

Mayor's Report

MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TOWN OF BAIE-D'URFÉ

Dear Fellow Citizens,

In accordance with Section 474.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, I am pleased to submit my annual report on the financial situation of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the projection for the year 2016.

2015 Year-end results

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé's external auditors, *DCA comptables professionnel agréés inc.* verified the Town's 2015 accounts and reported that the Town was in a solid financial position and that all our accounts were in order.

The 2015 audited financial statements were tabled at a meeting of Council held on May 10, 2016.

2015 Revenues

Total revenues for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for 2015 were \$19 187 402, an increase of \$806 222 over budget. The main factors explaining the increased revenues are:

Property Tax Revenues (based on property values) (mainly resulting from development projects in the industrial sector)	\$351 792
In Lieu of taxes (\$134 089 from retroactive funding of in lieu taxes for certain schools dating back to 2013)	\$144 878
Government Transfers	\$ 204 175
Services rendered	\$58 709
Transfer taxes, Licences & Permits	\$449 312
Transfer taxes, Licences & Permits (Town land on Surrey)	(-\$450 000)

2015 Expenditures

Total expenditures for 2015 were \$18 482 525

Regional expenses accounted for \$11 416 885:

- \$140 808 which was paid to the *Montreal Metropolitan Community* (MMC) in membership fees and \$11 276 077 which was paid to the City of Montréal as our aliquot share for island-wide services.

2015 Surplus

The Town recorded a surplus of \$1 568 615.

This surplus is attributable to increased revenues of \$806 222, Government Gas Tax Funding received in the amount of \$497 217, and lower expenses of \$122 512 (mostly due to a saving in "building maintenance and repair" costs). The difference between the budgeted amounts and the expenditures for "building maintenance and repair" will be allocated to the building reserve fund and used for major building renovation work when required in future years.

As of December 31, 2015, the total accumulated unaffected surplus of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé was \$5 954 308. The Working Fund balance was \$829 499 and the Parks and Playgrounds Fund was \$48 214.

2015 Long Term Debt

Our long-term debt amounted to \$2 461 500 (down \$478 900 from 2014). Of this amount \$411 712 (16.7%) is reimbursed by the Québec Government, whereas the balance of \$2 049 788 (83.3%) is taxed to the residential and/or industrial sectors with \$1 754 605 taxed through local improvement taxes and \$295 183 taxed at large.

Projected 2016 financial results

The 2016 budget for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé was adopted at a special council meeting on December 15, 2015.

For the fiscal year 2016, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé projects an approximate surplus of \$760 000 over the 2016 tabled budget (it would have been more but the funding for several of the unfinished projects was to come from the existing Town surplus).

The projected revenues for 2016 exceed the tabled budget by \$759 800. The additional revenue is mainly generated from transfer taxes of \$668 890 and from new taxation revenues of \$72 350 arising from several development projects in the industrial sector.



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The projected expenditures for fiscal year 2016 are about \$328 000 less than budgeted.

The paving and drainage projects planned this year will be realized in 2017.

General orientation for the 2017 budget

Council is very respectful of the citizens' ability to pay and prides itself in maintaining its position as the Town with the lowest tax rates on the Island, 11 years in a row since the demerger and is fully intending to make 2017 its 12th in a row.

We will continue to finance select projects from the Town's unaffected surplus as we did in the past few years.

The Agglomeration continues to be a very important factor in our overall budget since **72%** of all the property taxes the Town collects go to the City of Montréal to pay for our share of island-wide services.

We will have to wait for the City of Montréal's budget and what the Town's share will be before Council can determine what the final 2017 tax increase will be.

Council will also have to take into account the effect of the new 2017-2019 evaluation roll in the preparation of the 2017 budget. The overall increase for the Town of Baie-D'Urfe was 1.1%, with the average increase by sector as follows: single family homes up 0.8%, 6 apt plus up 3.4%, condos down 3.3%, industrial buildings up 0.9%, commercial up 34.7% and vacant land up 5.1%. For this evaluation period, Council has decided to adjust in 2017 the Town's tax rates accordingly to reflect the new evaluations and not spread the evaluation increase over the three years, as it has been its regular practice in past years.

We expect that there will be some contestations of the new property evaluations and a contingency amount will be put in the 2017 budget to cover possible taxation losses as a result of successful challenges.

The operating budget for 2017 and the capital expenditures program for 2017-2018-2019 are currently in preparation, and will be tabled at a special council meeting in December.

Remuneration of elected municipal council members

During 2016, I will receive from the Town of Baie-D'Urfé a basic annual remuneration of \$21 743 and

an expense allowance of \$10 872. Councillors receive a basic annual remuneration of \$7 248 and an expense allowance of \$3 624.

As a member of the Agglomeration Council, I receive from the City of Montréal a basic salary of \$11 |120 plus an expense allowance of \$5 344.33. As Vice-Chair of the *Agglomeration Commission on Water, Environment, Sustainable Development and Parks*, I received from the City of Montréal a remuneration of \$2224.

Contracts exceeding \$25 000

Finally, in accordance with the *Cities and Towns Act*, I have tabled with the Town Clerk a list of all contracts exceeding \$25 000 entered into between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016. The list also includes all contracts involving an expenditure exceeding \$2 000 entered into within that period with the same contracting party, if those contracts involve a total expenditure exceeding \$25 000. This list can be obtained from the Baie-D'Urfé Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted by

Maria Tutino | Mayor of Baie-D'Urfé





I recently had a discussion with some Town volunteers who were concerned that citizens' sense of community and involvement in Town events might change as the current volunteers age and new citizens move in. This has been a concern as long as I can remember.

I have been in Town for almost thirty years and I still marvel at the strength of the Town's volunteer spirit, always ready to help wherever they can.

In the past decade, we have seen several new volunteer groups established and today I am pleased to be announcing the creation of three others, each expected to be in place by February 2017.

Baie-D'Urfé Junior Youtube Club

My column in October generated quite a bit of interest. My first response arrived on the same day that the News & Views hit Baie-D'Urfé homes and it was from a teenager who wanted to participate even though he was well below the target age. He was not the only one.

So due to youth demand, we are repositioning the target age to between ten and eighteen years of age.

I also received several offers of help from adults willing to work with the youth on this new project.

If you are a youth interested in learning how to create and edit videos or an adult willing to help out, please give me a call.

Baie-D'Urfé & McGill University Seniors' "Rendez-vous" Club

The Town has agreed to partner with Dr. Maureen Rose (Coordinator, Dietetics Program of McGill's School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition) in the delivery of monthly "meal/workshop" sessions targeted to seniors. The sessions would be used as workshops to help in the professional development of the graduate students in the fields of community nutrition and foodservice systems management.

Initially, the program will be for the Town's senior population (maximum 40 sittings per session).

If successful, it could be expanded to include other groups.

I am reminded of the Rendez-vous program which was started in 1981 by citizens concerned with improving the quality of life of seniors in Town (resident Rosemary Murray was a founding mother). Rendez-vous members

met monthly and their sessions started with a meal followed by a lecture on topics of particular interest to the group. Food was prepared by volunteers. The group ended in 2010 when the volunteers, being seniors themselves, found it too difficult to continue.

We are trying to get a provincial grant so that the sessions can be free for participants, at least for the trial year.

Please let me know if you would be interested in participating - either in attending or in helping out with the program.



Baie-D'Urfé Newcomers' Language Study Group 你好... Ni Hao... Hello... Bonjour

At a recent event, I was approached by a new Town citizen who wondered if there was a place in Town where she could learn to speak English. In classic Baie-D'Urfé fashion, the young Chinese lady (also newly arrived in Town) who was acting as an interpreter offered to volunteer her time to help her and others who wished to learn the language.

I mentioned this story at the November Council meeting and to my great pleasure, a long-time Town resident contacted me a few days later to say that he is aware of other new citizens who would be interested and that he too would like to offer his help. Anyone else interested!?!

So dear neighbors and friends, as you can see, volunteerism is alive and well in our Town.

***I wish you all happiness, health and joyful times with your families, friends and neighbors, new and old!
Happy 2017!***

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There has been recently been a tremendous amount of change on the political front, with the replacement of various long-term governing parties. It appears that a great number of people want real change. With the municipal election less than a year away, I strongly urge residents to consider running for a position on the Baie D'Urfé town council. Your particular skills and expertise may be just what your town council is missing. With the right efforts, our small town could easily be a leader in the region regarding environmental, recreational, and other issues.

The Fritz Farm Youth Gardening Program has just completed its third and most productive season yet. Approximately 1900 kilograms of fruits and vegetables were harvested, and all the produce donated to various food banks and charities serving the West Island. If you would like more information regarding this program, or may be interested in volunteering next season, please visit our website at www.gardenatfritz.com

It is encouraging to finally see constructive movement concerning improvement of the town's parks and recreational facilities - improvements that will make the facilities more enjoyable for residents of all ages. Groupe Rousseau-Lefebvre has been hired by the town to study all the parks and other recreational facilities, and to give recommendations on possible additional recreational facilities, as well as to suggest how existing facilities may be improved. A public consultation meeting, whose sole topic will be recreation, may be held before the end of this year. At this meeting, residents will have an opportunity to give their opinions and suggestions concerning the improvement of year-round recreational facilities.

The Remembrance Highway and train noise pollution study has been completed by the **Ministère des Transports du Québec**, and hopefully the town council will receive it by the beginning of December, after which another

public consultation meeting will be held to discuss the results with residents. It was encouraging to see the extremely high turnout at the last public consultation meeting, held last May, and as a result of valued input, the town council has heard your voices, and will expand the scope of the original project, by constructing a sound barrier that will stretch from one end of the town, to the other. Residents who attended the last meeting expressed concern regarding the height of the barrier, namely that it be built to a height significant enough to considerably reduce noise pollution levels. The ever-increasing sound pollution from both highway and train traffic negatively affects the health and tranquility of residents, and significantly reduces property values. Residents that attended the last public consultation meeting have clearly stated that the noise pollution barrier be built, and completed, as soon as possible. Provided we start planning now, I feel significant portions of this project could be well underway by the spring of 2017.

On the whole, I have found my experience serving Baie-D'Urfé as town councillor to be at times challenging, though always very rewarding. I encourage you to become involved!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me, by phone at **(514) 457-5367**, or by email at bmanning@baie-durfe.ca



Environmental Review

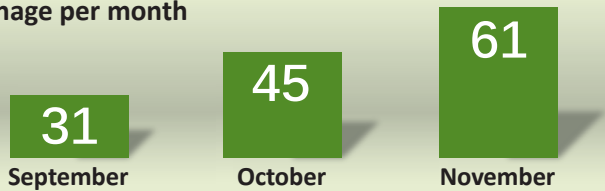
Organic Waste Collection is well underway!

As I am writing these lines, it is already November. Based on my observations walking through the streets of Baie-D'Urfé, our community is fully on board with the new Organic Waste Collection! Nearly eight households in ten respectively put on Thursdays their brown bin, their paper bags and other containers by the roadside.

Here is the tonnage recorded since the first September 8 pick-up:

ORGANIC MATTER COLLECTION

Tonnage per month



Congratulations Baie-D'Urfé for contributing to our environment! Continue your efforts in reducing significantly what goes to landfill!

Be on the lookout for your new *2017 Collection Calendar* since you will notice some changes!!

Strategy monitoring of the Emerald Ash Borer

On all debarking of our ash trees this year, no EAB was detected! This observation gives us a bit of relief although we must remain vigilant! The Town follows its Strategy and has treated 70 public ash trees on its territory. Unfortunately 77 more trees will have to be felled in 2016-2017. To overcome the felling of ash trees and in order to increase the canopy, 165 trees and shrubs were planted on public property this year alone. Furthermore, the Town has distributed 477 lovely trees to the community at no charge.

Following the Emerald Ash Borer's activity period, ash trees can now be felled between September 15 and April 15. A certificate of authorization from the Environmental coordinator is always required for any ash tree felling.

Here's a summary of our citizens for all ash tree treatments and felling in 2016:

- **8 citizens had 27 ash trees treated and they received \$4 396 in grants;**
- **Out of 21 permits for the felling of ash trees, 4 citizens actually applied for a grant for a total amount of \$1 875;**

NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Provigo Baie-D'Urfé on the composting bandwagon

Provigo is proud to be one of the first few businesses to take part in organic waste management. Since November 1st fruits, vegetables, meats and baked goods destined for landfill are now finding their way into organic waste bins and recycled for composting.

Thyssenkrupp Aerospace celebrates 10 years

Relocated in the Baie-D'Urfé Industrial Park 5 years ago, **thyssenkrupp Aerospace Canada** is part of an important sector of the aerospace industry that drives not only the economy of Quebec but more importantly of the Montreal region.

The aerospace industry employs 40 000 workers in 190 businesses. Baie-D'Urfé was happy to partake in thyssenkrupp's 10th year anniversary.

A proud example of 'lean' manufacturing, this company has established itself as a leader in just-in-time supply and delivery.





SEASONAL REMINDERS

Snow Clearing Service

The Town offers a driveway entrance snow clearing service to residents aged 65 and over at the cost of \$60. This service is offered free of charge to seniors who receive the federal income supplement and to the handicapped (proof required).

Please note that the main streets will be plowed before driveways, therefore causing a delay for clearing snow from your driveway entrance. For further information, please call Town Hall at 514 457-5324.

Winter Parking

Winter is fast approaching, and with it, the first snow storms! We remind you that it is **prohibited to park any motor vehicle on public roadways during any snowfall of 2.5 cm or more as well as 6 hours following a snowfall.** It is also prohibited, at all times, to park in the streets for a period exceeding 4 hours.



Temporary Car Shelters

We remind you that installing temporary car shelters such as "tempos" is prohibited in Baie-D'Urfé.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Please leave your Christmas trees, decoration-free, by the roadside before **7 a.m. Monday January 9, 2017.** The trees will be collected and chipped to be used in our parks. For more information, please contact the Public Works department at 514 457-2877.

WALK UNDER THE DOME!

Come and walk under the dome every **Monday** morning starting **December 5th** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. until **April 10** (except for December 26)! Bring your neighbours and friends for a leg stretching exercise. **Multi-Sport Complex**, 570 boul. Morgan (North of the 20).

This activity is now designed to **every age group.**
FREE ENTRANCE!

An initiative from the Municipal Council of Baie-D'Urfé.

ORGANIC PICK-UP



WINTER SCHEDULE

We wish to remind you that **organic pick-up collection** will take place every **2 weeks** starting **December 1st** until **March inclusively.**

Next pick-up date, Thursday December 15 and 29 and January 12 and 26, 2017.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at **514 457-2877.**

BAIE-D'URFÉ SKATING RINKS

Open daily, from end of December to beginning of April weather conditions permitting.



BERTOLD PARK	BALSAM PARK	PICARDY PARK
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Changing room Lighting	Lighting	Lighting

HOLIDAY HOURS

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be closed for the holidays from **December 22nd, 2016** until **January 2nd, 2017** inclusively.

Please contact **514 630-1234** for all municipal emergencies.

NEW 2017 COLLECTION CALENDAR

Be sure to check your mailbox for your **new 2017 Collection Calendar.** Be aware of new changes to certain household collections!

You did not receive your copy?

Contact the Town Hall at **514 457-5324.**

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

Council invites you to come and ring in the New Year at the Fritz Community Centre **January 1st, 2017** from **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at our annual New Year's Levy.

Hope to see you there!

