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A WORD FROM THE MAYORESSE

As mentioned previously, you will find below the 2026 budget forecasts, as well as the three-year capital expenditures plan, both of which were adopted on December 15.

An interesting point to note: despite the addition of four new services, the payroll has decreased by \$13,200 compared to 2025, a performance largely attributable to intermunicipal sharing of resources.

Once again, the percentage increase stands at 2.9%, for a tax rate of 4.278 per \$100 of assessed value. For your information, tax bills will be sent out at the end of the month.

PRÉVISIONS BUDGÉTAIRES

Exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 2026

	2025	2026
REVENUS		
Taxes	2 672 173 \$	2 737 489 \$
Compensations tenant lieu de taxes	18 480 \$	18 600 \$
Transferts	442 172 \$	318 263 \$
Services rendus	179 578 \$	172 653 \$
Imposition de droits	117 200 \$	241 000 \$
Intérêts	98 000 \$	79 500 \$
Autres revenus	2 000 \$	9 000 \$
TOTAL	3 529 603 \$	3 576 505 \$
CHARGES		
Administration générale	772 278 \$	852 767 \$
Sécurité publique	577 364 \$	588 406 \$
Transport (voirie)	982 727 \$	950 194 \$
Hygiène du milieu	250 066 \$	210 579 \$
Santé et bien-être	2 808 \$	1 994 \$
Aménagement, urbanisme et développement	167 751 \$	151 466 \$
Loisirs et culture	182 913 \$	198 978 \$
Frais de financement	192 765 \$	179 314 \$
TOTAL	3 128 672 \$	3 133 698 \$
FINANCEMENT		
Remboursement de la dette à long terme	343 931 \$	366 605 \$
AFFECTATIONS		
Activités d'investissement	57 000 \$	76 202 \$
Affectation du surplus	0 \$	0 \$

PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATION 2026-2028

PROJET	MODE DE FINANCEMENT	PÉRIODE DE RÉALISATION	ESTIMATION DES COÛTS			
			2025	2026	2027	2028
* Transformation Église BSM	MCC (CPQR) + Municipalité (campagne de financement)	2022-2030	600 k\$	100 k\$	2 M\$	600 k\$
Construction trottoirs	MTQ + Municipalité (subvention + réserves)	2024-2026		450 k\$		
* Construction usine d'épuration	MAMH (PRIMEAU 2023) + Municipalité (subvention + réserves disponibles)	2024-2027	300 K\$	4 M\$		
Travaux d'infrastructure	MAMH (TECQ 2024) + Municipalité	2024-2028	135 K\$	500 K\$	150 k\$	250 k\$
* Construction caserne/garage	MAMH (PRACIM 2023) + Municipalité	2024-2028	80 K\$	150 k \$	4 M\$	
* Travaux majeurs voirie	MTQ (PAVL 2025) + Municipalité	2024-2029	10 k\$	2,5 M\$	2 M\$	
				7,7 M\$	8,15 M\$	1,85 M\$

* En attente de confirmation

1 k\$ = 1 000 \$/1 M\$ = 1 000 000 \$

MAMH = ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation/MCC = ministère de la Culture et des Communications/MTQ = ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable/CPRQ = Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec/Église BSM = Église Bishop Stewart Memorial

Municipal Council The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held on February 9, 2026, at 7pm. To send a question to the Council, visualize the agenda or take part in the meeting online, go to: frelighsburg.ca/conseil

Town Hall Opening Hours Monday to Thursday : 8:30 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 4:30pm Friday is by appointment only 450 298-5133 — municipalite@frelighsburg.ca

NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CULTURE AND TOURISM

More Than One Hundred Years of Quebec Cinema

Are you interested in Quebec cinema? Here's something to delight you. The course "More Than One Hundred Years of Quebec Cinema," offered by the Université du troisième âge (UTA) of the Université de Sherbrooke and taught by Michel Coulombe, will be held in Mondays in the Town Council Chamber from March 9 to 30. Originally inspired by traditional values such as religion, the patriarchal family, and the rural way of life under Duplessis, Quebec cinema later accompanied the Quiet Revolution and the sexual revolution. It then opened up to the world in the 2000s.

- **Dates:** Mondays through March 9 to 30
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** City Hall, 2 Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville (2nd floor – not accessible to people with reduced mobility)
- **Tuition fee: \$70 Registration:**
www.usherbrooke.ca/uta/prog/estrie/brm.

COMMUNITY

GYM ACTIVITIES

Good news!

Due to the popularity of Thursday pickleball, a pickleball activity has now been added on Wednesdays at the school gym.

ADÉLARD CENTRE

In celebration of Black History Month, Adélard invites you to a public discussion around the collective residency project *Faire partie du paysage* (*Being Part of the Landscape*). This major project explores the historical presence of Black communities in the Lake Champlain Valley. With the project's artists, the discussion will address the individual stories that inspired them, the creative processes connected to often under-documented narratives, as well as the contemporary echoes of from these lifetimes.

The event, moderated by Michael Farkas, is presented in partnership with the Black History Month Round Table and the Quebec Black League. It will take place on Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m., at the Grammar School.

Free admission. Registration at adelard.org.

MONT PINACLE LAND TRUST

Soirée des possibles at Beat et Betterave, Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. Screening of the documentary "Matimekush", preceded by a pizza happy hour (5 à 7).

BRIMBALANTE

Spring 2026 Program: Three international guests (Croatia, France, Belgium), six performances for the general public, as well as four training sessions for professional artists.

Visit www.brimbalante.com.

MUNICIPALITY

BLUE BIN COLLECTION

While the new carrier adjusts, we thank you for your understanding regarding blue bin collection, which now takes place every other Friday throughout the entire municipality. If you wish to submit a request for a blue bin that was not collected, please do so using the link available on the homepage of freelightsburg.ca.

For any requests regarding brown and green bins, please call the Municipality at 450-298-5133, extension 125, or write to: municipalite@freelightsburg.ca, providing your full contact information (address, name, phone number) along with a clear description of your request.

ARE YOU SUBSCRIBED TO MUNICIPAL NEWS?

To ensure you receive municipal information by email (draft bylaws, dates of regular and special meetings, links to attend remotely, special announcements regarding roads, road closures, etc.), subscribe to Municipal News (Services/News tab) on freelightsburg.ca.

DRAFT BY-LAWS IN THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION

To consult the draft by-laws that have been tabled, visit freelightsburg.ca or come to Town Hall to obtain a copy. Reminder: Once a notice of motion has been given and before the by-law is adopted, it is always possible to submit comments or suggestions with the view to making amendments.

To access draft by-laws related to planning online:

- click the Urbanisme et environnement tab at the top of the home page;
- select Règlements d'urbanisme;
- scroll down to Projets de règlement.

To access other draft by-laws online:

- click the Municipalité tab at the top of the home page;
- select Règlements municipaux;
- choose Projets de règlement.

Draft Bylaw No. 164-09-2024 concerning agreements related to municipal works

Notice of motion: September 25, 2024

Expected adoption date: March 9, 2026

Overview: This bylaw governs agreements between the Municipality and real estate developers to ensure that residential developments include all required infrastructure (roads, water supply, sewers, etc.) and that costs are shared fairly between the developer and future beneficiaries.

Draft Bylaw No. 180-02-2026 establishing municipal taxes for the year 2026

Notice of motion scheduled for: February 3, 2026

Expected adoption date: February 9, 2026

Overview: This bylaw sets the 2026 municipal taxes for Freelightsburg, including the general property tax, waste collection taxes, and taxes for the maintenance of water and sewer networks.

Draft Bylaw No. 181-02-2026 on the occupancy and maintenance of buildings

Notice of motion scheduled for: February 9, 2026

Expected adoption date: March 9, 2026

Overview: This bylaw establishes standards for the occupancy and maintenance of buildings to ensure that buildings within the Municipality are kept in good condition.

SAFETY AT THE DROP-OFF ZONE

To ensure the safety of all students and to promote smoother traffic flow in the school area in the morning, please note that parking in the drop-off zone is prohibited. Drivers are asked instead to proceed through the area in a U-turn.

If you wish to walk your child to school, parking is available on Ch de L'Église, at the bottom of the drop-off zone, provided that posted no-parking restrictions are respected.