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MAYOR'S CORNER



Jody Stone

Hi,

Summer is here! This beautiful season means vacations, outdoor activities, and precious moments with family and friends.

Exciting new features will soon be added to Parc des Générations. Thanks to the Stanstead Recreation Association, a new play structure for children aged 0 to 5 will be installed soon. A trail with exercise stations integrated into the benches will also be created to encourage residents of all ages to be active and enjoy this wonderful space.

A few important reminders:

Municipal Taxes

The next deadline for paying municipal taxes is **July 15, 2026**. Please pay by this date to avoid applicable interest charges.

Large Waste Collection

The next collections will take place on **July 4** and **September 12**, from **9 a.m. to noon**, at the municipal garage located at **10 Villeneuve Street**.

To ensure the smooth running of this collection and to facilitate traffic flow, we ask that you **enter** the site **via Villeneuve Street** and **exit via Railroad Street**. Due to the anticipated volume of traffic, please drive carefully and respect the posted signage.

Please do not leave large items at the edge of your property and remember to bring identification or a document confirming your residence in Stanstead.

I wish you a wonderful July and a great summer enjoying all that our community has to offer!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday Council Meeting | 2nd Monday of the month| Town Hall - 425, rue Dufferin | 7 p.m.

WHAT'S NEW

Town Hall Closure

Please note that Town Hall will be closed from **July 27 to 31, 2026**, during one of the two construction holiday weeks. We invite you to plan your requests accordingly.

Permit Applications

Do you have work planned this summer? Don't forget to check whether a permit is required. Construction, building expansions, pool installations, tree cutting, as well as several types of renovations require a permit.

The application form is available at Town Hall or on the Town's website:
stanstead.ca/formulaires/demande-de-permis

For any questions, please contact the municipal inspector at inspecteur@stanstead.ca.

Open-Air Fires

A permit is required for any open-air fire. This permit is issued by the **Régie Incendie Memphrémagog Est**, not by the Town.

To obtain a permit:

- 873-389-5886
- prevention@regieincendieest.com
- Monday to Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tomifobia Park

It's easy being GREEN!

Would you like to contribute to the plantings for the new Tomifobia Park?

Check out the photos for inspiration and levels of sponsorship!

The park's official opening is **Sept 19**! To sponsor perennials, shrubs or trees, there are several levels of tax-deductible donation (cheques to "Ville de Stanstead") as well as the public recognition described in the Plan de visibilité 2026. Citizens are also invited to take part in the plantings on the opening day.

The deadline to be named on the inaugural plaque is July 15.

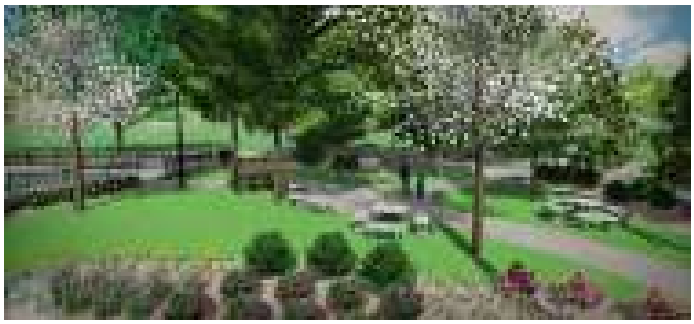
The Tomifobia Park project started with the Vision and Design workshop in January, which was open to all citizens, and continues with a planning committee made of council members, citizens, and members of the municipal administrative team. First, the old Bouchard grocery store was deconstructed. Next, volunteer citizens unpaved the parking lot! Now, with a partnership with RÊVE Nourricier, paradise will be restored and the Rock Island border crossing will be green and welcoming…nature knows no borders!

The new park is part of the revitalization of Stanstead's downtown and is being created right across from the Canadian Customs in Rock Island.

See you on September 19th!

For more information, contact Mélanie at: loisirs@stanstead.ca

WHAT'S NEW









RÉSEAU D'ESPACES VERTS ÉDUCATIF ET NOURRICIER

SOUS LES PAVÉS

PROJET COORDONNÉ PAR

centre d'écologie urbaine

SOUTENU FINANCIÈREMENT PAR

LA PROMESSE TD PRÊTS À AGIR

Stanstead

FONDS D'ACTION QUÉBÉCOIS pour le développement durable

Plan de visibilité 2026

Dépavage et aménagement de la plateforme Tomifobia

Partenaire Vivaces | 300 $
- Contribuer à acheter et planter plus de 15 herbacés sur le site
- Mention sur la page web du projet de REVE Nourricier
- Mention sur la page web de la ville de Stanstead
- Prise de photos lors des activités

Partenaire Arbustes | 600$
- Visibilité vivaces
- Contribuer à l'achat de 20 arbustes plantés sur le site
- Mention de votre implication sur les réseaux sociaux de REVE Nourricier et de la ville de Stanstead

Partenaire Arbres | 1500$
- Visibilité arbuste et vivaces
- Contribuer à acheter et planter les 6 arbres sur le site
- Mention de votre nom sur la plaque inaugurale

Partenaire Vert | 2500 $ +
- Visibilité arbres, arbuste et vivaces
- Mention dans les communiqués de presse et notre rapport annuel, section partenaires majeurs
- Possibilité d'installer une bannière lors des 2 évènements
- Droit de parole lors des activités
- Remerciements lors des allocutions

Partenaire Alimentaire | 500$ +
- Remerciements lors des allocutions
- Droit de parole lors des activités
- Mention dans notre communiqué de presse

Partenaire politique et médias | 500$ +
- Droit de parole lors de la conférence de presse
- Installation d'une affiche promotionnelle (si applicable)
- Partage de la carte d'affaires sur nos réseaux sociaux

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819-640-5222
info@revenourricier.org

YOUTH ZONE



PHELPS HOME RUN EST. 2017

JOURNÉE FAMILIALE du Tournoi Home Run!

FAMILY DAY at the Home Run Tournament!

Samedi 18 juillet | 12 h à 16 h

Saturday, July 18th | 12pm to 4pm

Présenté par / Presented by l'Association des loisirs de Stanstead

- Château gonflable / Bounce Castle
- Chasse au trésor - Défi on Bouge / Let's Move Scavenger Hunt
- Soccer gonflable géant / Giant Inflatable Soccer
- Lancer de hache & plus encore! / Axe Throwing & More!

Matchs de softball jeunesse
5 à 15 ans inscriptions

Youth Softball Games
Ages 5-15
Register now!

phelpshelps.ca | info@phelpshelps.ca | 819-704-0799

PHELPS AIDE
PHELPS HELPS

CAMP D'ÉTÉ
S.T.I.M - S.T.E.A.M
SUMMER CAMP

9 à 13 ans / 9 to 13 years old

10 au 14 août & 17 au 21 août
August 10th-14th & August 17th-21st

PLACES LIMITÉES - LIMITED SPOTS
INSCRIVEZ-VOUS / REGISTER NOW
glalande@phelpshelps.ca
819-704-0799

2026 Summer Reading Program

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Visit the library for a sticker in your Summer Reading Challenge booklet. Each sticker gets you a free prize! After filling your booklet, come back on or after August 15th for a new book!

BEGINS JULY 4TH!

TO JOIN, SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK TO RECEIVE YOUR BOOKLET!

AT THE HASKELL FREE LIBRARY

JOIN US AT :

Haskell Free Library
1 Church Street, Stanstead
93 Caswell Ave, Derby Line
haskelloperahouse.org
(888) 626-2060



COMMUNITY LIFE









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The Greening Index in your yard!

Did you know that your landscaping contributes to the Fleurons du Québec rating?

During their visit this summer, the evaluators will tour our city to observe 60% of the overall living environment: public, institutional, commercial and residential spaces.

Your yard, garden or balcony can be part of our city's portrait!

A few simple actions can make all the difference:

- Weed and maintain your flower beds;
- Add plants that are well suited to our local environment;
- Showcase existing trees and shrubs.

Help us make our city an even greener, more sustainable and welcoming place to live. The benefits will last long after the rating has been awarded!



COMMUNITY LIFE

LARGE ITEM COLLECTION

Stanstead

SPECIAL DAY AT THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE

Located at the municipal garage :
10, rue Villeneuve, Stanstead



For your safety, please use Villeneuve Street **and not Railroad Street to get to 10, rue Villeneuve.**

Opening of the municipal garage for the collection of:

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- Household paint
- Oil
- Batteries
- Large bulky items
- Iron and metal residues
- Construction residues
- Rimless tires

MATERIALS REFUSED

- Hazardous household waste
- Refrigerators and other freon products

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
9 AM to NOON

For Stanstead residents only
Proof of residence required

MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Competition: Win 3 Mayor's Scholarships 2026 - $100 each

This competition is open to our high school and professional school graduates

HOW TO ENTER THE COMPETITION:

Send us at info@stanstead.ca
your full name, a photo,
proof of your graduation and
proof of residence in Stanstead



TOWN OF / VILLE DE Stanstead

DEADLINE: AUGUST 6, 2026
AT NOON (12:00 PM) TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

HOME & BUSINESS FLOWER CONTEST

Your town, more beautiful, our pride!

2026

LET'S MAKE STANSTEAD BLOOM!



1 WINNER PER SECTOR
Stanstead • Rock Island • Beebe

1 WINNER BUSINESS CATEGORY

AN IMPORTANT WEEK FOR STANSTEAD!

WEEK OF JULY 27 2026

The jury will tour the town to assess the visible landscaping from the street.

At the same time, Ville de Stanstead evaluates the Fleurons du Québec, which rewards different efforts to improve the quality of greening and landscaping in our community.

YOUR YARD, GARDEN OR BALCONY CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

THE JURY WILL EVALUATE

- Landscape design
- Harmony of colors
- Maintenance
- Plant health
- Creativity and overall impact

THE FLEURONS DU QUÉBEC... THAT'S IMPORTANT TOO!

Evaluators will observe about 60% of the municipality's territory, including the following sectors :

RESIDENTIAL · COMMERCIAL · INSTITUTIONAL · PUBLIC SPACES

SIMPLE ACTIONS CAN HELP IMPROVE OUR RATING:

- Remove deadheading from planters
- Keep trees and shrubs well maintained
- Add plants that are healthy and suited
- Value your landscaping efforts

PRIZE
Each winner will receive:
$100 + A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE IN GRANITE

Together, let's make our town bloom!

Every flower planted, every green space maintained and every welcoming façade helps make Stanstead a greener, more vibrant, and more sustainable place to live!



THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2026, LET'S GET OUR TOWN READY! *Every gesture counts.*

BULLETIN BOARD



HERITAGE OGDEN
Treasuring Ogden's past

150e ANNIVERSAIRE DE L'INDUSTRIE DU GRANIT

GRANITE ROCKS - CELEBRATE 150 YEARS!

The granite quarry and finishing industries have been the cornerstones of the local economy since 1876. Heritage Ogden, in collaboration with the Colby-Curtis Museum and industry partners, is celebrating this anniversary in August and September of this year with major expositions and events for the public to enjoy. This will be an unprecedented opportunity to learn about a fascinating, long-standing and vital industry in our region that few of us know much about. There will be events catering to all ages, culminating in a mechoui at Weir Memorial Park with entertainment that will be **THE SOCIAL EVENT OF 2026!**

CELEBRATORY WEEKEND EVENTS (AUGUST 15th & 16th)

August 15th, Saturday am FREE – 1st come 1st served, so reserve your spot early - see QR code

Nature & History tour along the Graniteville Spur

The Graniteville Spur was a standard gauge railroad spurline that ran from the Graniteville quarries to the mainline (Boston & Maine) at Lineboro in Ogden, and was operated by the quarry owners. Built in 1890, the line was used until 1940. The tracks were ripped up in the early 1950s. A very pleasant nature trail follows most of the former spur line. Nature and history guides will be provided for this excursion, probably limited to 45 persons.

August 15th, Saturday pm FREE – 1st come 1st served, so reserve your spot early - see QR code

Public Lectures on the geology, history, personalities and architectural uses of granite

All lectures will be aimed at a basic level for the lay public. Probably limited to 60 persons due to seating. Wide range of topics will be presented including: What the heck is granite?; Granite quarrying in the ancient Mediterranean world; Shared Ground, Separate Paths: The Granite Industries of Vermont and the Eastern Townships; Architectural and memorial uses of Stanstead granite in the heyday; Stories from the Quarry and Finishing Shed floors. Presenters are all knowledgeable folks and come from the USA and Canada.

August 16th, Sunday am FREE – 1st come 1st served, so reserve your spot early - see QR code

Quarry tour and modern quarry methods

Led by expert personnel. Probably limited to 25 persons There could also possibly be a tour of a modern finishing shed/factory in Beebe – stay tuned to our website for details.

August 16th, Sunday noon through into early evening MOSTLY FREE – mechoui and dance will require tickets ($30 + tax per person) – see QR code to reserve tickets.

BBQ/mechoui at Weir Memorial Park with live music and dancing

The afternoon will have some hands-on kids activities, granite carving, information displays, a photography exhibition and other attractions. Unlimited attendance. The BBQ/mechoui in the early evening will be held under a big tent, so come regardless of weather. Tickets mandatory, no walk-ups. Music provided by the **Mike Goudreau Trio**.

LONGER DURATION EVENTS (July 31 - September 27)

Colby-Curtis Museum 535 Rue Dufferin, Stanstead regular entrance fee for Museum

Hard as rock - 150 ans d'histoire du granite

Hosted by the Colby-Curtis Museum, this photography and artifact exhibition is a tour through time with old (mostly pre-1930) and modern images of our local quarries and sheds coupled with informative text, maps and audio-visual displays. Old tools and other artifacts will be on exhibit.

For registration, details and updates scan the QR code or go to:

heritageogden.ca/granite

MADAME TOURNESOL'S CHRONICLE

Compost, Drought, and El Niño

Have you noticed that there haven't been any free compost giveaways this year? This is due to the low rate of compostable materials collected in residential bins over the past year. It's easy to get discouraged from composting at home because it requires a bit of work. And those smelly bins… yuck! So, I'm sharing my personal tips again to reduce the inconveniences of composting. First, the small countertop bin: some people can afford to buy compostable bags for their small bin. Personally, I think buying those kinds of bags is throwing my money away, but go ahead if you can afford it. I prefer to line the bottom of the bin with a newspaper or flyers. Using two sheets of newspaper, I make a kind of hat or boat with a folding technique. We all did that with origami when we were kids. There are tons of tips online about how to fold paper efficiently. Plus, it costs nothing and my mini bin stays clean. As for the big bin we put up at the curb, I always try to put a piece of cardboard at the bottom. It prevents the waste from sticking to the bottom. I often use a pizza box or a folded cardboard box. It's all compostable. You just have to make sure to remove any staples and/or tape if there is any of the cardboard. Above all, avoid leaving the bin in the sun, otherwise it will start to decompose. And this summer, it's likely to be very hot. As for odours, well, I sprinkle baking soda (the little cow!) on it if it gets smelly. The baking soda also kills any small white worms if there are any. And there you have it, the bin stays a little cleaner.

Speaking of heat, did you know that this summer is a super El Niño? It is said that this summer will be hotter than usual. So far this spring, we have had cool temperatures and plenty of rain, but the arrival of summer will change things. Experts are also predicting a dry summer with little rainfall and intense thunder storms. With extreme weather comes power outages, so be prepared with an emergency kit, spare batteries, and gasoline for your generators.

And remember to keep your lawn longer in July and August, otherwise it will turn yellow and go dormant. During the heat wave, you can enjoy our beautiful Tomifobia River, the designated public spaces in Banting-Holmes Park, and Stone Circle Park. However, swimming is at your own risk as there are no lifeguards. Also, cool off at the splash pad in Beebe Memorial Park. We had it built for both children and adults. You can also go to Weir Beach in Ogden. It's free, so take advantage of it. With that, I wish you a wonderful summer and please be very careful near waterways.

Madame Tournesol



