



# MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

## Highlights of the Financial Report

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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 **Financial Report** for the

fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, 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, 2019. 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 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### OVERVIEW

The 2019 financial report was tabled at a Council meeting held on May 12, 2020.

Since 2012, the Town has recorded an operating surplus of over a million dollars.

The 2019 financial year ended with an operating surplus of \$1 835 907. Following are the highlights.

### 2019 REVENUES

Total revenues for the Town of Baie-D'Urfé for 2019 were \$20 593 562, an increase of \$540 522 over budget. The main factors explaining the increased revenues are:

<b>Property Tax Revenues</b>	
- new taxation revenues	\$1 286 626
- Loss of revenue mainly due to contestation from the Industrial sector	\$(1 341 767)
<b>Interest</b> (bank, arrears, fines and penalties)	\$90 150
<b>Property Transfer taxes and permits</b>	
- Loss of revenue from contestation of transfer tax in the Industrial sector	\$(181 077)
<b>Other Revenues</b> (rentals & services rendered)	\$(3 062)
<b>Government grants</b> (compensation in lieu of taxes)	
	\$23 586
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 540 522</b>

### 2019 EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for 2019 were \$18 885 512 excluding amortization.

**Regional expenses** accounted for \$12 642 844: \$152 015 which was paid to the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC) in membership fees and \$12 490 829 which was paid to the City of Montreal as our share for island-wide services including \$317 172 for Town-wide water consumption costs. Of the approximately \$12.6 million which we pay to Montreal, about \$2.0 million was for general administration, \$3.5 million for Police services, \$1.9 million for Fire services and \$3.0 million for public transport.

### LOCAL EXPENSES

Local operating expenses totalled \$6 242 668.

The Town invested about \$1.02 million in its infrastructure.

In 2019 the Town used \$1 709 035 from the Town's accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds to fund capital projects and operating activities. Some of the capital projects financed by the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds were:

1. New Daycare Centre (CPE) (\$338 814)
2. Construction of a BERM from Lakeview to Apple Hill (\$327 438)
3. 2019 paving and drainage program (\$325 829)
4. Municipal road equipment (vehicles and heavy equipment, \$253 753)
5. Drainage pipe between Gay-Cedars and Lac St. Louis (\$206 657)
6. Bertold Canine Recreational Area (\$126 886)
7. Park and Playground infrastructure (park John Weir, \$56 024)

### 2019 SURPLUS

The Town started its 2019 fiscal year with an accumulated surplus, financial reserve and reserve funds total of \$9 354 874.

In 2019 the Town recorded an operating surplus of \$1 835 907.

This operating surplus is attributable to increased revenues of \$540 522, lower expenses of \$394 928 (\$321 365 from salaries and benefits due to vacant positions) and budget allocations from its accumulated surplus and financial reserves of approximately \$900 460 to its operational budget for building maintenance and repairs, Emerald Ash Borer program and tree maintenance,



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## Highlights of the Financial Report (Continued)

	NON-AFFECTED SURPLUS	AFFECTED SURPLUS	FINANCIAL RESERVES	RESERVE FUNDS	TOTAL
Balance (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$4 166 810	\$2 536 988	\$1 772 918	\$878 158	\$9 354 874
Surplus for the year	\$1 835 907				
<b>ALLOCATIONS</b>					
Affected surplus	\$(1 893 704)	\$1 893 704			
Financial reserves	\$(39 135)		\$39 135		
Investments in progress	\$21 734				
Operating activities	\$(237 373 )	\$(208 213)	\$(292 235)	\$105 124	
Capital projects	\$(215 055 )	\$(654 545)	\$(262 682)	\$(253 753)	
<b>Balance (Dec. 31)</b>	<b>\$3 639 184</b>	<b>\$3 567 934</b>	<b>\$1 257 136</b>	<b>\$729 529</b>	<b>\$9 193 783</b>

the 2019 by-election and legal files. The difference between the budgeted amounts and the expenditures will be allocated for 2020 projects such as paving, drainage and park infrastructure. In 2019 the Town used close to \$1.4 million of its accumulated surplus and financial reserves to finance select Town projects (including certain ongoing projects), which in return decreased expenses.

As of December 31, 2019, the accumulated surplus, financial reserves and reserve funds totalled \$9 193 783 (with the addition of the 2019 operating surplus of \$1 835 907 to the accumulated non-affected surplus). See the table above.

During the course of the 2019 fiscal year, the provision for contested property valuations was increased by \$1 522 844, resulting in an amount of \$3 102 517 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

### 2019 LONG TERM DEBT

Our long-term debt amounted to \$700 100 (decreased by \$338 700 from 2018). Of this amount, \$145 583 is reimbursed by

the Quebec Government, whereas the balance of \$554 517 is solely recovered from the residential and/or industrial sectors through local improvement taxes. Since 2016 the Town has had no "at large" debt.

### 2019 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** (2019 section) - Remuneration of the Elected Officials (S45 - page 11).

Respectfully submitted by  
Mayor **Maria Tutino**



### Mayor's Message

The good weather is coming and many of us have been cooped up at home, either by oneself, with one or two family members or with a household of family members of all age groups. Some are working from home, others are waiting for the provincial government to ease restrictions so that more businesses can be opened and that life can return to the "old normal".

While at the moment, the Covid statistics show that in Baie-D'Urfé and in the West Island in general, the number of reported confirmed cases

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and deaths are low and well below our population share of the island, now is not the time to be complacent nor to let down our guard.

Currently the Island of Montreal is the epicentre of the pandemic in Canada.

As of May 14, Baie-D'Urfé had **15 confirmed cases** and **0 deaths** reported and was one of only 3 municipalities that had 0 reported deaths (Senneville & Hampstead were the other two).