



### Mayor's Message –February 2009

You will have received by now your 2009 tax bill from the Town of Baie d'Urfé. This year both the agglomeration and the local tax bills are packaged as one – one of the benefits arising from the Bill 22 agreement signed on June 12, 2008. From this day onwards, you will no longer be receiving tax bills from the City of Montreal.

Once again, Council is pleased to report that Baie d'Urfé citizens continue to have the lowest residential and non-residential mill rates on the Island of Montreal

The mill rate for residential properties has been set at \$0.8292 (all rates per \$100 of property evaluation), and the rate for non-residential properties at \$3.3810. The rate for buildings of more than six dwellings is \$0.9950, and for vacant land \$1.6584.

Residential rates in other municipalities and boroughs range from \$0.8510 to \$1.2602, and non-residential rates range from \$3.5006 to \$5.0441.

Your tax dollars this year will continue to go towards the environment and the improvement of our paving, drainage, building and park infrastructure.

The Town library, celebrating its fiftieth year of existence, will undergo some major renovations. A new kitchen is planned for the Curling Club building, site of the Town's Emergency Shelter. The Curling Club is also celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year.

Other projects for 2009 include wheeled recycling bins for every household, a pedestrian pathway on Surrey east of Morgan, exterior washroom facilities on the grounds of the Fritz Farm and new adult fitness-oriented parks equipment at Bertold Park.

2009 purports to be another busy year for both staff and Council. Many local projects are being planned, many agglomeration issues still remain to be resolved ... all this and much more while the Town Hall itself is under construction and I and the staff from the second floor (Diane, Ghislaine, Josiane and Richard) have moved out while work is being done. It may take as much as six months before we get to return.

Life will definitely be challenging in the months to come as we try to meet deadlines and provide services among the construction and scattered files.

We are up to the challenge and, with your patience and understanding, we hope to have another successful year that we will all be proud of.

Maria Tutino

Mayor