



MAYOR'S REPORT

(REGULAR SITTING OF NOVEMBER 13th 2017)

Dear citizens,

Under the requirements of *article 955 of the Municipal Code*, it is my pleasure as Mayor of the Municipality, to present the financial status of our municipality.

Financial report 2016 and triennial capital expenditures program

The financial report for 2016, audited by the firm Jérémy Joyal-Deslandes CPA Inc., shows total revenues of **\$ 3 416 064** and total expenditures of **\$ 3 279 405** representing a surplus of **\$ 136 659** before the reconciliations for income tax purposes (investment income, amortization, financing, investments and allocations) of **\$ 317 702** to allow an operating surplus of **\$ 454 361** for the financial year ending on December 31st 2016.

Report of the audit

The auditor's report indicates that the financial statements accurately reflect the financial status of the municipality as at December 31st, 2016, according to Canadian Auditing Standards.

Council's major achievements 2017

The major files were as follows:

Administration

- Replacement of the Director General for maternity leave;
- Replacement of the environment inspector after the departure of Ms. Isabelle Rioux;
- Acquisition of a new server;
- Redesign of website, online before end of 2017;
- Renovation of the Town Hall.

Public Safety

- Hiring a new firefighter;
- Visit of the low risks properties in fire prevention by the Fire department of the municipality;
- Preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of the new fire station / community center and granting of mandates of professional services;
- Conclusion of the intermunicipal agreement for the creation of the Memphremagog East Fire Board;
- Application to join the CIUSSS First Responder service.

Leisure, Culture and Heritage

- Organization of the celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada;
- Development of the multifunctional surface at Thayer Park;
- Construction of the shelter at Thayer Park;
- Continued study for a multifunctional trail in Fitch Bay.

Environmental health

- Implementation of the upgrading program for septic installations. (funded by the municipality)
- Installation of three-way waste containers.

Town planning and environment

- Continued revision of the land-use by-laws;
- Hiring during the summer season of an environmental trainee;
- Massive inspection of riparian zones;
- Collaboration with MCI for various projects including Bay Fitch Health, Phragmite Colony Control, etc.

Public works and Infrastructures

- Realization of reloading work of several roads in the municipality;
- Easement negotiations and culvert replacement 2579 - Magoon Point Road;
- Replacement and addition of guardrails;
- Reprofiting several ditches and replacing culverts;
- Continuing the mandate for a study for the reconstruction of Remick and Thayer Roads.

Projections of the results - Financial Report 2017

For the year 2017, we expect a small surplus.

2018 General guidelines

The municipality intends to pursue more sustainable projects to improve our quality of life and protect our communal property. We will work to that end by concentrating on road safety, preservation of lakes, rivers and streams, and safety and protection for all through appropriate regulations.

In addition to the normal management of municipal affairs, Council proposes to pursue its strategic orientations. To achieve this, important projects will be implemented or continued:

Road network

Rehabilitation of our roads, water and sewer systems by:

- Asphaltting and resurfacing certain roads in the municipality;
- Reconstruction of Bunker Road;

- Continuation of mandates for the reconstruction of Remick and Thayer Roads;
- Guard rails at strategic locations.

Public Safety

- Transition to the Memphremagog East Fire Board;
- Continuation of the process of obtaining the status of first responder.

Administration

- Continuing of the renovation of the Town Hall;
- Drafting of the 2018-2023 strategic plan;
- Planning the development of the Narrows Bridge;
- Continued planning and construction of the new fire station / community center.

Town Planning

- The municipality intends to continue its study of the bylaws in order to update itself and thus better reflect the expectations of citizens.

Environmental Health

- Maintenance of the municipal funding program for the upgrading of septic installations;
- Continued inspections and upgrading of riparian zones throughout the territory;
- Continued collaboration with SCLL and MCI for various environmental projects.

Leisure and Culture

- Finalization of upgrades at Thayer Park;
- Continued planning and awarding mandates for the construction of a lookout on Sheldon Road;
- Continued study and development of a multifunctional trail in the village of Fitch Bay.

Wages of elected officials

According to the requirement of section 11 of the Act on the remuneration of municipal officials, this is the remuneration of elected officials for the year 2017.

Municipal Council	Monthly wage	Monthly allowance
Mayor	\$1,107.15	\$553.58
Municipal Councillors	\$369.04	\$184.50
Committee members/ per attendance	\$40.00	
RCM Memphremagog Council	Amount taxable	Amount non-taxable
Mayor	\$149.51	\$74.77
RCM Committee/ per attendance	\$132.91	\$66.44

Contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$2 000 and totaling more than \$ 25 000

Contracts
No supplier

List of contracts involving expenditures greater than \$ 25 000

Contrats		
Groupe Ultima inc.	Insurances	\$33 803.00
Construction Couillard Ltée	Grading	\$46 530.39
Excavation Renaud Bélanger inc.	Digging ditches	\$37 442.40
Entreprises P.S. Roy	Snow plowing roads	\$393 104.53 (3 yrs)
Excavation Renaud Bélanger inc.	Installation of culverts	\$48 163.05
Christopher Hatch	Snow plowing roads	\$287 351.73 (3 yrs)
Somavrac inc.	Dust suppressant	\$59 334.73
Stanley & Dany Taylor Transport	Collection of the waste materials	\$417 431.44 (3 yrs)
Excavation Mario Roy inc.	Culvert no. 2579	\$274 428.53
Grondins excavations inc.	Mutli functional base	\$141 037.74
Rénoflex	Guardrails	\$29 767.93
IME	Mechanical/electrical fire station	\$27 000.00
Sintra inc	Gravel	\$313 603.77
Aquatech	Professional services	\$ 27 070.74

In closing, I want to thank all of the volunteers who work in our community organizations as well as in the various committees of our municipality. Your input is most valuable to us. Thanks also to my colleagues, the councillors and the employees for their precious help.

Sincerely yours,

Francine Caron Markwell

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