



MAYOR'S MESSAGE – 2012 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAXES

The 2012 budget for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé was adopted at a special council meeting held December 20, 2011.

Our capital projects for the year 2012 include our general annual paving and drainage projects, resurfacing the Morgan pathway and beginning the construction of the Victoria pathway, east of Morgan. We also plan to renovate the following buildings: the Curling Club (the Town's emergency shelter), Town Hall and the Public Works building with the intention of opening the latter to the public and better serving our residents.

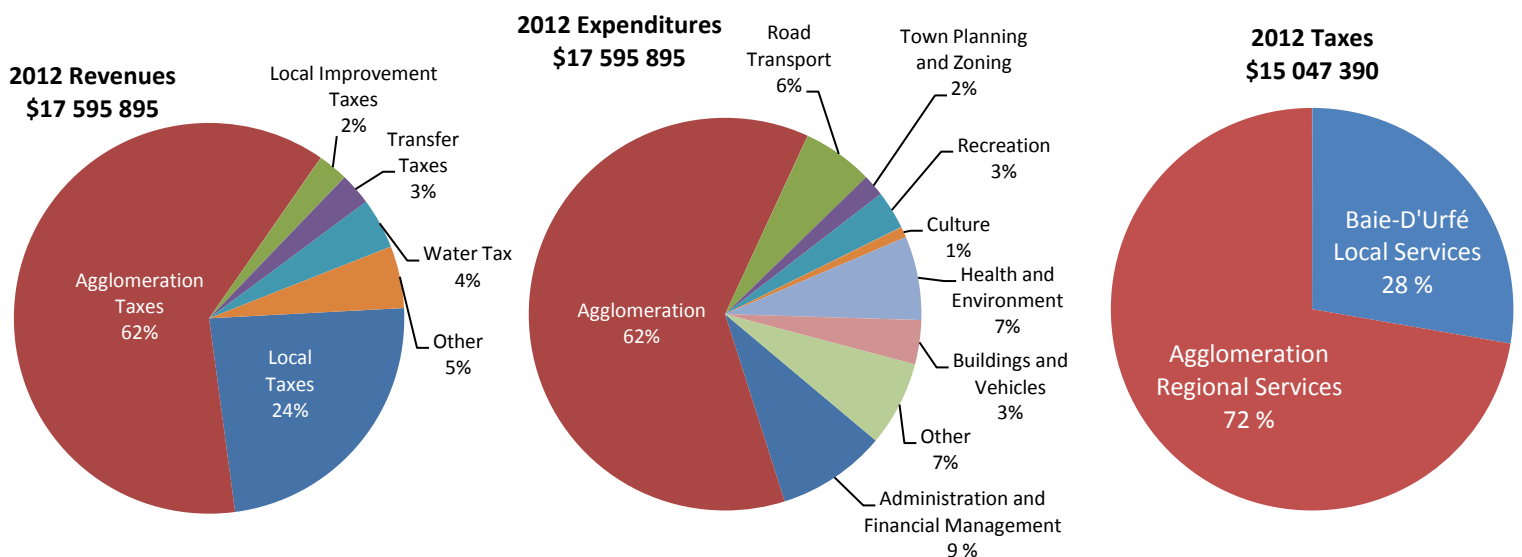
This year, the Town's share of Agglomeration expenses was \$10.8 million, an increase of 4.4% over 2011. The Town contribution to the City of Montreal for agglomeration expenses represents 62% of Baie-D'Urfé's 2012 operating budget. Over 70% of the taxes collected in Baie-D'Urfé pay for these expenditures. Nevertheless, we have managed to keep the tax increase to 0.4 % for all categories.

The valuations used for the purpose of this year's taxation are taken from the valuation roll in effect from 2011 to 2013, with the increase over the previous roll spread over the three years. Single-family valuations have increased by an average of 24.1%, which will be spread over 2011, 2012 and 2013 at an average of 8% each year. Non-residential valuations have increased by an average of 17.2%, which will also be spread over three years. We are currently in the second year of this three-year roll.

The mill rate for residential properties has been set at \$0.7481 and the rate for non-residential properties at \$3.2791. The rate for buildings of more than six dwellings is \$0.7481, and for vacant land \$1.4962. All rates are per \$100 of property evaluation.

The effect on the 2012 tax bill for all categories is a slight average increase of 0.4% over the 2011 tax bill (for those with an average valuation increase as shown above). Because the valuation of your residence or business may have increased by more or less than the average in your category, the change to your tax bill may be higher or lower than 0.4%. Seventy percent (70%) of our residences and forty-seven percent (47%) of our businesses will see either a reduction in their tax bill or an increase of less than 0.4%.

The Town's local budget for 2012 is \$6.7 million, which jumps to \$17.6 million with the inclusion of the Town's contribution to the Agglomeration, compared to \$17.1 million in 2011. Of this amount, 85.5% is raised through general property taxation and 14.5% from other sources. After allowing for other revenues (chiefly water taxes, transfer taxes and local improvement taxes) and the receipt of payments in lieu of taxes, a sum of \$15 million remains to be raised through general property taxation. The pie charts below show the breakdown of revenues, expenditures and your tax bill for 2012.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Serge Raymond, Interim Treasurer; Chuck Colomb, Councillor responsible for the Finance Portfolio; or the undersigned.

Maria Tutino | Mayor