

THE MAYOLOIS



Municipal newsletter

Fall 2025

Dear residents of Mayo,

As the municipal election period begins, I address you with gratitude and emotion in what may be my final message as mayor.

Over the past four years, we have accomplished many things together. A large part of our efforts has been devoted to maintaining and improving our roads — essential work to ensure safe and reliable travel for everyone. Several major road projects were completed on Rivière-Blanche, Roy and Burke roads, made possible through government grants and careful planning.

Beyond roadwork, we also continued to improve our municipal services, support community life, and protect our environment — always with the same goal in mind: providing all residents of Mayo with a safe and enjoyable place to live.

I wish to thank the members of council, municipal staff, and all citizens for their collaboration, trust, and commitment throughout this term. It is thanks to this collective effort that we were able to accomplish so much.

Thank you all for your contribution to the vitality of our beautiful municipality.

Robert Bertrand
Mayor



News

Upcoming municipal council meetings

November 10

December 8

Toques and caps

As autumn settles in and the weather cools, it's the perfect time to keep our heads warm! Take advantage of this opportunity to grab one of our toques or caps featuring the Mayo municipality logo. They are available for \$25 for toques and \$20 for caps. Show your community spirit while staying cozy!





Election



This year marks a first in the MRC of Papineau, you'll be voting not only for your municipal council but also for your Warden.

The Warden represents all the municipalities within the MRC and oversees regional planning and development. Their role includes working on shared priorities such as land use planning, environmental management, and intermunicipal services.



To learn more about the candidates for Warden, visit the MRC's website: <https://mrcpapineau.com/conseil-des-maires/prefet-2025/>

Official list of candidates

Discover who is running in the 2025 municipal elections on the Municipality of Mayo's website: <https://mayo.ca/elections-2025/>

Voting information

Voting will take place at Mayo's Municipal Office (20 McAlendin Road) during both the advance voting day and election day.

To vote, you must be registered on the voters list and present one of the following pieces of identification:

- Health Insurance Card
- Driver's Licence
- Canadian Passport
- Certificate of Indian Status
- Canadian Forces Identification Card

Please make sure to bring your ID when you come to vote.

Advance Voting

October 26
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Election Day

November 2
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Fire departments

Tips for the cold season

The volunteer firefighters of the Mayo and Mulgrave-et-Derry Fire Department would like to remind you that for your safety, it is important to check the batteries in your smoke alarms, clean and sweep your chimney, and ensure that your civic address is clearly visible this winter for emergency services.

Forest fire prevention

The fire that occurred on September 30 is a reminder of the importance of staying vigilant. Before lighting any fire, take a moment to check the current fire danger level on our website.

A quick-access button is available on the homepage of mayo.ca



Urban planning and environment

Reminder to waterfront residents

We would like to draw your attention to the importance of vegetating shoreline buffers.



We invite all waterfront property owners to consult the link provided for more information on shoreline vegetation and its environmental benefits.

As you may have noticed, the Municipality also had to comply with the environmental regulations of the Ministry of the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks (MLCCFP) in order to obtain the necessary authorizations for the shoreline stabilization work carried out last September on Rivière-Blanche Road.

We invite you to visit [this link](#) for more information about shoreline vegetation and its importance in protecting our waterways.

Extension of the new residential pool safety rules

The Government of Québec has postponed by one year the implementation of the Residential Swimming Pool Safety Regulation. Homeowners will therefore have more time to comply with the new requirements.

These rules aim to better protect young children and include, among other things:

- installing a fence or barrier at least 1.2 metres high around the pool;
- having a self-closing and self-latching gate equipped with a safety device;
- prohibiting direct access to the pool from a house (for example, a patio door opening directly onto the pool area).

For more information, visit the Government of Québec's website.



Temporary car shelters

In accordance with current regulations: Temporary car shelters may be installed from November 1 of the current year until May 15 of the following year. These shelters must respect a setback of 1.50 meters from the road right-of-way and a lateral clearance of 0.75 meters. ([Bylaw 2011-03](#))

Does your dog have its tag?

We remind residents that it is mandatory to register your dog each year, in accordance with provincial regulations ([Chapter P-38.002, r.1](#)).

The annual renewal fee is \$10 per dog. This process ensures effective management of animals within the Municipality of Mayo and complies with the Provincial Act to Promote the Protection of Persons by Establishing a Framework Concerning Dogs.



Snow removal

To avoid interfering with snow removal operations and to ensure the safety of all road users, by-law 2009-001 prohibits depositing snow on the opposite side of the road. Offenders are subject to a fine.

Culvert maintenance

It is essential to ensure the regular maintenance of your culverts to allow proper drainage and prevent flooding on your property and nearby roads. By cleaning them and clearing away debris, you help protect not only your property but also the safety of the entire community.

A little attention today can prevent major problems tomorrow! (By-law 2021-04).

Environmental Health

Ecocentre

Please note that you have until November 29 to use your 2025 access card for the Lochaber Township Ecocentre. The site will then be closed until next year.

What to recycle

Recycling is a simple action that makes a big difference! Be sure to properly sort your recyclables: paper, cardboard, plastics (codes 1 to 7, except for 6), glass, and metal. Avoid placing plastic bags, food wrap, and Styrofoam in your recycling bins.

To help, ask yourself these two questions before recycling:

- Is it a container, packaging, or printed material?
- Is it made of metal, glass, plastic, cardboard, or paper?

If the answer is "yes" to both questions, it's recyclable! Together, we can reduce waste and preserve the environment of our beautiful municipality.



Septic tank emptying – End of 2025 season

Sanivac is responsible for septic tank emptying in the municipality for the 2024–2027 period. They will be in the area during October to complete this year’s scheduled work.

Important reminder:

- Septic tanks of permanent residences must be emptied every 2 years
- Septic tanks of secondary residences every 4 years

You will receive a notice by mail indicating the scheduled week for your property.

Please ensure that access to your septic tank is clear and unobstructed.

Public works

Roadwork completed in 2025

Burke Road

- Resurfacing of a section between civic number 121 and the intersection with Roy Road
- Replacement of an 8-foot culvert at the intersection with Roy Road

Roy Road

- Crack sealing and line painting
- Application of surface sealant

Rivière-Blanche Road

- Shoreline stabilization and road reconstruction work
- Maintenance work (decohesion and paving)

Recreation

Picnic recap

What a great success!

On July 5, our traditional annual picnic brought together more than 157 participants.

We're already looking forward to the 2026 edition!
A big thank-you to all the participants, volunteers, and generous sponsors who helped make this event such a success.



Family assistance

Do you live in Mayo and have children under 17 years old enrolled in artistic or sports activities outside the municipality? The municipality offers an annual reimbursement of up to \$100 per child. To learn more about the family assistance program and apply for reimbursement, please visit the Municipal Office or print the form from our [website](#).

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En octobre 2025,
chaque visite vous donne
une chance de remporter
l'un des trois prix régionaux.

In October 2025,
every time you visit you'll get
a chance to win one
of three regional prizes.



The Great
MEMBER
HUNT
CONTEST

Les Amis de la Forêt-la-Blanche invite you to enjoy the fall colours in all their splendour.

Saturday, November 1 – Trail clean-up

We need your help to rake the 12 km of trails before winter!

Free entry and lunch provided for all volunteers. Come with your family or friends — even for an hour or two!

Bring your rakes, and thank you in advance!

We've had to create a new Facebook page: [Réserve écologique de la Forêt-la-Blanche](#). In doing so, we lost our list of followers, so please like and share our new page on your social networks!



History and heritage

The heroic beginnings of St-Malachy

Over a hundred years ago, the first families of St-Malachy arrived in a land filled with lakes, rivers and forests. They had to show great courage, strength and patience as they cut down giant trees like oaks and maples with very few tools. Horses and oxen were scarce; most families didn't have any. At that time, one in four people didn't even own an animal to help with the work.

Despite these challenges, some of the houses built back then are still standing today, a testament to the skill and determination of those pioneers who worked hard to build a new life even in a harsh and humble environment.

Money was also scarce. Families survived mainly through hard work, and every member had a role depending on their age. Women worked in the fields and helped build houses, all while caring for their children. They spun wool, sewed clothes, prepared food for the winter and gathered medicinal plants. Some even used animal bones carved into needle shapes for sewing.

To get what they didn't have, people went to the general store and bartered goods. The timber industry was central to life in the area, and men built sleds to haul wood to Buckingham or Thurso. Often, they burned land to collect ashes, which they sold in Bytown (now Ottawa). In Mayo, you can still see the spot near the cemetery where wood was once burned to make ash.

Some residents also worked in the mines, such as the Black Lead Mines or Feldspar, where iron ore was extracted. Others sold hay to feed the horses used by logging companies.

It was a difficult but proud era. In 1899, this chapter of history closed with a public referendum on fences. Thankfully, Mayo's archives continue to keep alive the memory of these brave pioneers.

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





Volunteer drivers wanted

TAC Papineau, your adapted and shared transportation service in the MRC of Papineau, is always looking for volunteer drivers.

Whether you have just a few hours a week to offer or several full days, every bit of help makes a difference in supporting mobility for residents across the large MRC territory.

Requirements to become a volunteer driver:

- Complete the volunteer driver application form*
- Provide a copy of a valid driver's licence
- Own a well-maintained vehicle with registration and insurance proof
- Undergo a criminal background check
- A medical certificate may be required (at any time)

Interested? Please note that some municipalities in our territory cannot currently be served due to a shortage of volunteers.

Fill out the online form on our website at www.tacpapineau.ca or call 819-308-0788 extension 3504

Transportation services for everyone in the MRC of Papineau

Do you need transportation and live in one of the 25 municipalities in the MRC of Papineau?

TAC Papineau is here for you! Our slogan: "We transport you with heart."

Two options are available:

- Adapted transportation, if you qualify based on eligibility criteria
- Public transportation, available to everyone for a variety of needs: medical or professional appointments, work, leisure or shopping trips

Visit www.tacpapineau.ca to learn more or call 819-308-0788, extension 0.

You must register before using the service, and specific rules apply depending on the type of transportation requested.



Série de 5 ATELIERS AU SUJET DE LA MALADIE D'ALZHEIMER:

PROCHE AIDANCE ET ADAPTATION DU DOMICILE



**Présenté par: Andrée-Michelle Cormier, formatrice,
Société Alzheimer de l'Outaouais**

- Les facteurs de risque et de protection
- L'aménagement du domicile pièce par pièce
- Les comportements déroutants
- La communication
- Les interventions cognitives
- Se préparer pour une visite à l'hôpital
- La conduite automobile
- L'approche
- Planifier l'avenir...

**Dates: 9-23 octobre, 6-20 novembre, 4 décembre 2025
de 9h30 à 11h30**

Lieu: CR3A, 134 rue Principale, St-André-Avellin



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