

## **DRAINAGE WORK**

### **Backyard Drainage**

A permit issued by the Planning Department must be obtained before all drainage work or installations on a private property. The Engineering and Buildings Department remains available for all technical advice on this subject.

Moreover, we encourage you to consult the new guide issued by the "Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques" (most notably Chapter 11).

### **Drainage Ditches for Surface Water**

Please refer to the following By-Laws for information regarding the maintenance of drainage ditches: 341, 341-1, and 420.

### **Drainage Ditches and Prevention of Property Flooding**

Owners' responsibilities

The maintenance of drainage, boundary and division ditches and streams on private properties is extremely important to help prevent flooding in your backyard or excess water on your landscaping.

Many property owners neglect their duties in this matter and consequently their neighbours suffer flooding during snow melt and heavy rains. At such times, the City receives many requests to locate the source of the blockage.

The City of Pointe-Claire would like to remind you that property owners are entirely responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of any drainage, boundary or division ditch and stream located on their property. The property owner is required to clean and keep these ditches and streams free of any obstruction or blockage of any sort.

Failure to maintain standards renders the property owner liable, and he or she could be fined. The City may also intervene and invoice the property owner for the cost of cleaning these ditches and streams.