

THE MAYOLOIS

Municipal newsletter

Spring 2026



Dear residents of Mayo,

Spring is finally back, and with it a wonderful season of activities and projects for our community.

This bulletin presents several important updates. First, the municipality is undertaking the development of its very first family and seniors municipal policy. A steering committee will be established shortly, and we are looking for citizens ready to get involved. Your voice matters!

You will also find in these pages a public notice of consultation regarding Draft By-law No. 2026-02 concerning the code of ethics and conduct for elected officials. I invite you to read it and to attend the meeting planned for this purpose.

On the leisure side, mark your calendars for the annual picnic, which will be held on July 4th. More details to come!

I wish you a wonderful spring and look forward to seeing you this summer.

Robert Bertrand
Mayor



News

Upcoming municipal council meetings

May 11

June 8

July 13

Important Notice – School Tax Payment

Please note that the school tax payment counter at the Centre de services scolaire au Cœur-des-Vallées has been closed since the summer of 2025.

To make your payment, two options are available:

1. Through your financial institution. Use the reference number for electronic payment printed at the bottom of your invoice.
2. By cheque or money order. Send your payment directly to the Centre de services scolaire.

For any questions, contact the Centre de services scolaire au Cœur-des-Vallées directly at (819) 986-8511 #577701 or srf-taxation@cssc.v.qc.ca

Get Involved in Mayo's Family and Seniors Municipal Policy Your voice matters!

The Municipality of Mayo is undertaking an important initiative: the development of its very first family and seniors municipal policy. For this policy to truly reflect our community, we need you.

A steering committee will be established in the coming weeks. We are looking for 8 to 12 Mayo citizens ready to get involved and share their perspective. No matter who you are, your experience is valuable: seniors, families, youth, teenagers, workers, entrepreneurs – the more diverse the committee, the more representative and meaningful the policy will be.

What will your role involve?

As a committee member, you will take part in meetings to guide discussions, share your ideas, create an action plan, and help build a policy that responds to the real needs of Mayo residents. Your involvement will make a real difference for the families and seniors of our municipality.

Interested?

Contact me, Sonia Petrin Poulin, project manager, before May 4th.
admin@soniapetrinpoulin.ca



Your voice matters. Get involved!
Mayo is building its family and seniors municipal policy, and we need you.

*No matter who you are, your experience is valuable!
Seniors, families, teenagers, workers,
entrepreneurs, job seekers, etc. The more diverse
the committee, the richer the policy.*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSULTATION
BY-LAW 2026-02**

**DRAFT BY-LAW NO. 2026-02, Code of ethics and conduct for municipal
elected officials**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the following:

At a meeting held on April 13, 2026, the council adopted Draft By-law 2026-02 concerning the code of ethics and conduct for municipal elected officials.

A public consultation meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Mayo Town Hall located at 20 chemin McAlendin, Mayo. At this meeting, Mayor Robert Bertrand will explain the draft by-law and hear from any individuals or organizations wishing to speak.

The draft by-law may be consulted at the Town Hall, located at 20 chemin McAlendin, Mayo, during regular office hours and on the website : www.mayo.ca

GIVEN at Mayo, Quebec, this 17^e day of April 2026.

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Lucille Labonté
General Director and Clerk-Treasurer

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, the undersigned, Lucille Labonté, General Director and Clerk-Treasurer of the Municipality of Mayo, certify under my oath of office that I published the above public notice by posting a copy at each of the two locations designated by the Council, on April 17, 2026, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

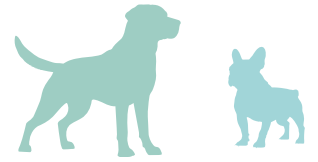
In witness whereof, I issue this certificate on April 17, 2026.

General Director and Clerk-Treasurer

Visit our [website](http://www.mayo.ca) to view the draft by-law.

Register your dog – it's mandatory!

Since March 1, 2019, dog registration has been mandatory throughout Quebec, under the provincial regulation ([chapitre P-38.002](#)).



It's also time to update the municipal dog registry!

Since March 1, 2019, dog registration has been mandatory throughout Quebec, under the provincial regulation ([chapter P-38.002](#)).

Thank you for respecting this legal obligation, for the well-being of your animal... and the community.

Urban planning

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.

Environmental Health

Septic tank emptying – 2026 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 May 26

- 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 1 to November 28, 2026.

- 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!



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

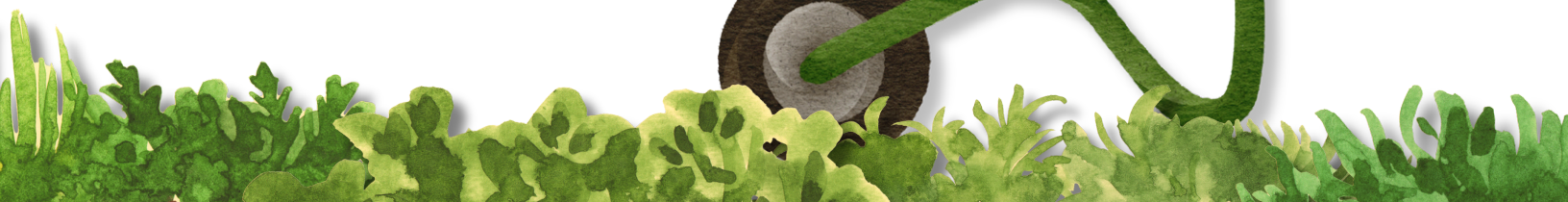


Spring can bring a rapid rise in water levels. Every resident has a role to play in protecting their property and helping reduce the risk across the community.

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



Recreation



Join us for our

ANNUAL PICNIC

July 4 2026

More details soon.



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.

Free digital services for Mayo citizens!

Enjoy FREE access to a wealth of digital resources through the Municipality of Mayo and the Réseau BIBLIO de l'Outaouais! E-books, magazines, escape games, genealogy and much more!

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Community Library

Thanks to a collaboration between the Municipality of Mayo and the Amis de la Forêt-la-Blanche, citizens have access to a community library located at the Welcome Pavilion, at 300 chemin Saddler.

Books for adults, teens and children are available, in both French and English.

The library is open every day from 10 AM to 4 PM. It is recommended to call 819-281-6700 to confirm that staff are present at the reception. If you have novels published after 2015 to donate, you are welcome to bring them on your next visit.

Les Amis de la Forêt-la-Blanche

Spring is just around the corner! In May, the spring wildflower trail will be back on trail no. 2. Keep an eye on the Amis' social media for exact dates.

It's also a great time to purchase or renew your annual pass, which includes your membership. You can get it directly at foretblanche.org. You can also support the Amis' mission by purchasing a membership without trail access for \$10.

After the snow melts, enjoy the virtual guided tour (accessible with a smartphone or tablet). All the details are available on the large sign outside the welcome pavilion or on the website.



Art for All

June 13 and 14, 2026, from 10 AM to 4 PM

Parc Henri-Bourassa, in front of the church, Papineauville

Honorary President: Jean-Yves Guindon

This event is open to emerging visual artists residing in the MRC de Papineau, as well as art students from the region. Booths (10' x 10') are provided and equipped. There is room for 30 exhibitors. The participation fee is \$25 per artist.

To register your booth, fill out the online form on the Municipality of Papineauville's website and submit three photos of your recent works. Payment must be completed by May 1, 2026.

To register, fill out this form : [Participation Form](#)

Art pour tous

Petite Nation

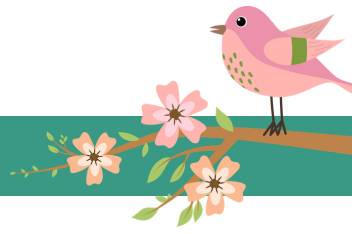
Jean-Yves Guindon, Président d'honneur

Art pour tous

Exposition des artistes-peintres amateurs de la Petite-Nation à Papineauville
Les 13-14 juin, 2026

information:
expo.art.pour.tous@gmail.com

History and heritage



By-law No. 4 of 1899

Mayor Randell McDonnell was a serious and rigorous man. His secretary, Michael Connor, managed communications and ensured everything was well documented, even though the official records of the time have largely disappeared.

Since the 1850s, the first settlers of the Township of St. Malachy had traced roads and paths along lakes and rivers to mark the boundaries of their land. For over fifty years, each landowner maintained the fences along the public roads crossing their property. It was a practice accepted by all, with no formal law to govern it.

In the fall of 1899, the Council finally decided to regulate the matter:

"Whereas the owners and occupants of land in St. Malachy have from time to time during the past fifty years built and repaired their respective fences on each side of the public roads where such roads passed through and bordered their lands, at their own personal expense when it was deemed practical or necessary to protect such lands; it is virtually understood in the municipality that the owners or occupants, from time to time, at their own expense and of absolute necessity without the levying of municipal taxes for any fence whatsoever, which would be contrary to the best interests of the municipality and would be ruinous in the extreme...

Be it therefore resolved as follows:

1. THAT the landowners of the municipality whose public road crosses their land shall erect, maintain and repair any fence deemed necessary for the protection of said lands, from time to time as in the past for thirty years (that's twenty years less than the beginning!) without any reservation of municipal rights or privileges to fence new roads or lands of owners of new roads when they become necessary;
2. THAT this by-law be submitted to the electors;
3. THAT it be transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor for final approval and promulgation."

On September 23, 1899, secretary Michael Connor convened all electors at a public meeting, in French and in English. A referendum was set for October 16. Thirty electors showed up. The names on the list clearly reflect the Irish origins of St. Malachy.

Result: twenty-nine votes in favour, one against.

By-law approved, promulgated!

To be continued in the next edition of Le Mayolois...
Excerpt from the book Mayo 150 Years 1864-2014

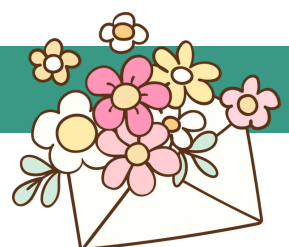
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