happy, healthy and ecological.

Over the last decade the collective has organized over 70 workshops and talks on a wide range of topics from wild foraging and fermenting to seedling growing and planting perennials; presented 11 films to raise awareness about critical issues such as seed biodiversity and small-scale farming; and gathered people together for 17 community meals, highlighting local, organic, and fair-trade foods. Through their work, they have empowered people to grow their own food, and have raised awareness about food being central to connecting us all with ourselves, with each other, and with the Earth.

Their biggest project is the Hudson Heartbeet Community Farm, a small-scale, diversified, organic vegetable farm, engaging hundreds of people annually since its first season in 2017. It serves as an integral part of their mission to teach and learn about agriculture and growing vegetables, to encourage buying local organic produce, and to build community resilience. Many dedicated people have taken part in growing over 25 tons of organic produce over eight seasons, practicing skills, connecting with the land, meeting new people, and supplying produce to customers, volunteers, and the Pont Bridging food bank. The farm itself has become a gathering place and community space – where networks, friendships and even love have bloomed!

FROM HFC: So many people in this community have been part of our evolution and contributed in many ways. We are very grateful to the Town of Hudson and the whole Hudson Community for the support over the years. We could not have accomplished anything without our interns, donors, customers, funders (both private and governmental), and of course, the over 400 volunteers who have dedicated tens of thousands of hours and an incredible amount of time and energy to our mission. We would like to thank these folks and everyone in our community who wants to continue encouraging local food production and building resilience.

Look out for the HFC’s upcoming events in 2025 on the Town of Hudson calendar and on their website: www.hudsonfoodcollective.com

If you would like to get involved, please write to: hfc@hudsonfoodcollective.com



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CITIZEN COMMITTEES

It is no secret that Hudson is built on volunteerism, with countless residents dedicating their time and expertise to enrich our community. The Town also benefits from volunteer-based committees whose contributions help shape decisions that reflect our collective needs and aspirations. Here are three of these committees:

TOWN PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TPAC)

TPAC is responsible for evaluating projects that fall under certain by-laws, including

- **Site Planning and Architectural Integration (SPAIP):** Ensuring projects meet specific objectives and criteria based on their location and type.
- **Minor Exemptions:** Assessing requests to deviate from certain by-law provisions.

The committee reviews each project and makes recommendations to the Council, which has the final say. TPAC may also provide advice on urban planning, zoning, subdivision, and construction when requested by the council.

Two elected municipal officials and seven residents are appointed by Council for two-year terms. These volunteers are community members with diverse backgrounds who are passionate about our town.

This year, TPAC reviewed 51 files, including new home constructions, accessory buildings, major renovations and minor exemption requests.

By working together, TPAC and the municipal council ensure that development in Hudson is thoughtful, meets community needs, and aligns with the planning objectives in the Town's master plan.



From left to right: *Youri Rodrigue, Elizabeth Corker, Peter Mate (District 3 councillor and committee chair), Victoria Henderson, Reid Thompson (District 4 councillor), Julien Gagnier*
 Absent : *Arthur Boidin, David Murray, Matthew Stenberg*
 Behind the camera: *Mélissa Francis, Urban Planning division head*

SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Seniors committee acts as a liaison for all seniors in the Town by soliciting input from seniors, providing recommendations to the Town Administration based on this input, and organizing events in the community to educate, inform, and improve the quality of life for seniors.

One elected representative, five residents, and one external resource sit on the committee, all of whom are appointed by Council for a two-year term. All committee members have a passion for improving the lives of Hudson seniors.

2024 achievements include a five-part speakers' series, a document shredding event, an inventory of accessible commercial and public buildings, the first Seniors Fair, the publication of an "Important Numbers" booklet, building bridges with seniors' organizations outside of Hudson and participation in Hudson Day. Plans for 2025 will be unveiled shortly!

Follow our progress by subscribing to the newsletter at www.hudson.quebec/en.

From left to right: *Donna Seaman, Monique Bélec, Colette Gareau, Benoît Blais (District 2 councillor), Carole Taylor, Gene Favret. Missing: Barbara Robinson*
 Behind the camera: *Laura McCaffrey, committee chair.*



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CITIZEN COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Environment Committee reviews and makes recommendations to Council on matters related to the environment.

The committee consists of two elected municipal officials and twelve residents appointed by Council for two-year terms. These volunteers are community members who are passionate and knowledgeable about environmental issues.

We are proud of the environmental progress that has been made by the committee this year. Here are just some of the accomplishments:

- Received the official certificate from Nature Canada certifying the Town of Hudson as a Bird-Friendly City.
- Published the very first Hudson ECO educational fact sheet about the Bird-Friendly City certification. More sheets will follow in 2025!
- Distributed to residents: 175 potted trees, 75 tree seedlings and 100 milkweed seed packets.
- Offered a free conference by expert Dr. Kevin Solarik on the importance of trees in the context of climate change.
- Participated in World Migratory Bird Day, Earth Day, Hudson Day and National Forest Week.



Front row: Julie Gedeon, Ariane Jonassen, Loretta Baerg, Sofia Fuga, James McIntosh, David Kalant, Wendy Dollinger

Back row: Kevin Solarik, Kirsten Bowser, Mark Gray (District 5 councillor and committee chair), Étienne Lavoie, Benoit Blais (District 2 councillor) Missing: Stephen Desjardins, Jeff Cardille, Jo-Annie Gagnon, Daren Legault (District 6 councillor).

FIRST JOBS IN HUDSON BUILD LIFELONG CONNECTIONS

By *Briana Doyle*

Part three in a series of articles spotlighting the stories and contributions of people in our local business community.

A teen's first job is an important milestone in their life. Not only do they begin to develop financial independence, but they also gain confidence as they build new skills and earn respect. In Hudson, many youths get their start in the workforce only steps away from where they live or go to school. This isn't just convenient. It also strengthens their ties to our community.

Whether they are stocking shelves at Hudson Hardware, boxing up doughnuts at Furley, grilling paninis at Que de Bonnes Choses, picking apples at le Verger Hudson, or bagging groceries at IGA, first jobs teach responsibility and accountability. The consequences of a job well done — or a job not done — are clear and real. It feels good to do good work, and have that recognized by others.

For the 600 or so students who attend Westwood High School, getting a job in Hudson makes it easier to balance the demands of work and school. It also reduces the burden on parents to drive them to and from work if it's possible to walk to the job site after school. Most, however, get their start with a summer job.

A key driver of youth employment across Canada is the Canada Summer Jobs program, which offers a wage subsidy to employers from not-for-profit and public sector organizations, as well as small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees. The program incentivizes employers to create summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30. The program favours employers who offer high quality work experiences by offering mentorship, skills development, better wages, and commitments to retain youth as employees after the subsidy ends. Applications open in late November and close mid-December.

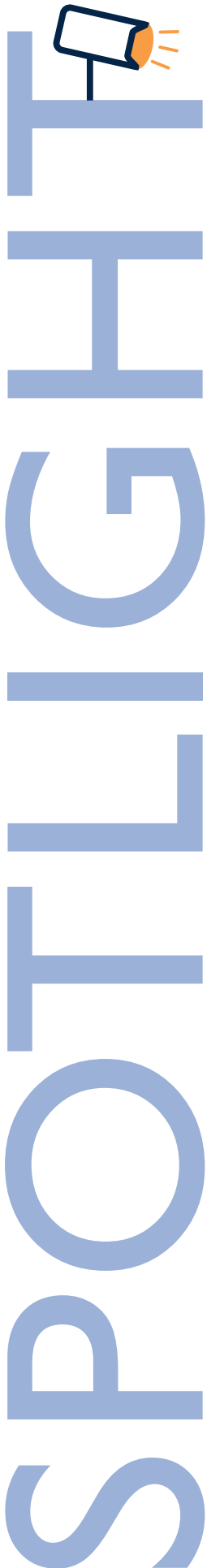
For small businesses in Hudson, the Canada Summer Jobs Program allows them to take a chance on hiring teens with little or no prior work experience and gives youth an opportunity to prove their mettle. Those who rise to the challenge will get a great reference to help them win their next job at the very least — and may even get an offer to stay on through the winter or to return as a regular seasonal employee next year.

First jobs are more than just a paycheck—they're a chance for Hudson's youth to grow, learn, and contribute to their community. By fostering these connections, Hudson strengthens its sense of community, ensuring that young people feel supported while building their futures.

To read Briana's first and second articles, go to www.hudson.quebec/en

If you know of a local business owner who deserves some recognition for all they do to make "Hudson" Hudson, please reach out to me at briana@cardinalhudson.com. You might just see them included in an upcoming article.

Briana Doyle is a local entrepreneur, singer-songwriter, and musician who is also the current president of the Hudson Hospitality Association.



WHAT'S NEW AT WESTWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Special contributor

Catherine Hogan, Student Leadership Advisor, Westwood Senior High School

The students of Westwood Senior high school have been busy all fall with many activities both in and out of our community.

In October, 4 students, Abigail Arlen, Max Di Battista, Sierra Goodridge and Sienna Nunes-Mancini attended the National Student Leadership Conference held in beautiful Haliburton, Ontario at Camp White Pine. Students from all across the country participated in the yearly conference, listening to inspiring keynote speakers, attending hands-on workshops and networking and connecting with other students from across Canada. One of the most memorable parts for the students was trading pins (a long-time tradition of the conference) with the other delegates. Westwood students were thrilled to bring Town of Hudson pins, kindly donated to them from the town to exchange with other students.



(From left to right:
Max Di Battista, Abby Arlen, Sierra Goodridge,
Sienna Nunes-Mancini, Catherine Hogan - Advisor)

Leadership students are currently hard at work preparing for holiday activities including a Winter Wonderland Ball, dress up spirit days, photos with Santa and other holiday themed activities, as well as to participate for the first time in the Town of Hudson Santa Claus parade! Students are excited to be creating a Grinch themed parade entry this year complete with Santa, the grinch, his dog, Max and all the Whos and elves!



Finally, Westwood will be holding its annual food drive through the month of December and students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable goods and money to buy perishable items to help stock the local food banks before the holidays. Anyone interested in making donations of food or money can bring them by Westwood Senior during all weekdays from 8:00 am until 4:00pm.

Wishing all readers a Happy Holidays from Westwood Senior High School.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

The Urban Planning Department receives hundreds of inquiries from current, new, and potential residents each year. Of the 880 requests processed, the vast majority (80%) were inquiries about zoning issues.



FIRE SERVICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

With 2 full-time and 28 part-time employees, the Fire Service and Public Safety Departments are always on the go. This year 6 new part-time firefighters and a new part-time preventionist were welcomed into the “family”.

In addition to responding to 634 calls, including 334 fire calls and 290 medical calls, our Fire Service and Public Safety teams have been busy again this year with:

- 443 house visits for the annual residential smoke detector awareness campaign.
- 44 commercial inspections.
- 2 elementary and 1 high school evacuation practices.
- Daycare visits and evacuation practices for both daycares throughout the year.
- The Great Escape campaign; the HFD vehicles are deployed across the entire town to encourage residents to practice their evacuation plan. This year, 147 homes participated, representing 221 adults and 135 children.
- Firefighting crew on scene for truck tour and firefighting events for end of school year events at both elementary schools.
- Medical team on standby for both Terry Fox runs.
- On scene safety for the St Patrick, Remembrance Day and Santa parades.
- Open house on Hudson Day.
- Halloween patrols on the streets and pumpkin display at the station.
- In station visits for Scouts and other groups throughout the year.



Change in collection day

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

 **Monday**



CHANGE IN RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

Beginning January 6, 2025, blue bins will be collected on *Mondays* throughout the Town of Hudson. See the 2025 collection calendar on pages 22 and 23.

Improving the curbside recycling system in Québec

The Québec government wants to improve recycling yields in Québec and make producers of waste materials more responsible. To achieve this, the deposit system will be expanded, and blue bin collection will be modernized.

Expanded deposit system

From now on, a greater number of beverage containers will be returnable. Appointed by RECYC-QUÉBEC, the Association québécoise de récupération des contenants de boissons (AQRCB) will ensure the recovery, reuse, recycling and reclamation of returnable beverage containers in Québec.

To accommodate all these new containers, modern, automated return points will be set up in 2025 in strategic locations. It will still be possible to return containers to certain grocery stores.

Modernized blue bin collection

The curbside recycling system of containers, packaging and printed matter will be standardized throughout Québec including the materials accepted in the blue bin. Appointed by RECYC-QUÉBEC, Éco Entreprises Québec will be responsible for overseeing all stages of the recycling process, including collection, transportation, sorting, recycling and the development of outlets. One measure adopted by the government to reduce bin contamination is inspection. Teams deployed by the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC will carry out spontaneous inspections of bins on the territory. Their goal will be to educate the public.

Knowing what goes in the bin will be easier

Beginning January 2025, all containers, packaging, and printed materials will now go into the bin. These are also the only types of material that are accepted—nothing else. To better understand what these three terms refer to: a container typically comes with a lid or cap, packaging is used to transport a product easily, and printed materials are made of paper or fibers featuring text, patterns, or images.




These new guidelines introduce three exceptions that should not be placed in the recycling bin: aerosol containers, polystyrene protective materials (commonly used for packaging electronic products), and so-called ‘degradable’ plastic containers and packaging.

ENVIRONMENT

OUR NEW CONSERVATION PLAN

In late 2024, we began a public consultation process to update the Town's conservation plan. This process included an on-line survey, which had over 600 respondents, and a public consultation workshop, which had over 50 participants. Thank you to all who participated! The updated conservation plan will be tabled in 2025.

Hudson is not alone in its pursuit of environmental conservation:

	<p>According to the United Nations, the planet is experiencing a dangerous decline in nature due to human activity. The historic COP15 agreement aims to halt the loss of biodiversity by protecting 30% of ecosystems by 2030.</p>
	<p>According to the Government of Canada, nature is at the heart of the Canadian identity. The 2030 Nature Strategy, targets the conservation of 30% of terrestrial, inland water, marine and coastal areas of great importance for biodiversity.</p>
	<p>According to the Québec government, the Plan Nature 2030 reiterates its commitment to achieving the global conservation target of 30% of its territory by 2030. In addition, the Plan pour une économie verte 2030 states that conserving natural environments helps to combat and adapt to climate change.</p>





Celebrate the joy of movement!

Hudson Winter Activities Registration at Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre, 394 Main Road, Hudson.

- Monday, January 6th to Friday, January 10th
- Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Payment by cheque, cash, or debit only
- Minimum registration required for all programs.

The dates and times of all courses and other activities are subject to change or cancellation.

REFUND POLICY

- After the first 2 weeks of programs, refunds will be issued only upon presentation of a medical certificate.
- Refunded amounts will be calculated from the day of cancellation.
- A \$25 administration fee will be deducted from the refunded amount.
- A \$35 fee is charged for returned or cancelled cheques.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNINGS	20/20/20 10:15 – 11:15am (with Marla)	8:00 am – 9:00 am PILATES (with Marla) In the youth centre		*REGENERATIVE YOGA 10:30am – 11:30am (with Maureen)	*REGENERATIVE YOGA 9:00am – 10:00am (with Maureen)
		*REGENERATIVE YOGA 10:30am – 11:30am (with Maureen)		CHAIR YOGA 12:00pm – 1:00pm (with Maureen)	20/20/20 10:15 – 11:15am (with Marla)
AFTERNOONS				LINE DANCING 3:30pm – 5:00pm (with Marc)	
	*CHAIR YOGA 3:00pm – 4:00pm (with Maureen)	*REGENERATIVE YOGA 5:00pm – 6:00pm (with Maureen)		KARATE 5:00pm – 6:30pm (with Luigi)	

*Participants must provide their own yoga mats

HUDSON WINTER ACTIVITIES

WINTER CONDITIONING

13 WEEKS: JANUARY 13 – APRIL 14

No classes during Spring Break, March 3rd to March 7th

Drop-in fee: Resident \$15, Non-resident \$20

20/20/20 TRAINING WITH MARLA

Three workouts in one! This class combines 20 minutes of cardio and 20 minutes of strength training, followed by 20 minutes of core/balance and stretching.

PILATES WITH MARLA

Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that aims to strengthen core muscles while improving postural alignment, flexibility and balance. All levels welcome.

Exercises will be modified according to ability.

NUMBER OF CLASSES	RESIDENTS	RESIDENTS (60+)	NON-RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS (60+)
13 Classes	\$135	\$105	\$185	\$145
26 Classes	\$195	\$145	\$265	\$195
Unlimited	\$235	\$180	\$315	\$245

YOGA PROGRAM

REGENERATIVE YOGA WITH MAUREEN

Come and experience a yoga class designed to restore and rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul in a gentle modified supportive setting.

CHAIR YOGA WITH MAUREEN

This regenerative chair yoga class works all the joints and muscles, building strength and expanding range of motion from a seated or standing position. This class is designed for people who cannot get down on the floor.

13 WEEKS: JANUARY 13 – APRIL 14

No classes during Spring Break, March 3rd to March 7th

Participants must provide their own yoga mats

Drop-in fee: Resident \$15, Non-resident \$20

NUMBER OF CLASSES	RESIDENTS	RESIDENTS (60+)	NON-RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS (60+)
13 Classes	\$135	\$105	\$185	\$135
26 Classes	\$195	\$145	\$265	\$195
Unlimited	\$235	\$180	\$315	\$245

LINE DANCING WITH MARC MITCHELL

9 WEEKS: JANUARY 16 – MARCH 20

No Class on Thursday, March 6th

Come and enjoy a wide range of great music to well-explained dances. Line dancing for all. No partner needed.

Thursday 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

RESIDENTS: \$90.00	60+: \$65	NON-RESIDENTS: \$115.00
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KARATE FOR ALL AGES WITH SHIHAN LUIGI DI FILIPPO

12 WEEKS: JANUARY 16 – APRIL 3

Thursday 5 pm to 6:30 pm

- Uniforms, belts, and equipment purchases are the student's responsibility. Shihan Luigi Di Filippo, a 6th degree black belt (Rokudan), has been studying and teaching martial arts for over 35 years.
- He is known for his energy and technical skills.
- Classes emphasize traditional Okinawan martial arts principles of etiquette, discipline, confidence, and fitness.
- The goal is to develop students that are well-rounded and positive individuals.

	RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS
Ages: 7-12	\$180	\$245
Ages: 13-17	\$200	\$270
Adults	\$220	\$295

NON T A R E R E C R E

CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Do you have some ideas for recreational or cultural activities in town? We'd love to hear them! You can drop your suggestions in the new suggestion box at the Community Centre reception desk or send them to us at tech_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca. Let us know what you think!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8, 2025 - ShiverFest, March 15, 2025 - St. Patrick's Day, April 19, 2025 – Easter egg hunt

FREE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP AT THE SAINT-LAZARE LIBRARY

Thanks to an agreement between Hudson and Saint-Lazare, Hudson residents benefit from a free membership at the Saint-Lazare library. Residents must present two proofs of residence:

- A driver's license or passport, AND
- The municipal tax bill or a utility bill issued within the last three months, providing the person's name and address.
- Parents must also provide a birth certificate for each child.

COMMUNITY DANCE NIGHTS

Traditional dances, square sets, contradances. All dances are explained and called by Mr. Pierre Paul Savaria, accompanied by a fiddle player and pianist. Come and dance in a friendly and fun atmosphere. Open to all!

Tickets: \$10 - free for children under 12.

On sale at the Community Centre beginning January 6, 2025.

Saturday, January 18 - 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Saturday, February 8 - 8:00 am to 11:00 am (FREE!)

Saturday, February 22 - 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 15 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 20 - 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

SPRING BREAK CAMP - for children aged 5 to 12

Monday, March 3 to Friday, March 7, 2025

Spring Break activities are back at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Center!

We are proud to announce a new partnership, with activities organized by Hudson Forest Play. (<https://www.hudsonforestplay.org/>)

Registration opens on January 24, 2025

FEES: BEFORE January 31, 2025

Resident: \$21.25 per child per day or \$85 per child per week

Non-resident: \$35 per child per day or \$150 per child per week

FEES: AFTER January 31, 2025

Resident: \$30 per child per day or \$127.50 per child per week

Non-resident: \$50 per child per day or \$200 per child per week

Childcare available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional fee of \$40 per child per week.

HUDSON PARENT-BABY CLUB

10 WEEKS: January 14th to March 25th

No class Tuesday, March 4th

Tuesday: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Cost: \$100 (residents only)

Join our weekly group baby class with local doula, Alix Myers. Each session is designed to provide parents and caregivers with knowledge and community support. Our sessions will cover essential topics such as breastfeeding, postpartum wellness, sleep strategies and developmental milestones.

NON RECREATION RECREATION



HUDSON YOUTH CENTRE

NEW: Now 2 Fridays a month!

Chat with friends, enjoy video games, ping-pong, board games, foosball and more, and give your ideas and suggestions to the staff on the type of activities you'd like.

PRE-TEEN HOURS: 4 pm – 7 pm (9-12 years)

TEEN HOURS: 7 pm – 10 pm (12 years +)

Friday January 10

Friday February 7

Friday March 7

Friday April 11

Friday January 24

Friday February 28

Friday March 21

Friday April 25

SENIORS PROGRAMS

SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE LE SPOT 55+

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Centre

No activities during the week of March 3 - March 7

Open to all! Join us for a variety of activities, card games, bingo, crafts, film screenings, workshops, guest speakers and much more. Check out our activity schedule on our Facebook page or at the community center.

Email: lespot55plus@gmail.com

THOMAS MORE INSTITUTE – Seniors Outreach Program

10 WEEKS: JANUARY 21 – MARCH 25

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Centre.

No class on Tuesday, March 4



Winter Program: A World of Stories: Tales from the Seven Continents

Humans are natural storytellers. Even before the written word, oral traditions existed. These early stories allowed knowledge to be passed on to future generations. The written word continues to provide a window into other times and cultures.

What can we learn from the tales we read? And what makes some of them endure the test of time? Can stories give us a glimpse into the minds of those who came before? What can such tales teach us about the past and the present?

In this course we will read from early tales to modern day stories with much in between.

Register online on the Thomas More website: www.thomasmore.qc.ca

For more information, please contact the Seniors Program Coordinator Jennifer MacGregor directly at jmacgregor@thomasmore.qc.ca or (514) 935-9585.

SUBSIDIES AND FREE ACTIVITIES

For Children & Youth Up to 17 Years of Age

The Town of Hudson reimburses 20% of course registration fees for youth 17 years of age and under, who live permanently in Hudson & who sign up for activities or courses not offered by the Town of Hudson or one of its mandataries, up to maximum amount of \$100 per year, per child.

The annual subsidy period is January 1st to December 31st.

Reimbursement does not cover sports or academic programs, or specialized day camps.

This program is open to Hudson residents only.

For more information, go to www.hudson.quebec/en and click on the ACTIVE YOUTH quick link on the home page.

ACCÈS-LOISIRS PROGRAM

The Vaudreuil-Soulanges "Accès-Loisirs" program aims to provide free spots for sports, cultural, and outdoor activities to low-income families.

How to Access the Services

There are three registration periods each year: September, January, and March. January registration period runs from January 11 to 14 from 9 am to 4 pm.

To Register

(You must present proof of income (either in person or by email) confidentially.)

Go to: <https://www.maisondefamillevs.ca/services/acces-loisirs-vs/> to receive all necessary information by email.



LIVING WITH WINTER

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Don't get caught out in the cold this winter! Here are some timely tips to keep you safe and warm.

Subscribe to the Town's automated calling system to receive notifications in the event of an emergency, opening of a temporary shelter or any other public safety event. To register, go to www.hudson.quebec/en and click on the CALL button, or, call us at 450-458-5347, extension 1124.

ICE SAFETY

Temperatures are dipping and water is freezing...the lake sure looks tempting. But don't be fooled – that thin layer of ice could be deadly. It is difficult to determine the strength or thickness of ice simply by its appearance. Temperature changes can also alter the ice from day to day. Remember, when in doubt, don't go out!

Safety tips

If you decide to go out on the ice, keep the following safety tips in mind.

1. Consider the conditions

Carefully monitor the weather conditions. Snow can hide patches of melted ice. It can also disorient you and leave you without landmarks.

2. Planning is key

Do not walk alone on the ice. Leave your itinerary with a friend.

Do not drink alcohol while on the ice. Alcohol reduces your ability to stay warm in cold weather.

3. Be prepared

Carry a personal safety kit with a lighter, box of waterproof matches, magnesium fire starter, pocket knife, whistle, and cell phone in a waterproof pouch.

Carry a fully charged GPS, compass and map when needed, and know how to use them.

Loosen buckles, and fasteners and undo belts of any gear so you can easily remove them if you fall in the water.



Preparing your vehicle for winter

In severe weather, it's key that your vehicle be in good working order. Keep your vehicle in top working condition by following the manufacturer-defined maintenance schedule. You can find more information in the owner's manual for your vehicle.

In addition to regular maintenance, you can bring your vehicle to a licensed facility for a winter inspection. Newer vehicles have systems that require a repair facility to check that they're working properly.

A check-up by a trained technician will help make sure no important items are missed. Be sure to have your battery, lights, brakes, exhaust system, heating and cooling system, windshield wipers and tires inspected.

Find more information on the Transport Canada website.



LIVING WITH WINTER

Preparing your home for winter

Take steps to winterize your home including:

- Insulating walls and attics
- Caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows
- Installing outdoor storm windows or covering windows with plastic indoors
- Have shovels, salt, and snow removal supplies in an easily accessed place
- Check your house including your roof for damage
- Consider having an alternate power source (e.g., outdoor generator) in case you lose power for an extended period of time
- Consider having a backup heat source (e.g., fireplace, wood stove, or space heater) so that you can stay warm
- Always have a 72-hour emergency kit ready. The kit should contain all the essential items to meet your needs and those of your family during this period and its location should be known to every family member. Learn more about emergency kits at: <https://hudson.quebec/en/emergency-preparedness/>



After a winter storm

- Salt walkways and remove snow to reduce risk of injury from slipping on ice
- Watch out for flooding caused by melting snow
- Be aware of the risks in the event of an extended power outages
- Be aware of the risks in the event of extreme cold weather
- Check pipes, since these may be frozen, as water expands when it freezes and can cause pipes to burst. Leaks may occur behind walls which can be difficult to notice
- Check on neighbours and any elderly community members and offer assistance where you can.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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Such a lot going on in Hudson... even in Winter!

More details on the Town of Hudson EVENTS calendar at www.hudson.quebec/en

JANUARY:

- 20 Dec – 05 Jan:** Cinderella the Panto, matinées and evenings, Hudson Village Theatre
- 17:** Freddy James Project, 8 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 18:** Taylor Swift Tribute Band “Long Live”, 2 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 20:** Mondays at the Movies presents “We Live in Time”, 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 23:** Chess / Board Games Night, 5 pm – 6:45 pm, War Memorial Library
- 29 – Feb 9:** The 3 of Us, matinées and evenings, Hudson Village Theatre

FEBRUARY:

- 10:** Hudson Food Collective film screening and community discussion, 7 pm, Community Centre
- 15:** Let’s talk about seeds! 10 am – 11:30 am, Community Centre
- 16:** Storytime – Valentine’s Day, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, War Memorial Library
- 17:** Mondays at the Movies 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 20:** Chess / Board Games Night for ages 10+, 5 pm – 6:45 pm, War Memorial Library

MARCH:

- 01:** Mosaic a terracotta planter, with Monica Brinkman, 10 am – 3 pm, Community Centre
- 06 – 16:** Encore Musical Theatre presents “9 to 5”, Hudson Village Theatre
- 17:** Mondays at the Movies, 2 pm and 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 20:** Chess / Board Games Night for ages 10+, 5 pm – 6:45 pm, War Memorial Library
- 30:** Seedling planting and maintenance, 10 am – 11:30 am, Community Centre

APRIL:

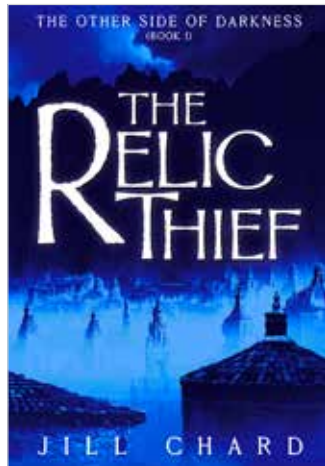
- 04 – 13:** Hudson Players Club presents “The Game’s Afoot”, Hudson Village Theatre
- 06:** Storytime – Springtime, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm, War Memorial Library
- 07:** Hudson Community Choir Spring Concert, 7 pm, St Thomas Church
- 21 – 27:** 2025 Hudson Film Festival, Hudson Village Theatre & Hudson Creative Hub
- 24:** Chess / Board Games Night for ages 10+, 5 pm – 6:45 pm, War Memorial Library
- 25 – 27:** Artists Hudson Artists Spring exhibition, Community Centre
- 27:** Seedling planting and maintenance, 10 am – 11:30 am, Community Centre
- 29:** Hudson Food Collective AGM, 7 pm – 8:30 pm, Community Centre



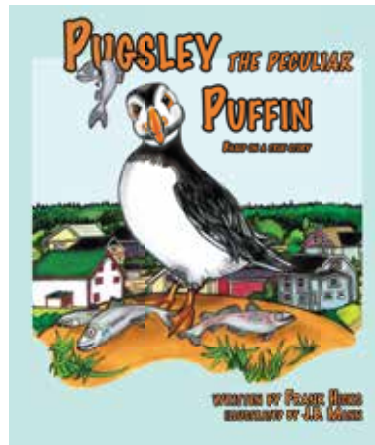
WINTER READING

FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

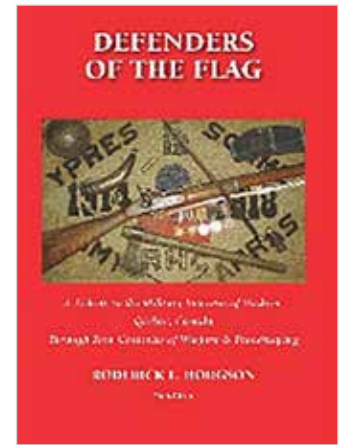
Ah, winter—the perfect season to cozy up with a great book. But did you know that Hudson is home to a vibrant community of talented authors? Our town has inspired and nurtured writers whose works span a variety of genres, from fantasy to children’s books, to thrillers, non-fiction and plays. *Here’s a glimpse into the literary treasures created by just a few of them:*



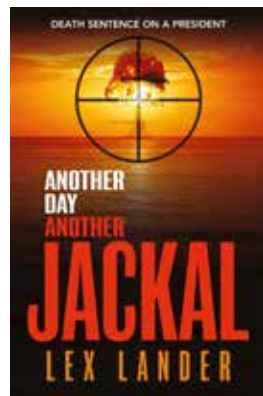
The Relic Thief by Jill Chard
This is a provocative, thrilling fast-paced fantasy following Nila, a thief impervious to magic. While great for stealing, her gift also attracts those who want to bring back a magic that almost destroyed the world. Full of heists and adventures, intrigue and action, *The Relic Thief* will keep you turning pages. Available at Amazon.ca.



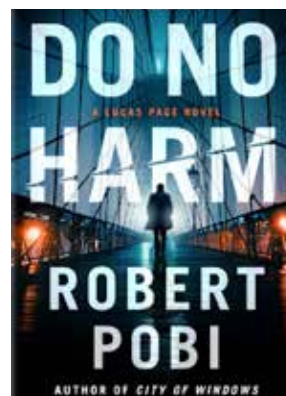
Pugsley the Peculiar Puffin by Frank Hicks. Celebrating nature, diversity, and compassion. Inspired by a 2011 news story, it follows a lost puffin found in downtown Montreal. Named Pugsley, he was taken to the Nichoir Wild Bird Conservation Center in Hudson before flying Air Canada to Newfoundland. There, the coast guard returned him to a puffin colony. Available at Amazon.ca.



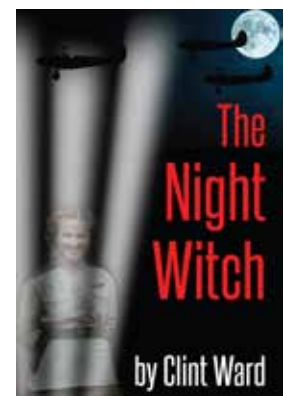
Defenders of the Flag, the Military History of Hudson through Four Centuries of Warfare and Peacekeeping by Roderick L. Hodgson
Defenders of the flag is a tribute to the military veterans of Hudson. Spanning 267 years, from 1740 to 2007, it contains photos, drawings and sketches liberally distributed throughout. Available from the author.



Another Day Another Jackal, by Lex Lander. In 1996, deaf to protests from around the world, Jacques Chirac president of France, authorized a series of nuclear tests at the Mururoa Atoll, in the Pacific Ocean. GreenWar, militant spin-off of GreenPeace, sentences Chirac to death. The chosen tool is a contract killer named Dennis Lux, who for a huge fee undertakes to assassinate the French president. He’s confident of success, but will he get away with it? Available at Amazon.ca



Do No Harm, by Robert Pobi. Lucas Page, a polymath and ex-FBI agent, reluctantly investigates after his wife Erin’s friend dies by apparent suicide. Seeing a pattern in recent deaths of doctors Erin knew, Page uncovers a clever serial killer targeting them. When Erin becomes the next victim, Page acts alone to stop the killer and protect his wife, despite his strained ties with the FBI. Available at Amazon.ca.



The Night Witch by Clint Ward. This play tells the gripping story of Russian women pilots who, unlike most wartime nations’ female aviators, were allowed to engage in combat. In 1942, three regiments, including the famed “Night Witches,” bravely defended their country, marking a unique chapter of courage in wartime. Available at Amazon.ca.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ▶ Put your bins out before 7 a.m. the day of the collection.
- ▶ Place your bin in your driveway entrance, 1 metre from the street or sidewalk, to ensure that it does not impede snow clearing operations.

Collection of recyclable materials (blue bin) - MONDAYS

Is it a container, packaging, or printed material?

Yes? Toss it in the bin!

Food waste collection (brown bin) - Wednesdays

DO NOT include compostable plastic products in the brown bin. These materials do not compost at the same rate as food waste and contaminate the composted material.

For a list of accepted materials: <https://tricycle-mrcovs.ca/en/>

Garbage collection (green bin) - alternating Thursdays

Hudson has two collection areas: east and west. Garbage collection takes place in each collection area on alternating Thursdays.

Accepted materials: waste that cannot be recovered, recycled, re-used, or disposed of in another collection provided by the Town.

[check your collection area](#)



Combined green waste - 18 collections

Garden waste and leaves are collected on specific Wednesdays from spring to fall.

See the collections calendar for dates.

- ▶ Place leaves and garden waste in your brown bin, paper bags or reusable plastic, metal or cardboard containers with a maximum volume of 1m³.
- ▶ The maximum weight of each bag must not exceed 25 kg / 55 lbs.
- ▶ Bags must be closed and protected from the weather until collection day to ensure they do not tear when picked up. Damaged bags will not be collected.

Bulky items - 8 collections

Bulky items are collected on the third Friday of each month from April to November.

Registration is required by 4 pm the Tuesday prior to the collection.

▶ Register online or by email: info@ville.hudson.qc.ca.

▶ When registering, please provide:

Your address, telephone number and a description of the bulk item(s).

Accepted materials: wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, water heaters, washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, barbecues without propane tanks.

REGISTER ONLINE

Bulky items
Branch collection



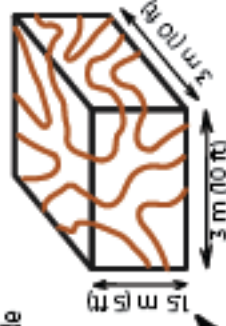
Branch collection - dates to be confirmed

Registration is required

Subscribe to the email newsletter for updates: www.hudson.quebec.ca/en

Register online or via email: info@ville.hudson.qc.ca.

- ▶ The contractor makes a single trip around the town.
 - ▶ Put your branches out no earlier than 7 days before the advertised start date and no later than 7 a.m. of the first day of the collection.
 - ▶ Place the branches perpendicular to the street, the wide end of the branches facing towards the street.
 - ▶ Branches are shredded on site and then composted.
 - ▶ The collection is carried out over a period of 3-4 weeks.
- Accepted: branches, hedge trimmings.
Not accepted: logs, stumps, roots, quantity exceeding the maximum dimension of 1.5 m x 3 m x 3 m.



Christmas tree collection - January 13th

The contractor makes a single trip around the town.

Trees are shredded on site and then composted.

- ▶ Place the tree at the end of your driveway, 5 feet (1.5 m) from the street.
- ▶ Before 7 a.m., Monday January 13th.

Accepted materials: unadorned natural trees.

Not accepted: trees with decorations or supports, synthetic trees, trees in ice, snow, or trees in a bag.

Special cardboard collection - January 6th and July 7th

Dismantle and stack your boxes together by:

- ▶ Inserting the boxes into a single box or,
- ▶ Use rope or transparent tape.
- ▶ Place the stack next to your blue bin.

The maximum size of the dismantled boxes cannot exceed 3 ft x 3 ft.

Damaged or uncollected bin?

Call 450-458-5347

or email info@ville.hudson.qc.ca

SUBSCRIBE

...AND KEEP INFORMED ABOUT ALL HUDSON COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICES... THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON!

PICK UP THE NEW HELPFUL NUMBERS BOOKLET

available at the Community Centre and at Town Hall



Clothing and furniture thrift shops

Boutique and Maison NOVA:	450-202-6682
CAB L'Actuel	450-455-3331
CAB Soulanges	450-265-3134
Carrefour de l'espoir Saint-Michel	450-218-3100
La Source d'Entraide	450-455-8000
Moisson Sud-Ouest	450-377-8537
War Memorial Library (the Bunker)	450-458-4814

Additional resources

Alzheimer Society	450-455-3373
Carrefour bienveillance 50+	450-424-0111
Crisis centre: Le Tournant	450-371-4090
Dorion Dream Centre	450-455-4532
Front-line addiction services	450-455-6171
John Abbot College Dental clinic	514-457-5010
La Moisson Center for Women	514-453-8720
Legion Housing Association	450-458-4810
LGBTQ2+ V-S	514-434-7998
Meals on Wheels	514-781-1194
Prenatal and young family centre	450-424-7867
Psychosocial intervention centre	450-377-3126
Respite le Zéphir	450-370-8804
Single-parent and blended families	450-373-4047

HELPFUL NUMBERS

For residents of Hudson.

Community Patrol: 514-219-5383

- 911** Emergency
- 311** Non life-threatening emergencies
- 811** Info-Santé
- 211** Health and Social Services information
- 988** Suicide crisis line

Town Hall	450-458-5347
SQ Vaudreuil	450-424-1212

Additional resources at www.211qc.ca/en

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