



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Highlights of the Financial Report

Maria Tutino



Dear Fellow Citizens,

In accordance with section 105.2.2 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, I am pleased to submit the highlights of the **2019 Financial Report**

for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, and of the independent auditor's report.

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé's independent auditors, *Goudreau Poirier inc.*, have reported that the financial statements reflect, in all material aspects, a true and fair view of the financial position of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé as of December 31, 2018. The results of its activities, variations in its financial assets, debt and financial cash flow for the year-end are in accordance with the Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Congratulations to our finance team comprised of **Julie MacDowell, Maritza Vilcherres, Maggy Bogetto** and **Darlene Ward** for their excellent management of our financial records and for delivering the information to the auditors in a very professional, complete and timely manner.

OVERVIEW

The 2018 financial report was tabled at the Council meeting held on May 14, 2019. For eight years in a row, the Town has recorded an operating surplus of over a million dollars. The 2018 financial year ended with an operating surplus of \$1 097 114. Following are the highlights.

2018 REVENUES

Total revenues for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for 2018 were \$19 839 898, an increase of \$613 468 over budget. The main factors explaining the increased revenues are:

Property Tax Revenues (arising mainly from development in the industrial sector & new valuations in the residential sector)	\$344 558
Interest (bank, arrears, fines and penalties)	\$132 549
Property Transfer taxes and permits	\$96 370
Other Revenues (rentals & services rendered)	\$22 473
Government grants (compensation in lieu of taxes)	\$17 518
TOTAL	\$613 468

2018 EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for 2018 were \$18 281 478 excluding amortization.

Regional expenses accounted for \$12 013 236: \$148 098 which was paid to the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC) in membership fees and \$11 865 138 which was paid to the City of Montreal as our share for island-wide services including \$280 072 for Town-wide water consumption costs. Of the approximately \$11.9 million which we pay to Montreal, about \$2.0 million was for general administration, \$3.3 million for Police services, \$1.8 million for Fire services and \$3.0 million for public transport.

LOCAL EXPENSES

Local operating expenses totalled \$6 268 242.

The Town invested about \$1.75 million in its infrastructure. In 2018 the Town used \$1 849 194 from the Town's accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds to fund capital projects and operating activities. Some of the capital projects completed and financed by the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds were:

1. Paving on *Victoria* between *Morgan* and *Lakeview*
2. Paving of the path in front of the *Fritz Farm*
3. Shoreline stabilization project
4. *Red Barn* multifunctional surface
5. *Curling Club* refrigeration system

2018 SURPLUS

The Town started its 2018 fiscal year with an accumulated surplus, financial reserve and reserve funds total of \$9 832 196. In 2018 the Town recorded an operating surplus of \$1 097 114. This operating surplus is attributable to increased revenues of \$613 468, lower expenses of \$557 302 and budget allocation of (\$73 656). In 2018 the Town used more than \$1.8 million of its accumulated surplus and financial reserves to finance select Town projects (including certain ongoing projects), which in return decreased expenses. Other expense reductions were largely due to lower expenditures in transport, recreation, health and environment and public security. The difference between the budgeted amounts and the expenditures will be allocated for 2019 projects such as paving, drainage and park infrastructure.

As of December 31, 2018, the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds totalled

\$ 9 354 874 (with the addition of the 2018 operating surplus of \$1 097 114 to the accumulated non-affected surplus);

(see table next page)



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Highlights of the Financial Report (Continued)

	NON-AFFECTED SURPLUS	AFFECTED SURPLUS	FINANCIAL RESERVES	RESERVE FUNDS	TOTAL
Balance (January 1)	\$3 679 787	\$2 946 923	\$2 224 858	\$980 628	\$9 832 196
Surplus for the year	\$1 097 114				
ALLOCATIONS					
Affected surplus	\$104 682	(\$104 682)			
Financial reserves	(\$371 949)		\$371 949		
Investments in in progress	\$111 649				
Operating activities	(\$197 314)	(\$114 722)	(\$165 604)	\$93 130	
Capital projects	(\$257 159)	(\$190 531)	(\$658 285)	(\$195 600)	
Balance (December 31)	\$4 166 810	\$2 536 988	\$1 772 918	\$878 158	\$9 354 874

2018 LONG TERM DEBT

Our long-term debt amounted to \$1 038 800 (decreased by \$374 900 from 2017). Of this amount, \$215 149 is reimbursed by the Quebec Government, whereas the balance of \$823 651 is solely recovered from the residential and/or industrial sectors through local improvement taxes. Since 2016 the Town has had no "at large" debt.

2018 REMUNERATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The remuneration of all Council members must be included in the financial report and be published on the Town's website. The information is available on our Town's website under the Finance Profile (2018 section) - Remuneration of the Elected Officials (S45 - page 11).

Respectfully submitted by
Maria Tutino, Mayor of Baie-D'Urfé



Mayor's Message

Often issues arise, issues that go beyond one's current well-being, where to address them requires tremendous effort and there is perceived little or no return for many, many years. In those situations most individuals find it overwhelming to get involved and often they convince themselves that any change that they can bring about would be too small to have an impact and therefore decide not to proceed.

Luckily for us, Baie-D'Urfé residents don't discourage easily and push forward inch by inch, to effect change in our community and, at times, even beyond our territory.

With the sun shining in our Town on the first weekend in May, the Town was a beehive of activity with residents, Town organizations and merchants working together to improve the quality of life of the current youth of Baie-D'Urfé and of those of future generations to come.

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Congratulations to **Susan Hawker** and to the members of the *Baie-D'Urfé Friends of the Environment*, **Karin Gebert** and **Monika Schweizer** who were at Provigo with owner Francis Deroo, MP Francis Scarpaleggia, *Joseph-Henrico School* Principal, Marcel Bédard, *Dorset School* principal, Nathalie Maurice and students from the Town's three elementary schools to celebrate the huge progress made in the past year to help get the Town's Commercial Mall to voluntarily ban single-use plastic shopping bags.

Mr Scarpaleggia commented that Baie-D'Urfé is the kind of small Town that continually demonstrates the power of its individuals to effect change in a big way.

On the same day, Councilors Andrea Gilpin and Wanda Lowensteyn were busy hosting the second year of the *Youth Expo*, where I was introduced to two excellent new initiatives: the *Buy Nothing*



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Mayor's Message (Continued)

Project and the *Baie-D'Urfé Community Musical Theatre Production Series*. Congratulations to Andrea and Wanda and to all the participating Town organizations and associations for another great *Youth Expo*!

PLASTIC BAG BAN AT THE BAIE-D'URFÉ COMMERCIAL MALL

It took about a year of steady lobbying by Susan Hawker and her colleagues to encourage the owner of the Town's local *Provigo* to agree to voluntarily ban single use plastic bags. **As of**



July 1st, *Provigo* will stop providing single-use plastic shopping bags at its checkout counters. This very important decision by Mr. Deroo, a first among Québec *Provigo* owners, became the catalyst for members of the group and Council to speak to the other merchants in the mall. One by one, each merchant agreed to phase out the use of single-use plastic shopping bags in their stores.



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With all current merchants on board, Council has decided to start the process, at the June Council meeting to ban the single-use of plastic shopping bags in all the retail stores located in the Town's commercial mall by the end of 2019.

Congratulations to Susan and the *Baie-D'Urfé Friends of the Environment* for their great initiative, drive and success!

BUY NOTHING PROJECT

The *Buy Nothing Project* began in Washington in 2013 and has made its way around the globe. Members post offers of items or services that they would like to gift freely, with no strings attached, to someone in their local neighbourhood.

A local group is just starting out and already it has had several items gifted and a couple of wishes fulfilled. Just search for "**Buy Nothing Baie-D'Urfé**" on *Facebook*, click "*join group*" and answer the three questions to become a part of this local gifting community. For more information about the *Buy Nothing Project*, go to <https://buynothingproject.org> or contact Cindy Giroux at cindy.giroux@live.com.

BAIE-D'URFÉ COMMUNITY MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION SERIES GROUP

On May 3rd, the *Baie-D'Urfé Community Musical Theatre Production Series* group presented their inaugural performance "**Visit from the Stars**" at the *Red Barn*. The goal of this free activity is to provide a venue for families, adults and children to explore the world of singing and musical theatre together. Folks of all levels of singing and acting skills are welcome to come have fun and learn. This summer, the group will be holding a free musical theatre writing workshop. If you're interested, you can contact **Talib Hussain** at bdumusicals@gmail.com.

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Council Communiqué

Wanda Lowensteyn



SIGNS OF SUMMER

Summer is almost here, and we are already experiencing many of the typical signs and sounds of summer.

The fresh green leaves, bird songs and neighbourly waves bring a smile to our faces and make us feel fortunate to live in such a beautiful place. Some of us are already busy in our gardens, and looking forward to the fruits of our labour.

There are also, however, less harmonious signs of summer, like leaf blowers and construction, that can be a source of irritation. Baie-D'Urfé has by-laws in place, with restricted hours that we should all respect for the sake of maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours. Make sure to consult the schedule of permitted hours on the Baie-D'Urfé website in the Nuisance regulations of the *Most Commonly Accessed Information* tab.

Baie-D'Urfé offers lots of summer activities, and the **Youth Expo**, held on May 4th, showcased the junior programs of our Baie-D'Urfé clubs and associations. Thank you to all of the participants who provided wonderful displays and activities for the kids: *BD Tennis Club, BD Yacht Club, BD Aquatics Club, BD Curling Club, Fritz Farm Youth Gardening Program, BD Library, Whiteside Taylor Preschool, Scouts, Guides, BD Junior Council, Musical Theatre Group, Rescue Squad and SPVM*. Thanks you also to the vCOPs for their traffic control.



The **Junior Council** is also organizing some summer activities. This year's *Baie-D'Urfé Days* will include pick-up basketball and kinball. As well, stay tuned for the dates of **Games Night** at the pool in **July and August**.

Last summer saw upgrades to the *Red Barn Park* with a new multi-sport surface. This year it is *Bertold Park's* turn, with the preparations of the *Canine Recreation Area* and upgrades to the rest of the park continuing throughout the summer. Please note that the new regulations for the park are also now in effect and proper signs will be installed.

Dogs are only permitted in the *Canine Recreation Area* of the park and enroute to the enclosed area if on-leash. **Dogs are otherwise not permitted in Bertold Park.**

SAY GOOD-BYE TO PLASTIC BAGS.

As indicated in the Mayor's column, single-use plastic shopping bags are being phased out at the Baie-D'Urfé Commercial Mall. Adjusting our consumer habits and developing new routines for the sake of our environment is something we can all embrace and feel positive about. Let's continue reducing single-use plastics this summer by using our refillable bottles.

Another sign of summer is **the tick**, which is not limited to the woods, but may be found in our yards as well. Please be vigilant in regularly checking for ticks. Ticks can carry *Lyme disease* which, if left untreated, is debilitating for both animals and humans. Find more information on the Baie-D'Urfé website under the *Environmental health* issues.



Finally, a little birdie told me that the summer **Pickleball** season has started at *Picardy Park* on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** mornings from **9am to 12pm**. For information contact Sylvie Brunet at 514 457-7722.

Have a great summer!

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Environmental Review



AVOID TOXIC CLEANING PRODUCTS IN YOUR HOME FOR A SAFER ENVIRONMENT!

Did you know that with just a few harmless ingredients at your fingertips, you could make your home sparkling and sweet-smelling?

Stainless steel

Did you know that finger stains or grease on the range hood and refrigerator is easily cleanable with 3 basic ingredients: **Vinegar, Oil and Water!**

Dip a cloth in a solution made of one part vinegar and one part water. Rub the surface of the unit following the grain of the stainless steel. If your surface is very dirty, you may want to repeat this procedure. Once cleaned, you may find a few undesirable streaks. Do not worry! Let them dry, then use a soft cloth and pour a few drops of neutral oil. Buff the surface and see it shine!

Glass-Ceramic hob

To remove grease, simply soak a cloth in vinegar and wipe.

For stubborn stains, pour roughly two tablespoons of baking soda onto a wet soft sponge and scrub the glass-ceramic hob. Let stand for a few minutes, rinse and dry with a clean cloth.



"HARD WATER" - mineral deposit

(for showers, taps, sinks, etc.)

In a spray bottle, mix hot water with white vinegar. To remove mineral deposit, spray the surface, let stand for a few minutes and rub with a sponge. Rinse and dry with a clean cloth. You can also use a lemon wedge. It works!



THEFT PREVENTION DURING HOLIDAYS

We would like to remind you to always be vigilant when it comes to home safety. Here are some tips on how to prevent theft during an extended period from the SPVM.

Tips

- Make sure your outdoor entrance areas are well lit. Use automatic light timers; they are easy to install and inexpensive.
- Avoid installing bushes or trees around your home; they may provide hiding places for burglars.
- Install a security system to alert your neighbours of the presence of intruders.
- The officers at your local police station will help you identify the vulnerabilities in your home and take measures to help you fix them - **for free!**

You must leave for an extended period of time?

- Ask someone you trust to pick up your mail.
- Suspend your newspaper subscriptions.
- Have your lawn mown.

If you are robbed, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not touch anything until the police arrive.



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What's New!

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NEXT BULKY ITEMS : JUNE 10

We wish to remind you that each household can put out a maximum of **TEN items**. You have electronic waste you wish to dispose of? You can also put them with your bulky items.



JUNIOR COUNCIL



NEXT MEETING:

> **June 4th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

At Fritz Community Centre



FÊTE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC

Town Hall and the Public Works building will both be **CLOSED** on **Monday June 24** for the Fête nationale du Québec.

REMINDER

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM



Starting June 17, 2019

The Town will proceed with the inspection, testing and flushing of its fire hydrants as part of the regular maintenance program of our water distribution system.

While this work is done, you may experience low water pressure as well as a slight red coloration of the water. Although this is not dangerous, we recommend that you verify to ensure that your water is not colored before using it. If it should be colored, simply let the cold water run until it becomes clear.

ECOCENTRES ST-LAURENT AND LASALLE

The City of Montréal has informed us that the Ecocentres St-Laurent and LaSalle are closed for an undetermined period of time due to a situation out of their control.

Other Ecocentres remain open from Tuesday to Saturday between 10 am and 6 pm, **although a large influx may result in an unusual waiting period**. We recommend contacting the ecocentres before you go.



DOG WALK

For a GREENER Town



Owning an animal means accepting certain basic civic rules of common-courtesy for the good of the population.

During your dog walk, you must immediately clean up after your pet and throw your disposable bag in the nearest

municipal garbage. If there is none on your way, it is your responsibility to keep your bag until the next available garbage and not leave it on the sidewalk or in the neighbour's bin.

Branch collection: Monday, June 10

LAST BRANCH COLLECTION FOR SPRING



Branches should be placed by the roadside to be picked-up in the course of the week.

Service will resume in August.

STAFF CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Last May, Mr. **Christian Bernier**, Director of Public Works and Mrs. **Sarah Mailhot**, environmental coordinator, left us to take on new challenges. As a result, Mr. **Nicholas Mavrias**, formerly General foreman, is officially appointed Director of Public Works.

We wish him the best of luck in his new role.

In addition, Mr. **Tyson Munday** will join the Public Works team on June 10 as Assistant Director of Urban Planning.

We are delighted to have him on board!