

LOCAL NEWS

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Glenday resurfacing begins today

By Gordon Lambie

The City of Sherbrooke will be removing the asphalt from Glenday Road starting at 7 a.m. tomorrow morning. As a result, the section of the road between College Street and Bartlett

Road will be closed to all traffic until Friday night. A detour will be posted on nearby streets.

The condition of Glenday Road has become an issue with residents of Lennoxville's Viewpoint neighbourhood in recent years as the paved section has

become increasingly pitted and worn. Given that the current route taken by the road between Bartlett and College is in the future path of the Highway 410 extension, the city was avoiding more costly road repair work in favour of increasingly ineffective patching work.

Sherbrooke's city council approved a compromise solution late last year in the form of a procedure that will grind up the existing road surface and lay it back down as a form of compressed gravel.

BMP plans major upgrades

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The Brome-Missisquoi Hospital in Cowansville will benefit from better adapted spaces, increased comfort, and greater accessibility among other numerous benefits in fully renovated rooms of three care areas at the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital with an injection \$6 million, \$4.5 million of which will be shouldered by the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital Foundation, an essential partner in these major projects.

The refitting of the outpatient surgery clinic, already completed for pre- and post-surgery consultations, will be continued this fall. This second phase will enable minor and endoscopic procedures and interventions, including colonoscopies, to be performed inside rooms specifically intended for these

purposes. The operating rooms' capacity, thus freed, will be increased for surgeries under general anesthesia.

This summer, relocation and renovation work will be pursued in the oncology clinic, with a service beginning in early 2018. The more spacious rooms will offer users a calmer, warmer, and more relaxing environment conducive to recovery.

"The number of patients is increasing every year," explains medical oncologist Dr. Shireen Sirhan. "In fact, 399 additional treatments were provided between 2015 and 2016. Fortunately, we will soon have an oncology clinic set up in more spacious rooms, which will enable us to continue responding to the growing demand while simultaneously offering greater privacy and confidentiality to our users."

Also, the hospital's orthopedic clinic will be relocated to the ground floor in

early 2019. It will be located near ancillary services such as medical imaging, which will then be more easily accessible to a client base that typically has reduced mobility.

"We are very proud of the Foundation's contribution to these major projects which are very significant for

Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital," says Foundation Board Chair Mario Lagrioni. "We are extremely grateful to our valuable donors and thank them for their support. Their donations make a great difference in the quality of care that we can continue to provide."

Worker seriously injured at AFT

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9:45 a.m. and found a forklift operator with significant injuries. He was taken to the CHUS.

A worker at Lennoxville's AFT Inc. Advanced Fiber Technologies was seriously injured in an industrial accident Tuesday morning, around

Two CNESST health and safety inspectors visited the scene to secure the site.

Beware of reworked tires, cops warn

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Sherbrooke Police (SPS) are warning motorists to be careful when changing their tires about purchasing "reworked", goods.

With the arrival of the warmer weather, many need new summer tires and several citizens have complained that people reworking or selling reworked tires.

"The Highway Safety Code is clear on this subject," the force warns. "A tire

must not have been reshaped beyond the depth of the grooves engraved during its manufacture, unless the model has been designed for this purpose."

"If your tire is worn to the point where the horn is touching the roadway (small bump in the groove), your tire is

no longer compliant. Reshaping the groove to make it deeper is not only illegal, but dangerous." The technique could weaken the tire's sole and significantly increase the risk of puncture or bursting when traveling. If in doubt, consult a professional.

Brome-Missisquoi mutual aid

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vulnerable if another call were to come in.

Gilman added that the agreement will likely help response times for calls. Rather than juggling resources while planning an intervention, Bedford fire station could call for a tanker from Knowlton and a pumper from Cowansville to assist with a fire.

"Forty years ago a fire call was a fire call," Gilman said, adding that 10 calls in a year would be considered a lot.

Since January of this year, Gilman said Bedford has had 36 calls, and three occasions when there have been simultaneous calls.

Bedford alone got over 130 calls last year, according to Gilman. He estimated that the Brome Missisquoi MRC likely received around 1,500.

"Last year we had two jaws-of-life calls the same day," he added.

"Calls have increased dramatically," commented Gilman, due to alarm systems.

"You don't know it's a false alarm until you get there. You still have to go and take the cavalry with you," he said, which could leave a town defenceless

if a second call came in.

Acting independently, Gilman described the 11 fire stations in the MRC as having a 'jack of all trades, master of none' issue.

With the new mutual aid agreement, Gilman said the different departments can take advantage of each other's strengths.

"Not every department needs specialized equipment," he said.

He pointed out that Bedford is the only department in the MRC with equipment for heavy animal rescue. As a compliment, Cowansville could specialize in hazardous chemical interventions, and Dunham could use its resources to develop a Rapid Intervention Team for specialized rescues, and all municipalities in the MRC would benefit.

"It's a real milestone for me," he said, after two years of working on the agreement. He thought that getting the municipalities on board would require a lengthy process to explain the project. "It was pretty much a no-brainer," Gilman said, adding mayors were quick to support the idea.

It's going to be better for everyone," Gilman said.

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