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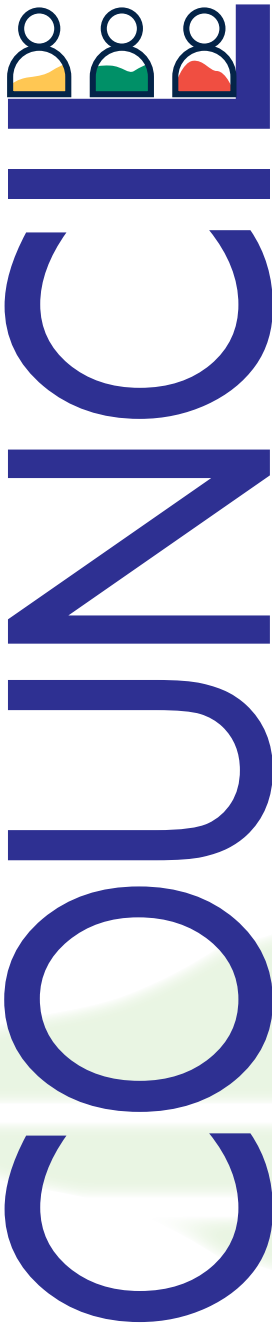
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre, 394 Main Road. When the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting is usually held on the Tuesday.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**  
Tuesday, September 2nd  
Wednesday, October 1st  
Monday, November 10th  
Monday, December 1st

**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, September 6th

**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  
Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre ..... 450-458-5347 \*3703  
C.L.S.C. (Vaudreuil) ..... 450-455-6171  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Four Years of Steady Work: A Mayoral Reflection

As Hudson's 2021–2025 Council term draws to a close, here are some reflections on the ground covered, the challenges faced, and the foundations now in place for the future.

These four years have brought forward both change and renewal. Council and staff navigated transitions, strengthened systems, clarified tools, and improved how the Town serves residents. As leadership evolved and expectations rose, our commitment to Hudson held steady.

Local government rarely makes headlines, meanwhile the work continues behind the scenes—quiet, practical, and deeply important. This requires great care: for people, for place, and for the principles that shape fair and thoughtful decisions. This term has been about laying a stronger foundation—more transparent processes, clearer plans, and a culture of listening and looking ahead.



### Open, Honest Dialogue

From the start, Council set out to build a more open and responsive relationship with residents. Whether through fuller answers at meetings, one-on-one conversations, or weekly updates, the goal remained the same: honest dialogue where people are seen and heard.

Hudson's voice also grew stronger regionally. The mayor represented the Town at the regional municipal county, housing, and economic development boards, the regional arts and culture council, and chaired the metropolitan area's first commission on culture and heritage—ensuring Hudson's interests are heard and its values reflected in higher-level development plans.

### Planning with Purpose

For the next 10 years, Council has adopted key plans for green space, cultural development, and natural area conservation—each shaped by public input and designed to guide future councils.

To address long-standing concerns about safety and traffic, a Circulation Committee was established early in the term, bringing structure and continuity to mobility management. Together, these efforts reflect a shift from reactive to proactive governance, rooted in collaboration and foresight.

### A Stronger Financial Position

Council continues to strive to bring greater clarity and stability to the Town's finances. Early surpluses were used to accelerate road surfacing while preserving intergenerational equity and limiting long-term debt.

As property values climbed by 35-40% in 2025, following a 25% rise in 2021, the mill rate was reduced to keep annual tax increases aligned with inflation, not market assessments.

Though not without its challenges - staffing gaps and audit delays among them - guidance from the auditor and the Québec municipal commission have led to stronger internal controls and clearer practices. With a new treasurer and director general now in place, Hudson is better equipped to plan and manage responsibly.

### Supporting People and Services

Hudson's identity is shaped by its people—residents and the staff who serve them.

The Town's collective agreement with unionized staff is being renegotiated with a focus on fairness and service. Completion is expected by October 2025.

The Seniors' Committee, launched through the Seniors' Policy early in the term, continues to foster well-being—offering speaker events, volunteer recognition, and an annual fair for older residents.

Services to residents have improved, with more personalized reception at Town Hall, online service request tracking, and proactive communication through council meetings, newsletters, and Hudson Voice updates.

### Caring for What Makes Hudson Special

Hudson's natural beauty is central to its identity. Since 2021, Council has adopted stronger environmental protections, guiding development away from ecologically sensitive areas. Striking the right balance between conservation and renewal remains an ongoing focus.

The Environment Committee was restored in 2023, building on the work of the Conservation Working Group the year before. Two full-time staff now oversee environmental protection, from tree-felling reviews to pesticide monitoring.

Strategic land acquisitions—like the Charleswood connector, land behind the Palliative Care Home, and parcels near Bellevue and Parsons—help secure ecological corridors and wetlands that define Hudson's landscape. The Town's first Conservation Plan and Action Plan for the entire territory of Hudson, adopted August 4, 2025 (see *page 13*), identifies three major biodiversity corridors as essential to a thriving environment.

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# WORKING FOR YOU



# DATES AND REMINDERS

## Rethinking Development, Together

Council has shifted residential development away from previously undeveloped natural areas toward zones better suited for renewal—reinforcing Hudson’s urban fabric while preserving its natural character.

New tools, including the right of first refusal and the discretionary powers set in law, have helped the Town regain leadership on housing affordability, heritage preservation, and environmental sustainability. Closer collaboration with developers has also yielded better results, including an approved redesign for 498 Main, set to start in fall 2025.

## Looking Ahead

As this Council’s term ends, a new chapter begins. Following the 2025 election, the composition of Council will undoubtedly change—some members may return, others will step aside, and new voices will emerge.

Local government is about more than meetings and motions. It’s about showing up, listening, and making decisions that help a community thrive. It demands humility, trust, and a commitment to the collective good.

To all who served with heart and integrity—thank you. And to every resident who asked a question, shared an idea, or voiced a concern—your participation shaped this work.

As Hudson turns the page, may more residents feel inspired to serve. Even in a time of quick takes and sharp judgment, our greatest strength remains our human connections—through conversation, collaboration, and a shared love for Hudson.

In gratitude,

Chloe Hutchison

## NOTABLE DATES:

### SEPTEMBER

- 01: Town offices closed
- 02: Town Council meeting
- 02-05: Registration for Fall activities (see pg 17).
- 06: Coffee with the Mayor.
- 19: Bulky item pick-up. Register before 4 pm, September 16th.
- 20: Seniors Fair.
- 27: Culture Day.
- 27-28: Last garage sale. Register before 4 pm, September 22nd.

### 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 fun!* Interested? Contact us at [tech\\_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca](mailto:tech_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca) or 450-458-5347 ext. 3702.

### OCTOBER

- 01: Town Council meeting.
- 01: Nominations open for the Volunteer Service Award
- 13: Town offices closed.
- 13: Branch collection. Register before 4 pm, October 3rd.
- 17: Bulky item pick-up. Register before 4 pm, October 14th.
- 30: Halloween festivities.

See page 21 for a complete listing of upcoming events

### NOVEMBER

- 02: Municipal election.
- 10: Town Council meeting.
- 19: LAST green waste pick-up
- 21: LAST bulky item pick-up. Register before 4 pm, Nov 18th.
- 29: Night of Lights / Santa Parade.

### DECEMBER

- 01: Town Council meeting.
- 06: Breakfast with Santa. Reservations required.
- 24: Town offices closed for the holidays.

## WE’RE HERE TO SERVE YOU! 4 ways to stay up to date:

1. Town of Hudson website: [www.hudson.quebec/en](http://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](http://www.hudson.quebec/en)
2. Email us at [info@ville.hudson.qc.ca](mailto:info@ville.hudson.qc.ca)
3. Call us at 450-458-5347.





## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

On November 2nd, municipal elections take place across Québec to elect local representatives and mayors.

The Town Clerk's office is responsible for organizing and overseeing the election.

To vote, you must be correctly registered on the electoral list.

**Scan the QR code to check your registration status.**



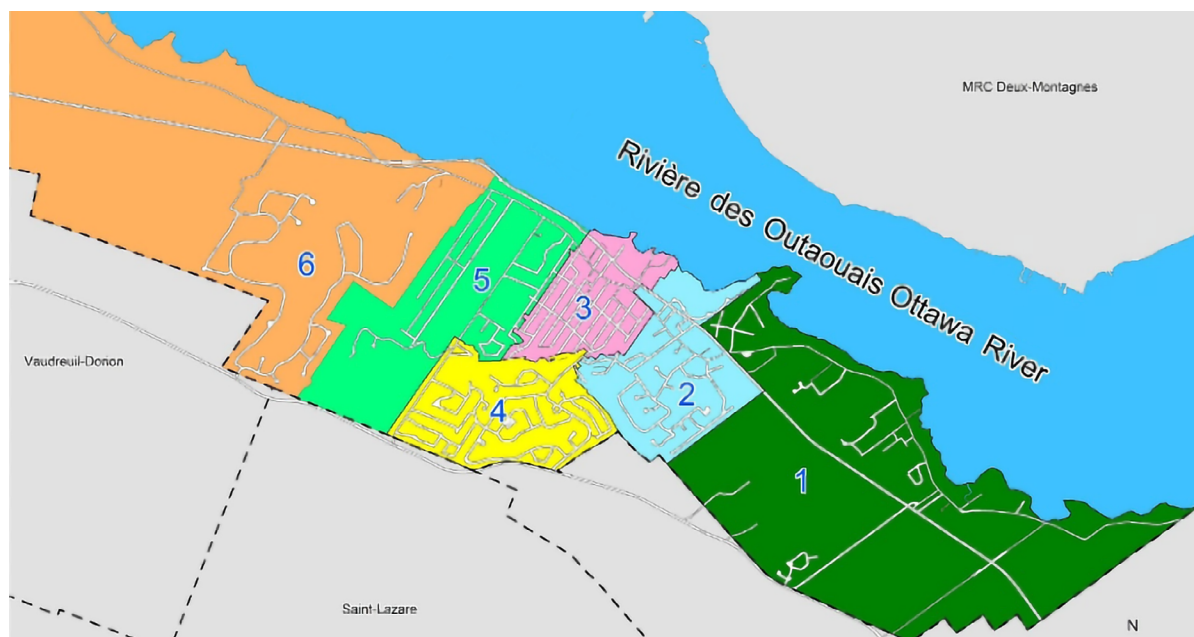
### Are you considering running as a candidate?

The nomination period is from September 19 to October 3, 2025.

Go to <https://www.electionsquebec.qc.ca/en/get-involved/running-for-office/> for more information.

### UPDATED ELECTORAL MAP

To meet the requirements of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, in May 2024, Hudson Town Council adopted By-law 766-2024 concerning the division of the Town into 6 electoral districts. This updated electoral map comes into effect for the November 2, 2025 municipal election. Note that some district boundaries have changed. All electors will receive a notice in the mail confirming their district number.



### JOIN OUR ELECTION TEAM!

We're recruiting election staff for the advance polls on Sunday, October 26, 2025, and election day on Sunday, November 2, 2025.

#### Positions available:

- Deputy Returning Officer
- Poll Clerk
- Greeter
- Parking Attendant
- PRIMO (Polling Station Officer)

**No experience? No problem!**

**Training will be provided.**

Interested? **Apply now.** Complete and submit the application form, available on the Town of Hudson website, by September 15th.

#### Functions paid on a flat rate basis:

Function	Rate
Deputy returning officer	\$325
Secretary	\$325
PRIMO	\$350
PRIMO-helper	\$275
Any other officer present on all of polling or advance polling day	\$225

\*The remuneration of the deputy returning officer and the secretary includes their presence for the counting of votes on election night. Remuneration is reduced by \$60 in the event of absence

#### Functions paid on an hourly basis:

Function	Rate/hr.
Member of a board of revisors	\$35
Any other officer hired on an hourly basis, any person assigned to mobile polling and any officer hired for the purposes of a registry according to the Act on Elections and Referendums.	\$25



### TOWN OF HUDSON ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

**Congratulations to Maxim Di Battista, the winner of the 2025 Environmental Award**

For his winning essay: A plan to preserve the Town's species and ecosystems

This award recognizes and encourages graduating seniors from Westwood Senior who,

- Demonstrate an understanding of environmental issues,
- Can combine both scientific knowledge and creative solutions to,
- Contribute to environmental conservation and sustainability efforts in their community.

The award recipient receives a monetary prize of \$500 and the opportunity to present their project to the members of Hudson Town Council.

### GENERATIONS CHAIRS

This spring, three **Generations Chairs** were presented to Council by students from St. Thomas Elementary, Mt. Pleasant Elementary, and Forest Play School. These symbolic chairs represent and carry the voices of children, reminding leaders that their future is shaped by the decisions made today. The creative process also empowers children to express their ideas and influence adult actions in favour of a more sustainable future. The chairs are now prominently displayed during Council meetings.



### INTRODUCING HUDSON'S NEW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM!

On April 7, 2025, Town Council launched an exciting program to honour the incredible people who make Hudson thrive. The awards celebrate volunteers in three categories:

- **Legacy Volunteer:**  
For those with long-term dedication making a lasting community impact.
- **Builder Volunteer:** For those who develop and grow volunteer projects and initiatives.
- **Emerging Volunteer:** Young leaders (25 or under) who demonstrate a strong commitment to community service.

#### Ready to Celebrate Our Community Heroes?

From **October 1 to December 31**, nominate the volunteers who inspire you! Complete a simple form online or pick one up at Town Hall or the Community Centre.

Your nominee is not a Hudson resident? No problem! If their efforts benefit our town, they're eligible.

A selection committee, including youth representatives and town officials, will review all submissions. Following this, the community will have the opportunity to participate in a **three-week public vote** in February. Voting will be accessible online and via paper ballots at Town Hall and the Community Centre.

*More details on eligibility and nominee consent will be shared soon on the Town of Hudson website, Facebook page and email newsletter.*



### WATER RESCUE TRAINING FOR HUDSON FIREFIGHTERS

Members of the Hudson Fire Department are taking part in water rescue training based on the new *Reference Framework for Water Rescue*. Delivered by the *Lifesaving Society*, the program helps participants develop key assessment and problem-solving skills for situations in, on, and near water.

The course also reinforces proper procedures and best practices, with scenario-based exercises, self-rescue techniques, and swimming skill development.

Through hands-on training, participants gain the knowledge and skills needed to excel in both prevention and emergency response.

**Training duration:** 24 hours per participant over 3 days, including pool sessions. Eight firefighters have completed the training so far, with eight more scheduled for August/September.



*Firefighters train in the swimming pool.*



### BE A FIRE PREVENTION SUPERHERO – PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT ESCAPE!



**Wednesday, October 8, 2025, from 6pm to 8 pm.**

The Hudson Fire Department will be driving around the town *with lights and sirens activated* to simulate the sound of your smoke detector.

Come out and show us you are prepared for a fire emergency!

### FALL BRANCH PICK-UP

The fall branch pick-up begins on OCTOBER 13th.

Depending on the quantity of branches and weather conditions, the collection can take from 2 to 6 weeks.

The contractor will pass only once on your street.

Register online as of September 2nd at:  
<https://hudson.edemandes.com/en/create/QS>.

Registration is required and must be done by no later than Friday, October 3rd.

- Branches can be out as of October 6th.
- Place the large end of the branches towards the street to speed up the chipping process
- No logs, stumps or roots will be accepted.
- Maximum dimensions 1.5m x 3m x 3m
- Branches must not contain any debris/waste (e.g. stones, pieces of metal, plant waste, etc.).







## HUDSON IS FOR THE BIRDS!

By Julie Gedeon, write, teacher, proud Hudson resident, and self-professed “crazy lady”



I admit it: I’m one of those “crazy ladies” who’ll do anything to rescue wildlife. So when my neighbours found a screechy crow unable to fly, they called me straightaway. Out I went with oven gloves and the cat carrier. How fortunate for us to have Le Nichoir, Quebec’s largest bird rehabilitation centre, nearby!

Le Nichoir (637 Main) takes in 2,500 to 3,000 birds yearly for rehabilitative care by its four full-time and eight part-time staff as well as 125 volunteers (and constant need for more, if you’re interested).

“We have some truly dedicated Hudson residents along with volunteers who drive 1½ hours to get here,” Susan Wylie, Le

Nichoir’s executive director, shares. “Everyone mobilizes when there’s a heatwave or other event that results in birds getting ill or injured.”

Year-round fundraising is essential to achieve the annual \$500,000 budget. “We don’t receive any regular government funding except from the Canada Summer Jobs program,” Wylie notes.

As with most Hudson treasures, Le Nichoir was started by area residents. Lynn Miller, Janette Fauque, Denise Paquette and Lise Sylvestre co-founded Le Nichoir in 1994 and incorporated it in 1996 because of the lack of facilities for songbirds and waterbirds.

“After I ended up with 400 birds in my house and developed appendicitis, my longtime friend Joan Robertson asked Marnie Clarke if we could use her barn,” Miller, an emeritus board member, recalls. “It was such a blessing for Marnie to give us that space.”

Numerous residents, local scouts and others cleaned out and converted the barn. Wylie initially coordinated Le Nichoir’s efforts from the makeshift centre when she was hired 22 years ago until funds were raised to build a year-round facility that opened in 2016.

“With the unwinterized barn, we had to relocate all the birds every fall which often ended up in people’s homes again,” she relates. “It made it difficult for people to find us whereas now we’re open every day from 9 to 5.”

Le Nichoir was also instrumental in helping the Town of Hudson become certified as “Bird Friendly” by Nature Canada in 2023. “The certification keeps us on track with our goals to protect our region’s diverse birds and their habitat,” Sofia Fuga, the Town’s environmental technician, says. “For instance, we have several chimney swift colonies whose unique homes must be preserved.”



To build avian awareness, the Town asked residents to select an official Hudson bird. The winner: the Belted Kingfisher. Often spotted along the Ottawa River, they have a quirky look with their large head, shaggy crest and dagger-like bill.

When Darryl Grant and Charlie Ghorayeb read about Hudson’s official bird, they knew it was the perfect name for their new pub. “We have the Kingfisher’s story on our website and menus and people love reading about it,” Grant says.

Of course, theirs is not the only Hudson establishment named after a feathered friend. Will Tomkinson and Briana Doyle already had the name Cardinal in mind for their microbrewery when he came across an injured one roadside. “I drove it over to Le Nichoir, but I also took it as

a sign to go with the name Cardinal,” he says.

As for me, I admit I had to ‘eat crow’ during that Le Nichoir visit years ago. My squawky rescue was just a loud fledgling that hadn’t yet learnt to fly. I was instructed to return him to where – sure enough – his mom was nearby. One of Le Nichoir’s most important roles is educating people.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY

# STRENGTH IN CONNECTION: HUDSON ARTIST-ENTREPRENEURS LAUNCH NEW CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

**Special Contributor: Briana Doyle**

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

In Hudson, entrepreneurship often springs from collaboration, community, and creativity. That's certainly true for a trio of local women—artists Allison Smith and Nancy Farnum, and curator Erika MacPhee—who are launching a new venture this summer: *Le Collectif – L'Art de Vivre*, a gallery and studio space tucked above *Le Corbeau et Le Renard* on Main Road.

This is not their first project together. Allison's first fine art show was held at Nancy's previous gallery, *Two Barn Owls*, and they have also shared studio space in a converted barn at Allison's Saint-Lazare home. More recently, they joined forces with Erika and Anick Joannis from the *Verger Hudson* to create the original *L'Art de Vivre*, a series of pop-up events hosted at Anick's apple orchard.

"Verger Hudson has become a cornerstone of the community and is a great example of ethical, organic farming and sustainability," Allison said. "We chose the location not only for its beauty and atmosphere, but because Anick is full of great ideas, supports local artists and businesses. She is a great collaborator."

Mixing curated original art with vintage finds, *L'Art de Vivre* has quickly become a beloved local event. The series showcases work from a growing circle of artists—many of them women balancing careers, caregiving, and the demands of creative practice.

After the success of the pop-up events, the team found themselves longing for a permanent space to host classes, show work, and build on the community connections they'd forged. The light-filled second-floor space above *Corbeau et Renard* felt like the perfect fit—close to home, filled with possibility, and grounded in the rhythm of Hudson's dynamic Main Street.

"Hudson feels very vibrant again. It's the right place to be—there's lots happening, and we all have roots here," said Erika.

All three women bring their own entrepreneurial history and strengths to the project. Nancy Farnum is known for her hands-on artistry and imaginative refinishing work. Allison Smith, a former graphic designer turned full-time artist and art teacher, has cultivated a loyal following in Hudson through her painting classes and community art shows. Erika MacPhee brings a wealth of business experience and creative vision from her background in tech and running *Le Corbeau et Le Renard*, where she's built a brand that celebrates sustainability, local artisanship, and timeless design.

Together, they've created a space that will offer pop-up shows, creative workshops, and collaborative events that celebrate the art of living well. From painting and design to furniture refinishing and upcycling, *Le Collectif* will offer a welcoming space for artists, makers, and community members to gather, learn, and create.

"We all have our unique skill sets that we bring to the table, and we all respect each other," Allison said. "Everybody gets to do what they're good at."

Erika, Nancy, and Allison are part of a strong network of female entrepreneurs who contribute to Hudson's vibrant and welcoming business community. "There are so many women here who are smart, supportive, and doing amazing things," said Nancy.

In a town where creativity and collaboration flourish, *Le Collectif* aims to be a hub for inspiration, connection, and growth. As they prepare to open their doors in August, the founders are already dreaming up new ways to collaborate—with other artists, with local businesses, and with the next wave of creative entrepreneurs who see Hudson not just as a destination, but as a place to belong.





## BIG HEART IN A TINY TOWN

*The Tiny Town Foundation Brings Energy, Generosity, and Trivia to Hudson*

In the spirit of giving back, three Hudson residents have turned their shared love of community—and quirky trivia—into a meaningful initiative: A Tiny Town Foundation. Founded in 2022 by Andrew Dumas and Dylan White, and joined by Alexander Bergeron in 2023, the Foundation has quickly become a dynamic force for local fundraising, community engagement, and youth support.

Dumas, a local entrepreneur (co-owner of Sauve's and Chippies Ice Cream) and long-time volunteer, previously raised over \$100,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society through the “Shave 2 Save” campaign while serving as a firefighter in Hudson. White, a dedicated realtor with M Immobilier and passionate supporter of youth sports, is known in his neighborhood for maintaining a backyard hockey rink that brings kids together every winter.

The two trivia enthusiasts had long been involved in separate events—White at the Hudson Yacht Club and Dumas through pub quizzes and even a stint as a guest host on CBC Radio Noon. In 2022, they decided to combine their passion for “useless knowledge” and community service to create the Pub Series Quizzes, hosted at Microbrasserie Cardinal Brewing, Château du Lac, and Embers Hudson. With weekly attendance topping 65 participants during the fall and winter seasons, the series quickly became a beloved local tradition.

In 2023, Bergeron—a marketing professional and committed community volunteer—joined the board, expanding the Foundation's offerings to include themed quizzes, pop-up events, and special dinner quiz nights.

Now in its third year, A Tiny Town Foundation has already awarded nearly \$15,000 in scholarships and prizes to graduating students at Westwood Senior and contributed thousands more to local food drives and community programs. And this is just the beginning.

“As Andrew says, we're just three guys who love our town—and believe that small ideas can make a big impact,” White adds.

With creativity, collaboration, and a healthy dose of trivia, A Tiny Town Foundation continues to strengthen the fabric of the Hudson community—one quiz night at a time.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed; in 2024 Dumas and White received a special commendation from the Government of Canada through our MP Peter Schiefke for their community service.



## MAISON LIBELLA: A BEAUTIFUL STORY OF COMMUNITY

*By Julie Asselin - Director of Philanthropic Development*

Hudson, what a privilege it is to be part of your beautiful and vibrant community. For the past 15 years, the Palliative Care Residence, now known as Maison Libella, has been established in your wonderful town. We are proud to celebrate this anniversary with you.

Since the very beginning, we have received your constant, heartfelt, and deeply touching support. Maison Libella is the result of a collective effort, born from the solidarity of a close-knit community. It could have been established elsewhere in the region, but it found its natural place here in Hudson, a peaceful, inspiring, and welcoming place, carried by an exceptional community. It is in this soothing setting that patients are able to live their final moments with dignity, comfort, and peace, surrounded by their loved ones.

The mission of Maison Libella is to provide high-quality, entirely free palliative care in a humane, clean, safe, and peaceful environment. But beyond medical care, we place special emphasis on supporting families. Like the patients, they benefit from psychosocial support, homemade meals prepared by our executive chef, and most importantly, the relief of no longer being alone in the emotional and physical demands of caregiving. They are free to simply be a parent, a spouse, a child once again, and to fully cherish the time they have left with their loved one.

Comfort and compassion are at the heart of everything we do, day and night, 365 days a year. The Residence never stops. It is a constant presence: quiet, but essential, watching over, accompanying, and comforting.

Would you like to get involved? There are many ways to help:

Become a volunteer: Join our wonderful team of nearly 200 active volunteers, many of whom are Hudson residents. They are the backbone of the Maison Libella; familiar faces, always ready to lend a hand, whether behind the scenes or directly with patients and families.

Did you know that more than 2,600 patients and their families have benefited from our services? To maintain this level of care and humanity, we must raise up to \$1.4 million each year.

Make a donation, take part in our fundraising activities, or follow us on social media. You can also visit our website for more information.

Thank you, Hudson, for being part of our story for 15 years.

Because of you, Maison Libella is more than just a place of care... it is the result of a collective effort filled with humanity, tenderness, and light.



Scan the QR code and find out more about the residence.





## FAIR TRADE

“Communities Connecting Locally and Globally”  
Working together to help make a Fairer World

By Robert McKinnon

Member and past board member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF),  
Associate member of the World Fair Trade Association (WFTO)



### Did You Know Hudson is a Fair Trade Town?

You may not be aware that Hudson is designated a *Fair Trade Town*—the 21st municipality in Canada to receive this recognition. In fact, Hudson was named the 2015 *Canadian Fair Trade Town of the Year*! Now, nearly a decade later, Hudson is taking the lead to bring together all 23 municipalities in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC to create the first *Fair Trade Region* in Canada.

### What Is a Fair Trade Town?

To achieve this status, a town must demonstrate a commitment to fair trade principles in support of organizations like *Fairtrade Canada* ([www.fairtrade.ca](http://www.fairtrade.ca)). This typically involves passing a municipal resolution, offering fair trade tea and coffee at town hall, and encouraging local businesses to carry fair trade products. Becoming a Fair Trade Town is a powerful statement of a community's values—showing a shared commitment to ethical consumption, social justice, and environmental sustainability. It brings residents, businesses, and local governments together with a common goal: to support fairer trading practices and improve the lives of farmers and workers around the world.



### Why It Matters

Fair trade ensures that producers receive fair compensation, work in safe conditions, and operate in environmentally responsible ways. While these practices support distant producers, they also encourage local ethical consumption and responsible citizenship right here at home.

Fair trade is not about choosing between local and global—it's about embracing fairness at every level. All origin stories matter, as long as they respect the principles of fairness and dignity. A healthy town values all contributors, near and far.

### Empowering Change

Fairtrade practices strengthen local economies by attracting ethically minded consumers and creating a positive cycle of awareness and responsible commerce. A key pillar is education—collaborating with schools, workplaces, and community groups to promote shared values and long-term engagement.

Fair Trade Towns are at the forefront of efforts to reduce poverty, combat child labour, and advance gender equality in producer countries. Fairtrade standards also encourage environmentally sustainable farming, contributing to global climate resilience.

### Leading by Example

Hudson shows that ethical trade is possible—and impactful—at the municipal level. A Fair Trade Town promotes a “shop local to help global” mindset. This leadership inspires other communities and amplifies the movement's reach.

Importantly, being a Fair Trade Town is not just about checking boxes—it's about fostering a culture of fairness, sustainability, and global solidarity. It's also about inclusiveness: welcoming artisans and producers from both within and outside our community, and honouring the origins of what we buy—who made it, how it was made, and whether it was done with respect for people and planet.

### Get Involved

With support from the *Vaudreuil-Soulanges Development (DEV)* team, we are working toward a Fair Trade Region. If you'd like to help make the world a fairer place, reach out to the Vaudreuil-Soulanges MRC or your local municipality to get involved.



# Natural Areas Conservation Plan

Prepared by:



Photo credit : Cory Froud

## Benefits associated with the conservation of natural areas:



Increased resilience of natural areas improves overall resilience of the area to climate change.



Protect and improve ecosystems services provided by natural areas such as carbon sequestration, cooling effect and sediment retention.



Protection of aquifer recharge areas and improve water quality within the territory.



Better public access to nature.

Full document:



## WHAT IS A NATURAL AREAS CONSERVATION PLAN?

Natural areas conservation plans combine the latest scientific advances in ecology and in landscape connectivity to characterize the current state of the study area and develop land management and conservation strategies. The plan relies on a set of scientifically proven indicators to support biodiversity and identify priority natural areas. These indicators are commonly understood and accepted by the Town and the public.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

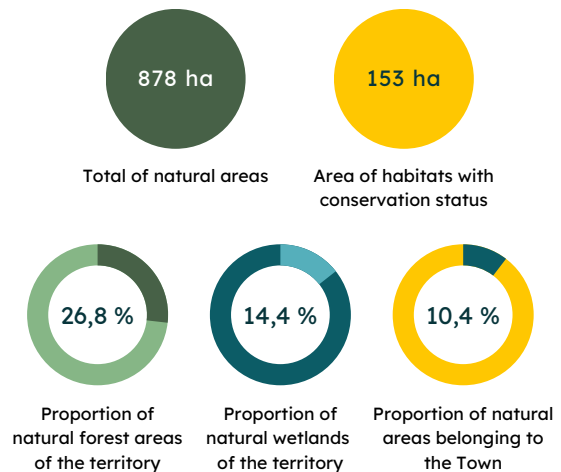
Provide a snapshot of the current state of natural areas within the Town of Hudson.

Identify available conservation tools and mechanisms.

Develop land management and conservation strategies for priority areas.

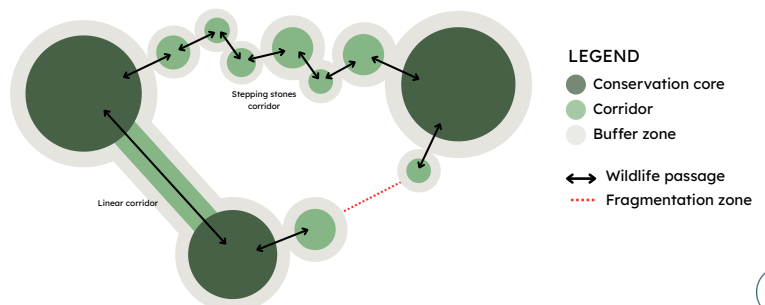
Propose an action plan to progressively implement conservation measures over a 5-year period.

## SOME STATISTICS



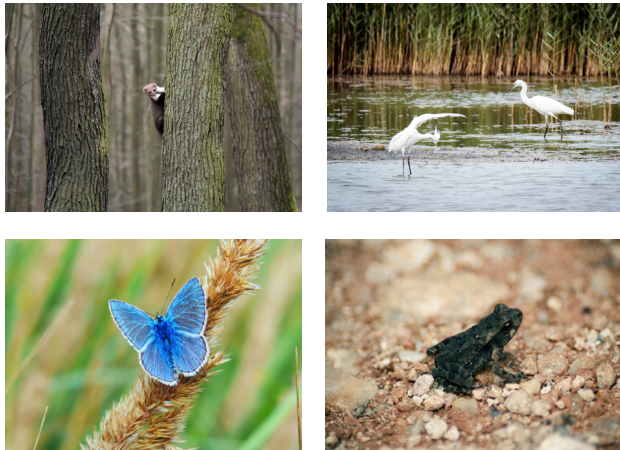
## WHAT IS ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY?

- Ecological connectivity is the ability of wildlife species to move within their range.
- High connectivity indicates that natural habitats are close to each other in the landscape, allowing species to move according to their needs.
- Human-altered habitats, such as urban and agricultural areas, fragment species ranges and are the main barriers to species movement.





## STATUS OF BIODIVERSITY



Number of species inventoried in Hudson:



Updated analyses provide an assessment of the area's fauna and flora health:

- An important bird hotspot is located in the Choisy plain / Alstonvale embankment area, and there is a high concentration of herpetofauna sightings in the eastern part of the municipality.
- The presence of invasive alien species is a challenge for the health of natural areas and native biodiversity.
- There are 31 species protected by legal status, federal and/or provincial.

## SUMMARY BY TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT



### Wetlands

- Highly connected, but sensitive to urban development.
- Include different types of wetlands: watercourses, swamps, marshes, peat bogs.



### Agricultural Areas

- Agricultural areas are located both in the west (Choisy plain) and in the east of the Como plain.
- Como plain area is prone to landslides.



### Forest Environments

- Mixed forests are the most connected forests and the most sensitive to drought.
- Fallows and shrublands are characterized by low connectivity, moderate sensitivity to drought and wind, and sensitivity to biotic threats.



#### Ecological corridors components



## PRIORITY AREAS FOR CONSERVATION

The analyses carried out highlight three ecological corridors of interest, all recognized for their structuring role in regional connectivity.

## Conservation constraints :



Urban development: pressures from residential development to occupy ecologically important forests and agricultural land.



Environment: Invasive alien species, habitat fragmentation, climate change, damaging insects and diseases.



Funding: External funding such as grants and provincial funds is unpredictable, municipal funds should be allocated to the purchase of strategic natural areas.



Governance: Need for collaboration and coordination among the various stakeholders.

## ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan aims to achieve a defined vision for Hudson by 2030, when it will be fully implemented. This vision represents what the municipality wants to achieve in terms of natural area conservation, climate change adaptation, and quality of life for its residents.

## VISION 2030

Hudson's natural areas are healthy and contribute to the conservation of biodiversity corridors. They are resilient to climate change while providing an exceptional quality of life to current and future generations.

The Action Plan stems directly from the Natural Areas Conservation Plan, defining measures to conserve Hudson's natural areas. It is organised in two complementary parts that outline both general guidelines and targeted actions.

### Action plan- Section 1 General guidelines for the entire town

This first section proposes general measures applicable to the entire Hudson area to achieve the overall conservation goals. It defines long-term objectives and provides an overview of municipal conservation priorities while aligning them with regional priorities.

Four strategic orientations aligning with the objectives of the Town's planning documents and regional priorities have been developed to guide this first phase of the action plan.

They were defined by Habitat and the Town of Hudson following public consultation through surveys and focus group discussions.



#### 1. Identify ecological corridors and protect natural areas

- Create a conservation policy
- Implement a voluntary conservation program
- Apply for "Humanized Landscape" status for the Viviry River corridor, recognizing human intervention in the environment while preserving its ecological value.



#### 2. Through active management, enhance and restore ecosystems to increase environmental benefits

- Encourage sustainable practices on golf courses and on agricultural land
- Develop a local strategic plan to improve the resilience of natural areas
- Conduct a comprehensive forest inventory on public land



#### 3. Mobilizing the community for active participation in conservation

- Establish a participatory environmental budget whereby citizens can vote on future projects
- Provide support to private landowners to implement pro-biodiversity landscaping solutions
- Create a volunteer group of residents to help restore sensitive habitats



#### 4. Facilitate a fair access to nature in ways respectful of the environment

- Install educational materials in partnership with local organizations
- Create an ecological code of conduct for trail users
- Reduce the impact of recreational activities on waterways, particularly through boat clean-up

Photo credit : Cory Froud

## What is voluntary conservation?

Voluntary conservation is when private landowners take responsibility for conserving natural heritage on their property. There are various options available. For each option, the status lasts for a period ranging from 25 years to perpetuity.

- Designation of a humanized landscape
- Conservation easement
- Donation/sale/transfer to a conservation organization
- Designation of a floral habitat
- Nature reserve

## Common misconceptions about voluntary conservation:

"They want to stop me from using my land!"

- Actually, voluntary conservation is a personal choice; there is no obligation.

"I'll lose all the value of my land if I protect it!"

- Options such as conservation easements allow you to retain ownership while enjoying tax benefits.

"Only large plots of land can be protected."

- Even a small wooded area, a riverbank, or a meadow can be preserved and contribute to biodiversity.





This section targets priority conservation areas where specific actions are needed to protect and restore entire ecosystems. Three areas have been identified as essential: the Viviry corridor, the Black Creek corridor and the Western forest. These corridors were selected based on several strategic criteria, including their biological richness, their role in connecting natural areas, and their level of disturbance and sensitivity to surrounding pressures.

### Viviry Corridor



#### Examples of proposed conservation actions

- A** Stabilize river banks by replanting native species.
- B** Improve connectivity by updating conservation zoning and obtaining humanized landscape status for the Viviry corridor.
- C** Control invasive species in Pine Lake.
- Improve park trails with clear signage and learning panels. Restrict access to sensitive habitat.

### Black Creek Corridor

#### Examples of proposed conservation actions

- A** Create buffer zones in sensitive areas near wetlands and watercourses.
- B** Negotiate voluntary agreements with private landowners to secure sensitive forest cores between Davidson Park and Como.
- C** Control invasive species in Davidson Park.
- Improve Davidson Park trails in collaboration with Como Golf Course to promote responsible practices.



### Western Forest Corridor



#### Examples of proposed conservation actions

- A** Secure critical habitats for herpetofauna.
- B** Maintain and expand wooded corridors by planting native tree species.
- C** Control invasive Species and redraw the Gary Cirko Trail.
- Restore areas vulnerable to drought by planting drought-resistant tree species and promoting forest regenerations.



# Celebrate the joy of movement!

## Fall Fitness Registration at Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre, 394 Main Road, Hudson.

- Tuesday, September 2nd to Friday, September 5th
- Hours: Tuesday 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
- Minimum registration required for all programs

### 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.

Please note that, due to the 2025 municipal elections, some dates may be subject to change.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MORNINGS		9 am – 10 am <b>PILATES</b> with Marla		9 am – 10 am <b>PILATES</b> with Marla	9 am – 10 am <b>*REGENERATIVE YOGA</b> with Maureen
	10:15 am – 11:15 am <b>20/20/20</b> with Marla	10:30 am – 11:30 am <b>*REGENERATIVE YOGA</b> with Maureen		10:30 am – 11:30 am <b>*REGENERATIVE YOGA</b> with Maureen	10:15 am – 11:15 am <b>20/20/20</b> with Marla
				12 pm – 1 pm <b>*CHAIR YOGA</b> with Maureen	
AFTERNOONS				1:30 pm – 2:30 pm <b>NEW COUNTRY LINE DANCING (BEGINNER)</b> with Marc	
	3 pm – 4 pm <b>*CHAIR YOGA</b> with Maureen			2:45 pm – 4:15 pm <b>LINE DANCING (ADVANCED)</b> with Marc	
		5 pm – 6 pm <b>*REGENERATIVE YOGA</b> with Maureen		5 pm – 6:30 pm <b>KARATE</b> with Luigi	

\*Participants must provide their own yoga mats



# FALL FITNESS:

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### 14 WEEKS: SEPTEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 15

No class on Monday, October 13th

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
14 Classes	\$145	\$110	\$195
28 Classes	\$205	\$155	\$275
Unlimited	\$250	\$195	\$340

## LINE DANCING WITH MARC MITCHELL

### 11 WEEKS: SEPTEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 20

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

**NEW: Country Line Dancing for ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS - FIRST 2 WEEKS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

Thursday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

RESIDENTS: \$70	60+: \$55	NON-RESIDENTS: \$95
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### INTERMEDIATE LINE DANCING

Thursday 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

RESIDENTS: \$85	60+: \$65	NON-RESIDENTS: \$115
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## 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.

### 14 WEEKS: SEPTEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 15

No classes on Monday, October 13th

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+)
14 Classes	\$145	\$110	\$195	\$150
28 Classes	\$205	\$155	\$275	\$210
Unlimited	\$250	\$195	\$340	\$265

## KARATE FOR ALL AGES WITH SHIHAN LUIGI DI FILIPPO

### 10 WEEKS: SEPTEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 27

Thursday 5 pm to 6:30 pm

No class on October 2nd and 16th.

- 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



## 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 suggestion box at the Community Centre reception desk or send them to us at [tech\\_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca](mailto:tech_loisirs@ville.hudson.qc.ca). Let us know what you think!

### DRAWING EXPLORATION CLASS WITH ALLANA BENHAM

**6 WEEKS: OCTOBER 9 – NOVEMBER 13**

Thursday: 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Ages 12 and up, open to students & seniors with all levels of experience.

Materials included, students can bring their own materials

<b>RESIDENTS: \$360</b>	<b>STUDENTS and 60+: \$295</b>	<b>NON-RESIDENTS: \$480</b>
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#### Course description:

We will investigate the possibilities of pencil and drawing materials to work out compositions, describe form, and develop a sense of space and atmosphere in drawing. Historical drawings will inform our practice and we will examine different approaches to using drawing materials to create a range of effects.

### NEW – DAYTIME COURSE

**4 WEEKS: OCTOBER 9 – OCTOBER 30**

Thursday: 1 pm – 4 pm

Ages 12 and up, open to students & seniors with all levels of experience.

Materials included, students can bring their own materials

<b>RESIDENTS: \$240</b>	<b>STUDENTS and 60+: \$195</b>	<b>NON-RESIDENTS: \$320</b>
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#### Course description:

Learn how to achieve sensitive colour mixtures in acrylic paint. We will discuss colour palette and mixing techniques, value relationships, and colour harmony as we paint from observation and from photo references.

### 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 2 weeks before each event.

- Sunday, September 28th, 1 pm to 5 pm
- Sunday, November 30th, 1pm to 5 pm
- Sunday, December 28th, 1pm to 5 pm



### SENIORS' DROP-IN CENTRE LE SPOT 55+

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am to 12 pm at the Community Centre

\*Programming returns on September 2, 2025\*

Open to all! Join us for a variety of activities, card games, crafts, speakers, workshops, or just to enjoy a cup of coffee!

**Le SPOT**



## HUDSON TEEN CENTRE

The Hudson Teen Centre is now offering drop-in hours for pre-teens and teens. Chat with friends, enjoy video games, ping-pong, board games, foosball and more! Give your ideas and suggestions to the staff on the type of activities you'd like. Pick up the program at the Community Centre.

Pre-teen hours: 4 pm – 7 pm (9-12 years)

Teen hours: 7 pm – 10 pm (12 years +)



## TEEN CENTRE

September 12 September 26	October 10 October 24	November 7 November 21	December 5 December 19
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## THOMAS MORE INSTITUTE - SENIORS OUTREACH PROGRAM

10 WEEKS: SEPTEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 2

Tuesday: 1:30 pm – 3 pm

### Course description:

Exploring Personal Narratives - Reading Memoirs and Diaries

Part I of this 20-week course will take us on a journey through the intimate and reflective writings of memoirs and diaries. By reading excerpts of works from various authors and time periods, we will explore the art of personal storytelling. Selections will include writings by historical and contemporary figures, explorers, politicians, authors, and many others.

What is the difference between diaries and memoirs? What might prompt someone to write so personally? Do diaries written in the moment reveal more "truth" than memoirs written after the fact? Does our drive to make sense of our own lives encourage us to read that of others?

For more information, please contact Seniors Program Coordinator Jennifer MacGregor directly at [jmacgregor@thomasmore.qc.ca](mailto: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 and 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. Only current-year receipts will be accepted. Applications for reimbursement must be submitted by no later than November 30th.

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](http://www.hudson.quebec/en) and click on the **ACTIVE YOUTH** quick link on the home page.

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More details on the Town of Hudson EVENTS calendar at [www.hudson.quebec/en](http://www.hudson.quebec/en)

### SEPTEMBER

- 01: "What we Choose to Remember", 7 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 05: Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail, 5 pm, Greenwood
- 07: Music in the Garden, 2 pm, Greenwood
- 07-13: War Memorial Library Book Sale
- 10: Cavagnal Scout Group Open House, 6:30 pm, Mt Pleasant Elementary School
- 13: Hudson Porchfest, 11 am, sites throughout the core of Hudson
- 15: Monday at the Movies – "I'm Still Here", 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 15: Le Birdie 5 fundraiser for Le Nichoir, Whitlock Golf and Country Club
- 17: Artistes Hudson Artists meeting and guest speaker/artist, 7 pm, Community Centre
- 20: Seniors Fair, 11 am, Community Centre
- 20: Treasures in the Kitchen, Greenwood
- 20-21: Vaudreuil-Soulanges Studio Tour, featuring several Hudson artists
- 24: Presentation by CAF Col. Colin Robertson, 7 pm, Community Centre
- 27: Culture Day
- 28: Community Dance, 1 pm, Community Centre
- 30: StoryFest season begins, more details to come



### OCTOBER

- 04: Annual "Bunker" Art Sale, 10 am, Community Centre
- 04: Greenwood knitting workshop, 1 pm, Greenwood
- 04: Benefit concert, Harmony for Hope, 7 pm, St Thomas Church
- 05-11: War Memorial Library Book Sale
- 05: Hudson Chamber Music Series, 4 pm, St James Church
- 08: The Great Escape, 6 pm, throughout Hudson
- 08: Artistes Hudson Artists meeting and guest speaker/artist, 7 pm, Community Centre
- 08 - 12: Tribute to The Highwaymen, Hudson Village Theatre
- 17 - 19: Artistes Hudson Artists Fall Annual Exhibition, Community Centre
- 18: Greenwood knitting workshop, 1 pm, Greenwood Centre for Living History
- 20: Monday at the Movies; 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 26: Storytime: Halloween, 3:30 pm, War Memorial Library
- 29: Étienne Bélanger; History of the Urban Fabric of Hudson, 7 pm, Community Centre
- 29 - Nov 2: The Night Witch, Hudson Village Theatre
- 30: Halloween festivities, Community Centre





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- 02-08: War Memorial Library Book Sale
- 03-14: Maison Libella Poinsettia Campaign, Centre du Jardin Vaudreuil-sur-le-Lac
- 09: Remembrance Day Parade, begins at the IGA at 12:45 pm
- 17: Monday at the Movies; 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 21-23: Hudson Holiday Market, Alibi Barn
- 22: Craft Fair, 10 am, Whitlock Golf Course
- 22-23: Christmas Craft Fair, Community Centre
- 26: Phillip Habib : History of the Lebanese Community in Hudson, 7pm, Community Centre
- 28-30: Hudson Holiday Market, Alibi Barn
- 29: Night of Lights and Santa Parade, more to follow!
- 30: Community Dance, 1 pm, Community Centre
- 30: Old Fashioned Christmas, Greenwood

### DECEMBER

- 05-07: Hudson Holiday Market, Alibi Barn
- 06: Breakfast with Santa, Community Centre. Reservations required.
- 06-07: Cavagnal Scout Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale, 4-Corners, 9 am – 4 pm
- 07: Old fashioned Christmas, Greenwood
- 07-13: War Memorial Library Book Sale
- 12: Greenwood Singers Christmas Concert & After Party, 7 pm, Greenwood
- 12 – Jan 4: Peter Pan, the Panto. Hudson Village Theatre
- 14: Storytime: Festive Season, 3:30 pm, War Memorial Library
- 15: Monday at the Movies; 2 pm, 7:30 pm, Hudson Village Theatre
- 20: Hudson Historical Society Christmas Party, 7 pm, HHS Museum
- 28: Community Dance, 1 pm, Community Centre

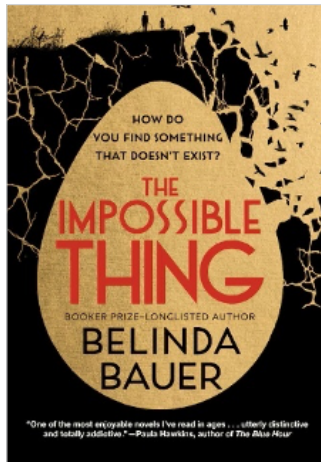
*Beautiful Hudson. Photograph: Karen Walker*



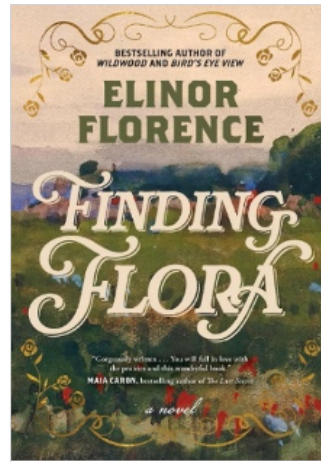
## FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

The Como Lending Library is located at the Hudson Creative Hub at 273 Main Road, Hudson. Prior to becoming a centre for the appreciation of the arts, this building served as a hall for St. Mary's Church. The original hall was built in 1880, and from this time, it has housed a library for the benefit of the local community. To this day, almost consistently, this small library has been run by volunteers.

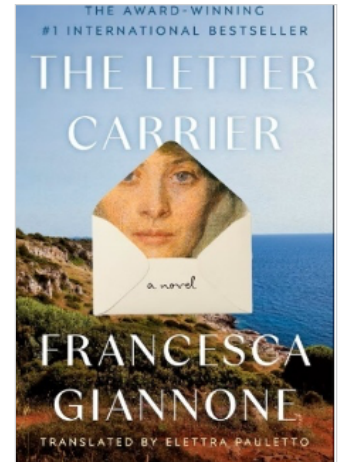
Please come by and see our collection—you will be pleasantly surprised. Opening Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays - 10:30 - 12:30. At this time, we are happy to recommend these recently released or upcoming new books.



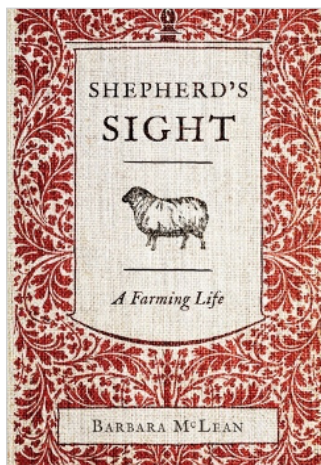
**The Impossible Thing by Belinda Baur (Welsh) Mystery**  
From Indigo Books: From the exceptionally original mind of CWA Gold Dagger Award winner and Booker longlisted author Belinda Bauer, a sweeping tale of obsession, greed, ambition, and a crime that has remained unsolved for a 100 years.



**Finding Flora by Elinor Florence**  
From Indigo Books: A rollicking historical novel set in turn-of-the-century Alberta about a young woman on the run from her abusive husband who uses a legal loophole to claim a homestead in the Wild West—perfect for fans of *Outlawed* and *The Giver of Stars*.



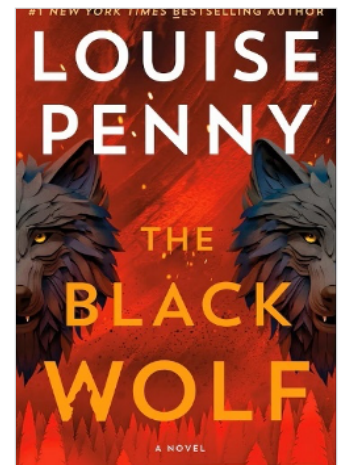
**The Letter Carrier by Francesca Giannone (Italian) Fiction**  
From Indigo Books: In this bestselling novel, *The Letter Carrier* shows how a little town in southern Italy might be just like every town—with women & men, husband & wives, fathers & sons, mothers & daughters, all trying to navigate the world while staying true to their hearts.



**Shepherd's Sight by Barbara McLean** From Indigo Books: For 50 years, Barbara McLean has tended a flock of Border Leicester sheep on her small Ontario farm. Now in her 70s, McLean faces a new problem: how much longer she can continue with the physically taxing work that is her central source of meaning and satisfaction.



**The Eights by Joanne Miller (English) Fiction** From Indigo Books: Following the unlikely friendship of four women in the first female class at Oxford, their unshakeable bond in the face of male contempt, and their coming of age in a world forever changed by World War I.



**The Black Wolf by Louise Penny (Canadian) - Mystery** - release date October 28, 2025  
From Indigo Books: The 20th mystery in the #1 New York Times-bestselling Armand Gamache series.



# 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

Additional resources at [www.211qc.ca/en](http://www.211qc.ca/en)

### Health resources

CLSC Vaudreuil	450-455-6171
CLSC Rigaud	450-451-6609
GMF Hudson Mediacentre	450-458-5393
Hawkesbury Hospital	1-613-632-1111
Lakeshore Hospital	514-630-2225
Mental Health Clinic	438-951-7371
NOVA Hudson	450-458-5727
Pharmacy	450-458-4686
Poison control	1-800-453-5060
Polyclinique Médicale Vaudreuil	450-455-9301
Trois Lacs Medical Center	450-455-3322
Valleyfield Hospital	450-371-9920

### Help lines

Anxiety, depression, bi-polar	1-866-738-4873
Caregiver support	1-855-852-7784
Crisis & suicide prevention	1-833-371-4090
Drugs: help & referral	1-800-265-2626
Gambling: help & referral	514-527-0140
Gender & sexual diversity	1-888-505-1010
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868 / text 686868
Parents help line	1-800-361-5085
Tel-Aide	514-935-1101
Tel-jeunes	1-800-263-2266 / text 514-600-1002
Youth protection	514-935-6196

## 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

### Community resources

#### Food Bank:

Le Pont Bridging Hudson	450-458-5318
CAB L'Actuel	450-455-3331

#### Legal:

Legal aid	450-370-3064
Collectif de défense des droit	1-800-567-8080
Québec human rights commission	1-800-361-6477

#### Medical transport:

L'Actuel	450-455-3331
CAB Soulanges	450-265-3134
OVPAC	450-371-5400

#### Sexual aggression & harassment:

Elder abuse help line	1-888-489-2287
La Passerelle	450-424-6010
CALACS la Vigie	450-371-4222
SOS Conjugal violence	1-800-363-9010
Via l'anse	450-370-3200

#### Shelter:

L'Aiguillage	450-218-6418
L'Antichambre (for ages 12-17)	450-373-9887
L'Arc-en-ciel Vaudreuil-Soulanges	450-424-7006
Temporary shelter for families	450-371-9617

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