



ASSOCIATION DES RÉSIDENTS D'ALSTONVALE  
ALSTONVALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Alstonvale resident,

The Year 2020 has not been a typical year, with each one of us having to cope the best we can with the COVID 19 and its impact on society. Despite the various pandemic related restrictions imposed by the Government for our region, the ARA Board of Directors has been quite active in improving our neighbourhood; I thought that it would be a good idea to bring you up to date on these matters. I also wanted to take this opportunity to explain how the Association continues to operate under the COVID restrictions, including the running of the 2021 Annual General Meeting, which will take place in February 2021.

### **Landscaping Efforts**

After an active autumn, our landscaping efforts have started to pay dividends. The south entrance to our development was renovated and is now adorned with some beautiful shrubbery, the flower beds near the mail boxes will be sprouting next spring with some lovely Hosta plants and finally, the grass seed that was sown in September, has nicely filled in some of the bare spots at the north entrance.

Beautifying the development will be ongoing for next year as we plan to sow more grass seed and plant more shrubs, turning the green areas of our development into an environment that we can enjoy even more.

### **Street Drainage**

Following an expensive proposal by Town in 2019 to address the street drainage issue in our neighborhood, the ARA Board of Directors undertook to review alternative solutions. The strategy was two-prong: the rehabilitation of the existing wells and the addition of new ones where needed. A civil engineering firm from Vaudreuil was contracted by the ARA to produce a report on dry well design alternatives, complete with calculation on water absorption estimates. Following several meetings with the Town, the Director General agreed to perform soil percolation tests in our area, and to proceed with a pilot project involving the addition of a new well in two areas known to be problematic during the spring thaw. He has also agreed to rehabilitate the existing 15+ wells in our area. We are hopeful that these initiatives will lead to a cost-effective solution to our street drainage problem.

### **Street Markers**

Many of you elect to put markers in front of your property to guide those involved the street snow removal. Please note that these markers must be at least 2 metres from the asphalt.

### **Upcoming AGM**



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At this time, it is unclear what limitations will be in place with respect to gatherings come February when we usually have our Annual General Meeting. We currently envision holding this meeting virtually but must ensure that we meet the Government regulations as well as respect the requirement of our Association Bylaws. We are confident that we will be able to thread this needle, yet should that prove to be impossible, the AGM may be delayed until gathering restrictions are relaxed. As with many things right now, only time will tell.

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