



La Pêche 2017: a budget combining fiscal discipline and respect for citizens

La Pêche, December 19, 2016 — The Municipality of La Pêche today adopted a budget of \$13,922,078 for the 2017 fiscal year, following work that spread over a number of weeks and required close cooperation among all departments to make it possible to adopt a budget that reflects strategic financial considerations as well as citizens' needs.

Among the main aspects that will impact the citizens' budget, it is important to point out the low increase in the property tax rate, limited to 1.5% and the fact that the Municipality is still reporting a residential property tax rate that is one of the lowest in the region, namely 0.68789 per \$100 of assessed value.

In addition, it should be mentioned that the Municipality is in good financial health, as evidenced by its total net long-term indebtedness per assessment unit, which is only \$684. For comparison purposes, that indebtedness is \$1,799 in the RCM and \$5,800 across Quebec. Being less indebted, the Municipality can devote more of its budget to enhancements that will benefit citizens.

In the same vein, note that La Pêche reports good results in terms of its operating revenues, 79.09% of which it draws from taxes, versus 65.17% in the rest of the province. This means that it is more independent and relies less on government subsidies, a healthy strategy given the continual decrease in the state's contribution.

Regarding the triennial capital plan, the Municipality's primary objective is to provide for the upgrading and maintenance of its infrastructures and improving its citizens' quality of life. In 2017, it will direct \$1,514,674 to improving the road network, \$600,000 to building a palliative care centre, \$400,000 to a shoreline redevelopment project in the village of Wakefield, which will have considerable economic and tourism benefits for the Municipality, \$375,000 to purchasing a pumper truck for the Eugène Bernier fire station in the East Aldfield sector, \$225,000 in support to the agencies and activities, and \$90,650 for purchasing a van for the Arthur Saint-Louis fire station in the Lac-des-Loups sector.

“I am proud of the outcome of this exercise,” states Mr. Robert Bussière, mayor of La Pêche. “Year after year, we manage to keep the tax rate at a reasonable level, while investing in our citizens' quality of life.”

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Documents to consult

2017-2018-2019 Triennial Capital Plan