



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL



Highlights of the Financial Report

Maria Tutino

Dear Fellow Citizens, I am pleased to submit the highlights of the **2017 Financial Report** of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé. Previously, the report on the financial position of the Town was tabled at a council meeting in November of each year. In accordance with Bill 122, the mayor is now required to inform citizens at a regular council meeting held in June, of the highlights of the financial report, the Auditor general's report and the report of the External auditor.

The 2017 financial report was tabled at a Council meeting held on May 8th, 2018.

For twelve years in a row now, the Town has recorded a surplus. The 2017 financial year ended with a surplus of \$1 858 731. Following are the highlights.

2017 REVENUES

Total revenues for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for 2017 were \$19 402 706, an increase of \$1 203 346 over budget. The main factors explaining the increased revenues are:

Property Tax Revenues (arising mainly from development in the industrial sector)	\$1 210 596
Government grants (Gas Tax, "Program Municipal" and in lieu of taxes)	\$19 870
Interest (bank, arrears, fines and penalties)	\$77 754
Other Revenues (rentals & services rendered)	\$21 077
Transfer tax and permits	(\$125 951)

2017 EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for 2017 were \$17 250 063. In 2017 the Town transferred from its affected surplus approximately \$506 000 to its operational budget for projects that were to be funded entirely from the surplus.

Regional expenses accounted for \$11 369 964: \$145 538 which was paid to the *Montreal Metropolitan Community* (MMC) in membership fees and \$11 224 426 which was paid to the City of Montreal as our share for island-wide services. Following the ministerial decree on May 31st, 2017 and the subsequent adoption of a by-law by the Agglomeration Council on August 24th, the Town received a reduction in its agglomeration bill in the amount of \$287 389.

2017 SURPLUS

The Town recorded a surplus of \$1 858 731. This surplus is attributable to increased revenues of \$1 203 346 and lower expenses of \$655 385. In 2017, the Town used its surplus and financial reserves to finance expenditures, which in return decreased expenses. Other expense reductions are largely due

to lower expenditures in building maintenance and repairs and lower expenses related to measures against the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The difference between the budgeted amounts and the expenditures for "building maintenance and repair" and the "Emerald Ash Borer" will be allocated to the building reserve fund and used for major building renovation work when required in future years and to the EAB reserve.

As of December 31st, 2017, the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserved funds totalled about \$ 9.9 million.

Non-affected surplus	\$3 679 787
Affected surplus	\$2 946 923
Working Fund	\$980 628
Financial reserves	\$2 224 858
Parks Fund	\$48 213
TOTAL	\$9 880 409

2017 LONG TERM DEBT

Our long-term debt amounted to \$1 413 700 (decreased by \$457 800 from 2016). Of this amount, \$282 652 is reimbursed by the Quebec Government, whereas the balance of \$1 131 048 is solely recovered from the residential and/or industrial sectors through local improvement taxes. Since 2016, the Town has no "at large" debt.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé's external auditors, *Goudreau Poirier inc.* verified the Town's 2017 accounts and reported that the Town was in a solid financial position and that all our accounts were in order. Once again, the auditors indicated that Baie-D'Urfé is among the rare municipalities whose assets exceed their debts.

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

2017 REMUNERATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Following the adoption of Bill 122, 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 2017 Budget tab* - Remuneration of the Elected Officials (S45 - page 32).

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



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Mayor's Message



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SECOND RETIREMENT FOR DG JACQUES DESORMEAUX

Jacques was persuaded in 2016 to come out of retirement to oversee the Town's administration for a period of 6 months, time needed to search for a permanent DG replacement. After the six month term came to an end, Council asked Jacques to stay on for another 1 ½ years and then again for a further 6 months. Two and a half years later and he is ready for his second retirement. On behalf of Council, the Administration and the citizens of Baie-D'Urfé, I would like to thank Jacques for sharing with us over 40 years of experience and knowledge of best practices in the municipal world and leaving the Town a better and stronger place than when he joined us 2 ½ years ago. A special thanks to his wife, Denise, his children and grandchildren for sharing Jacques with us for all this time.

OLD TOWN STREET SIGNS

You know you have a success on your hands when you show up at 7:45 a.m. to be the "first in line" to sign up for an old street sign and find 5 citizens already waiting for the Town Hall door to open.



The first citizen, Peter Wilson, had arrived at 7 a.m. Within two hours almost 90 households had reserved their street signs. At writing, **over 260** street signs have already found a new home. Many thanks to **Valérie Fortin** and **Chloé Paiement** from the Administration for coordinating this project!

3rd ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP

A huge success once again. Thanks to **Eric Winn** and his initiative to start an annual April spring clean-up, it was not surprising to see among the many citizens participating... young people picking debris in the Surrey wooded area (and on a rainy day, no less) and many dog owners cleaning *Bertold* park, a park that has been enjoyed by both our citizens and our canine population for many years.

4th ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

A huge thank you to **Nadia Bissada, Suzanne Dutoy** and the *Baie-D'Urfé Citizens' Association* for a truly scrumptious Mother's Day breakfast.

10th ANNUAL YOUTH POTHOLE CHALLENGE



10 years in a row and no potholes have been discovered. Thanks to our wonderful *Public Works* team!

Two recently returning Town residents, **Natasha** and **Vanessa Drouin**, did however each find smaller than "pot-hole sized" crevasses on our streets which qualified them to the \$40 *Subway* gift certificate. The two sisters agreed to share the prize for the largest crevasse which was given to them by the mayor at the May Council meeting to the great amusement of the citizens attending.

YOUTH IN BAIE-D'URFÉ

After having attended a very successful **Youth Expo** organized by Councillors **Andrea Gilpin** and **Wanda Lowensteyn**, I drove by *Picardy Park* and was absolutely delighted to see at least twenty young ones with their





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parents enjoying the playground equipment. More than half were Baie-D'Urfé children, some recent additions to our population (in the



Youth Expo

last couple of years, families with young children are more and more present among the new citizens). The rest were West Island families enjoying what they said was one of the best parks in the area. I left Picardy Park a very happy mayor.



COMPLAINT TO THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION AGAINST THE MAYOR AND 5 COUNCILLORS

(see September 2017 **News & Views** for back story)

The verdict is in and all 6 members of the 2009-2013 Council have been declared innocent.

The words penned by Juge Administratif M^e Sandra Bilodeau on April 27th, 2018 were clear and conclusive:

« La Commission municipale du Québec conclut que, Lynda Christine Phelps, Janet Ryan, Maria Tutino, Kim Watson Millette, Charles Colomb et Peter Fletcher N'ONT PAS CONTREVENU à l'article 5.3.1 du Code d'éthique et déontologie des élus de la Ville de Baie-D'Urfé ».

And so ends a long and difficult process for six individuals wrongly accused, a process which started on September 30th, 2016 by a citizen that had tried unsuccessfully, twice before, to bring similar complaints against the same six individuals.

It has also been a very costly process for the Town. To date, the Town has been billed over \$53 450:

- › \$24 255.98 to one legal firm representing all 6 individuals until November 13th, 2017; and who continued to represent the mayor and 4 councillors from November 14th onwards;
- › \$29 198.71 to the law firm representing former councillor Peter Fletcher from November 14th, 2017 onwards.

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Council Communiqué

Janet Ryan



First, I would like to thank you for your support in the election last November. I am happy to be able to continue my work on Council for a fourth mandate.

SMOKING AND MARIJUANA USE

You may have heard recently that the Town of Hampstead has banned smoking on all public property, including their streets. Pierrefonds has banned smoking in all public parks. Many towns are now looking at taking stronger measures against tobacco, while at the same time preparing for the coming legalization of marijuana.

At the May Council meeting I gave notice that an amendment will be made to our nuisance by-law. The intent of this amendment is two-



fold. The first part deals with tobacco use in all forms, including vaping. At the moment, smoking is banned in the playground areas of all parks, following the provincial legislation introduced last year. Council's intent is to **ban smoking completely** in all parks and actively-used green spaces. This will be easier to enforce and better for public health. The exact list of places to be included in the ban has not yet been finalized. Questions remain to be resolved regarding for instance accommodating Town Hall staff who smoke, while at the same time minimising the exposure to smoke of people who wish to enjoy the park area around Town Hall.

The other aspect of the amendment is the regulation of marijuana use. The intent of Council is to **treat marijuana in the same way as alcohol**, meaning that it will not be permitted on any public property, including parks, green spaces, roads and pathways.

As this is new territory for the Town, your comments on these issues would be more than welcome. You can communicate directly with me at **514-457-0302** or jryan@baie-durfe.qc.ca.

SECURITY MATTERS

At the May Council meeting, Council approved the placement of several radar speed indicators. The existing ones on Lakeshore Road, eastbound and westbound, will remain, and the one on Victoria eastbound at *Picardy Park* will be replaced. Indicators will also be installed in three new locations: two on Surrey (eastbound and westbound) near the *Maxwell Residence*, and one in the industrial sector, on Morgan Boulevard near the *Sports Dome* (southbound). Please keep an eye on them as you pass by, and limit your speed in the interests of everyone's safety.

Congratulations to our *Volunteer Citizens on Patrol* (vCOPs) who recently completed **2,500 days of unbroken patrolling!** Their "streak" started on June 27th, 2011, and they have been out every single day since, undeterred by any kind of weather. It takes a lot of determination to achieve a record like this.

There will be a public conference and presentation at the *Red Barn* on **Wednesday June 6 at 7 p.m.** given by Jean-Pierre Lévis, agent socio-communautaire with the *Service de police de la Ville de Montréal* (SPVM). He will be speaking about break-ins. We are fortunate to live in a low-crime area but we can always benefit by learning how to protect ourselves better. All are welcome to attend.

NEW STAFF MEMBER AT PUBLIC WORKS



Finally, I would like to welcome **Sébastien Leblanc** to our staff. He has been appointed to the position of *Engineer – Project Manager* in the Public Works Department for one year, due to the absence of Vincent Carrier, our *Assistant Director of Public*

Works, on paternity leave. Please say hello to Sébastien if you see him around.

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Environmental Review



TOGETHER, LET'S PROTECT OUR WATER!

Humans have a growing need in water and as the demand keep on rising, clean water supply is becoming a major challenge for the entire world. Everytime we use water, we disrupt its natural cycle, part of it is altered and its quality decreases.

The largest sources of water pollution are:

- › **Agriculture** industry: by their use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.
- › **Industries** and the manufacturing sector: by their excessive use of water resource in manufacturing processes.
- › **Municipal sewer systems and drains:** by discharging wastewater into coastal and riverine waters.
- › **Oil & gas companies:** by drilling explorations, spills and leaks of oil & gas.

We all leave an impact on our water "footprint"

- › **1000 L of water** for 1 L of milk
- › **1 600 L of water** for 1 kg loaf of bread
- › **2700 L of water** for 1 T-shirt
- › **15 400 L of water** for 1 kg of meat
- › **270 000 L of water** for 1 laptop

Plastic water bottles: an absurdity! Did you know?

In Quebec, 1000 liters of water cost \$1,50 while bottled water is 1000 times more expensive! A good majority of those bottles are filled with... tap water!!



- › To produce a 1L plastic bottle, you need **3 liters of water** and **1/3 of petroleum**.
- › **More than 1 billion bottles** are sold each year in Québec.

It is so simple to do without plastic bottles. Drink tap water, it is of highest quality!

A good way to contribute to the health of your planet and to save a few dollars when on the go, is to fill and bring your own bottle.

*SOURCE: EAU SECOURS ! Coalition québécoise pour une gestion responsable de l'eau. www.eausecours.org

Industrial Park News



JAM INDUSTRIES AWARDED A PRESTIGIOUS DESIGNATION

At the 25th annual *Canada's Best Managed Companies* Gala held in Toronto on April 11th, **JAM industries** were awarded with one of the prestigious *Canada's Best Managed Companies* designation for 2018.

Recognized for overall business performance and sustained growth, the award winners are amongst the best-in-class of Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues exceeding \$15 million.



Founded in 1972, JAM Industries began operating in Montreal under the trade name of *Erikson Music* as an importer/distributor of musical instruments and accessories, with less than 10 employees and sales of less than \$1 million. With over **forty-five years (45) of experience**, today JAM Industries is a unique distribution network made up of **16 divisions** that serve markets ranging from musical instruments, professional audio and lighting, commercial audio and consumer electronics, with over **650 employees** spread out over several countries and sales exceeding \$400 million. JAM's success is largely driven by innovation, diversification, customer service and an exemplary corporate culture.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!



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What's New!

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NEXT BULKY ITEMS : JUNE 11

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.



DOG WALK

For a GREENER Town

Owning an animal means **accepting certain basic civic rules of common-courtesy** for the good of the population. Many residents complain of dog poop bags left on the sidewalks.



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.

MODIFICATIONS TO BY-LAW no 969

NOISE NUISANCES

Chain saws, leaf blowers, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, etc.;

Please consult the Town Website under our **Municipal By-law/Nuisances** for important modifications pertaining to **commercial contractors** and any **other person**.



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Family Summer Theater presents

Romeo & Juliet: Love is love

by the *Repercussion Theater*

Thursday July 5 at 7:30 p.m. at *Fritz Park*
(bring your own chair)

In case of rain, the performance will take place at the **RED BARN**

PICKLEBALL SEASON IS BACK!

› Come join in and challenge yourself to a Pickleball friendly match during the entire summer season at *Picardy Park*. **From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** every **Tuesdays, Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**.



Exercise and fun for all! Don't forget to bring your chair!



FÊTE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC AND CANADA DAY



Town Hall and the **Public Works building** will both be **CLOSED** on **Monday June 25** for the *Fête Nationale du Québec* and **Monday July 2** for *Canada Day*.

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