

# THE MAYOLOIS



Municipal newsletter

Spring 2025

Dear residents of Mayo,

The return of spring brings a renewed energy, and I am pleased to share with you the upcoming projects and activities planned for our beautiful municipality.

In 2025, we are continuing our efforts to improve the road network. Work is planned on Roy, Burke, and Rivière-Blanche roads. These upgrades aim to ensure safer and more durable roads for all users.

We are also proud to continue supporting Mayo families. The Family Assistance Program offers an annual reimbursement of up to \$100 per child registered in sports or artistic activities outside the municipality. This is a concrete way to make these opportunities more accessible to everyone.

Another exciting initiative: thanks to an agreement with the Réseau BIBLIO de l'Outaouais, all residents now have free access to a wide range of digital resources! E-books, magazines, escape games, genealogy tools and much more are available online.

To stay informed, I invite you to follow our official Facebook page or subscribe to the online edition of the Mayolois. You'll find all the latest news, municipal reminders, and upcoming events.

Wishing you a spring filled with energy, projects, and special moments with your family.

*Robert Bertrand*  
Mayor

## News

### Upcoming municipal council meetings

April 14

May 12

June 16

### 2025 municipal calendar

Looking for waste collection dates, holidays, tax payment deadlines or council meetings? You'll find everything in the online municipal calendar.

Click here to view it: [2025 municipal calendar](#).

### Register your dog – it's mandatory!

Since March 1, 2019, dog registration has been mandatory throughout Quebec under the provincial regulation ([chapter P-38.002](#)). In Mayo, the annual fee is \$10 per dog. Please visit the municipal office to complete the registration.

Thank you for respecting this legal requirement—for the well-being of your pet... and the community.



## Mayo-branded caps

Show your community pride with our Mayo-branded caps! Perfect for outdoor activities in any season.

Price: \$20 Available at the municipal office.



## Hydro-Québec work in our area

Hydro-Québec will carry out major work in 2025 to improve the quality of electricity service in the Outaouais region, including in Mayo.

These upgrades aim to reduce service interruptions and strengthen the power grid. Here's what is planned in our area:

- Replacement of 25 km of distribution network cables
- Installation of 165 new protection devices (transformers, switches, etc.)
- Tree trimming along nearly 1,000 km of power lines

These improvements will help ensure a faster response during outages and more reliable service, especially during severe weather. For more details, read the full press release: [Hydro-Québec – 2025 Work in the Outaouais Region](#)

## Property assessments – Stay informed

Property assessments are updated three times a year by the firm Servitech, mandated by the MRC de Papineau.

Visits may occur for various reasons:

- Renovations or expansions
- New construction
- Sale of the property
- Or simply because 9 years have passed since the last visit

Please note: When an evaluator is active in the area, the Municipality will notify residents in advance via its website and Facebook page, including the photo, name, and contact information of the evaluator so you can easily verify their identity.

Reminder: Evaluators are legally authorized to access your property to carry out their work, but they must always be able to clearly identify themselves.

For more information or if in doubt: [mun@mayo.ca](mailto:mun@mayo.ca) or 819-986-3199

See the full advisory here: [mayo.ca – Fraud alert](#)



## Temporary car shelters

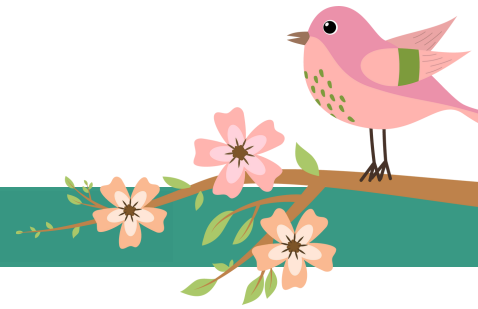
Temporary car shelters must be taken down no later than May 15 each year, in accordance with [By-Law 2011-03](#)

## Planning construction work? Don't forget your permit!

Before building, renovating, expanding or relocating a structure, you must obtain a municipal permit.

A single form now applies to all types of requests. [Download it here](#)

All details can be found on our website under the Urban Planning and Development section.



## How St-Malachy Became Mayo

The name “Mayo” hasn’t always existed. Before 1954, our municipality was called St-Malachy. It’s thanks to a story from Ireland—and the determination of several citizens—that the name was officially changed.

It all began in 1879, in the village of Knock, in northwestern Ireland, in County Mayo. A woman named Margaret Beimne lived near the village church. One evening in August, she and her daughter Mary noticed a strange light above the church. Mary got closer and believed she saw statues moving. She ran to alert her parents. In total, about fifteen people witnessed the same thing: an apparition of the Virgin Mary.

This event shook the village, and over time, Knock became a major pilgrimage site for Catholics in Ireland and beyond. Today, it is known as the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Knock.

Seventy years later, in 1949, a new priest named Clément Braceland arrived in St-Malachy. Originally from Ireland, he decided to visit his homeland and travelled to Knock. Deeply moved by the experience, he returned with a vision: to build a small sanctuary inspired by Knock, right next to the church.

He hired Bruno Dueschki, an architect from Ottawa, to design the plans. Work began, and on August 15, 1955—the Feast of the Assumption—Bishop Lemieux of Ottawa came to bless the new sanctuary. Since then, each year around this date, people have gathered here to pray to Our Lady of Knock, just like in Ireland.

During the construction, the municipal council felt that the name “St-Malachy” no longer truly reflected the identity of the community. Many families in the area came from County Mayo, and the name was already commonly used in conversation.

On May 4, 1953, the council submitted a first request to the Government of Quebec to officially change the name. The councillors explained that, in practice, everyone already called the place “Mayo.” The following year, they made another request, this time stressing that it was a popular demand, supported by the community and Mayor Thomas McAlinden.

Eventually, the government agreed. On August 21, 1954, the order was signed. On September 18, the change was published in the Official Gazette of Quebec: the municipality would no longer be known as the Parish of St. Malachy, but simply Mayo. The change was formalized by Secretary-Treasurer Maude Maloney and the mayor.

Today, Mayo still proudly carries that name, in memory of its Irish roots, the strong faith of its people, and the story of those who built this community.

# Fire departments

## Fire season – Stay alert

As the snow melts and dry debris builds up, the risk of fire increases in the spring. Here are a few important reminders to help keep everyone safe:

- Stay informed: Check fire warnings issued by SOPFEU (posted at the intersection of Route 315 and McAlendin Road, as well as on the municipal website).
- Clear dry debris: Remove dead branches, dry leaves and other flammable material around your property.
- Be cautious: If you use an open fire to burn debris, always keep a hose or fire extinguisher nearby—and never leave a fire unattended.
- Spread the word: Sharing these tips with your neighbours helps keep the whole community safe.

## Flood prevention – Be prepared

Spring can bring a rapid rise in water levels. Every resident has a role to play in protecting their property and helping reduce the risk across the community.

Here are some key actions:

- Check your property: Make sure drains, culverts and ditches are clear.
- Protect your home: Keep sandbags or other flood barriers on hand if you live in a flood-prone area.
- Stay informed: Follow alerts from the municipality and consult civil security resources.

For useful tips and information : [mayo.ca/en-cas-dinondation-etes-vous-pret](https://mayo.ca/en-cas-dinondation-etes-vous-pret)

# Environmental Health

## Septic tank emptying – 2025 season

The company Sanivac is responsible for septic tank servicing in our area from 2024 to 2027.

The regular season runs from April 15 to November 15.

- Permanent residences: Tanks must be emptied every 2 years
- Seasonal residences: Every 4 years

You will receive a notice in the mail indicating the scheduled week for your property. Make sure access to your septic tank is clear and unobstructed.

## Écocentre opening – Canton of Lochaber

Mayo residents can bring their materials to the Écocentre from May 2 to November 29, 2025.

- Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Proof of residency and access card required (sent with your tax bill).

## Is your garbage or recycling bin damaged?

If your bin is broken or if you don't have one, you can get a replacement from the Municipality. For any request or information, contact us!



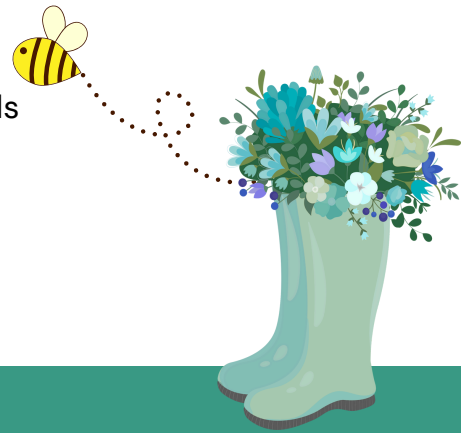
# Public works

## Upcoming roadwork

Roadwork is planned on our local network this year:

- Replacement of the culvert at the intersection of Roy and Burke roads
- Final application of sealant on Roy Road
- Road repair work on Rivière-Blanche Road


Thank you for exercising caution in these areas during the work period!



# Recreation

## New free digital services for Mayo residents!

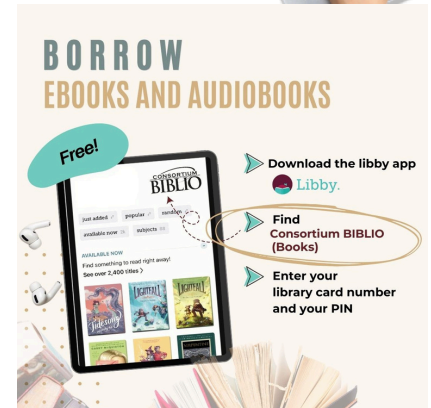
Thanks to the Municipality of Mayo and the Réseau BIBLIO de l'Outaouais, residents now have free access to a wide range of digital resources: e-books, magazines, escape games, genealogy tools, and much more!

 New! For English e-books and audiobooks, the Réseau BIBLIO de l'Outaouais is now part of a consortium of 7 regional library networks.

This means access to an even larger digital collection—from 5,765 to 12,521 titles—on the Libby (OverDrive) platform.

[Register for free at this link.](#)

Happy reading!



## Family assistance – Sports and arts activities

Do you live in Mayo and have children aged 17 or under enrolled in activities outside the municipality?

You may be eligible for a reimbursement of up to \$100 per child, per year.

To get the details or submit a request:

- Visit the municipal office
- Or download the form from our website.



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More details soon.



## Forêt-la-Blanche Ecological Reserve



### Sunday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Join biologist François Lambert for an educational walk of just over an hour on spring flowers along Trail #2. The activity is free, but a daily or annual pass is required to participate. A great event for all!

### Sunday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open House Day – Free admission for all visitors!

This is also the date of the Annual General Meeting at 10 a.m., held at the Interpretation Centre (300 Saddler Road). All members are invited and will receive the relevant documents before the meeting.

### We need your support!

The Friends of Forêt-la-Blanche work tirelessly to maintain the ecological reserve's trails and to offer educational materials that help visitors better understand this ancient forest, its wildlife, and its plant life.

Come discover this local gem in the heart of Mayo, and enjoy the trails and activities offered throughout the year. Bring your visitors!

Now is the time to purchase or renew your annual membership, with or without trail access. Becoming a member is a great way to support the mission of the Friends of Forêt-la-Blanche!

You can become a non-trail member for only \$10 per person.

Memberships and donations can be made online: <https://www.foretlablancche.org/billetterie/#>. Thank you for supporting our efforts!

### Interested in joining the Board of Directors?

For more information, contact Renée Giroux at: [presidence@foretlablancche.org](mailto:presidence@foretlablancche.org)

The Mayo community library is open to everyone and it's completely free. It works just like a little free library—you borrow a book and return it (or not) when you come back to Forêt-la-Blanche.

There are books for children, teens, and adults, in both French and English. The library is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We recommend calling the front desk to make sure someone is at the Interpretation Centre: 819-281-6700.

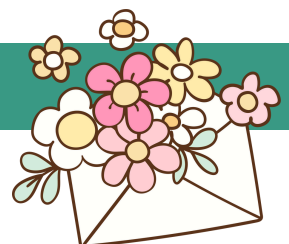


## Restez informé



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