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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

The 2024 budget forecasts can be found overleaf, along with the three-year capital expenditure plan for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Both the budget and the plan were adopted during the December 18 special Council meeting. Here is a breakdown of how the municipal budget is prepared.

Budgetary Costs

Municipalities are required to produce balanced budgets. To do this, municipal Councils must first consider the mandatory expenses over which they have no control. Examples include the reimbursement of loan regulations and attached interest, the shares paid to the MRC and the Sûreté du Québec, snow removal costs, insurance, road maintenance, collection of residual materials, etc.

These "obligatory commitment" expenses account for a significant part of our budget and have all increased considerably this year.

Other inescapable expenses include heating, building maintenance, etc.

Municipal Income

Most of the Municipality's revenue comes from municipal taxes paid by property owners. As you know, the new property assessment roll - which comes into effect this year in Frelighsburg - shows an average increase of approximately 85 %. However, it must be understood that this does not generate additional revenue for the Municipality.

The assessment of properties is based on their **market value** as of **July 1st, 2022** and factors in different aspects such as replacement cost, general condition, age and location of the building, etc.

In the first year of application of a new assessment roll, an equal percentage increase for all properties is impossible. The applicable tax is the same for everyone, but percentage increase in property value varies from one property to another.

To meet its obligations and cover municipal expenses for 2024, the Council has opted to limit the increase in property tax to 6 % and draw the difference from the unallocated surplus. To lighten the impact of the new three-year property assessment role, **the tax rate will decrease from \$0.65 to \$0.37 per \$100 property value.**

Specifically:

• **If the value of your property increases by 85% on average:**

Your general property tax will increase by approximately 6%.

• **If the value of your property increases by more than 85%:**

Your general property tax increase will be higher than 6%.

• **If the value of your property increases by less than 85%:**

Your general property tax increase will be less than 6%.

Based on your location in the municipal territory, the following are added to your tax bill.

| | 2023 | 2024 |
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| VILLAGE | | |
| Water supply system (maintenance and repair) | \$281.86 / unit | \$332.19 / unit |
| Sewers (maintenance and repair) | \$256.92 / unit | \$180.60 / unit |
| Aqueduct - loan bylaw repayment | \$147.15 / unit or 2.56 / frontage | \$185.58 / unit or 3.14 / frontage |
| Sewer - loan repayment | \$295.36 / unit | \$372.48 / unit |
| ENTIRE TERRITORY | | |
| Residential garbage collection | \$145.46 / address | \$188.96 / per address |
| General loan repayment | .0000732 per \$100 | .01126 per \$100 |

I wish to re-express the Council's commitment to a strict management of the Municipality's finances to have enough flexibility to face any challenges that may arise.

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NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Environment

A meeting was held with the Agricultural & Forestry Advisory Committee to address the invasive alien plants issue. The PRÉ Committee, the Mount Pinnacle Land Trust, the SETHY Foundation, the Dura-Club and Nature Conservancy of Canada were also present at this meeting.

The goal was to identify current issues on the Frelighsburg territory, particularly regarding buckthorn and Japanese knotweed. The presence of several colonies has been confirmed on the territory of our Municipality.

Colony eradication or mitigation?

These discussions help focus on possible solutions and awareness-raising tools. The SETHY Foundation shared several invasive alien plant eradication and mitigation operations in neighbouring municipalities.

At a future meeting, we will set a course of action to select the methods that can be put forward. A call to the community is also planned.

Stay tuned, as we will keep you informed of future developments!

Agriculture & Forestry

February 15 at 7 p.m. at Beat & Betterave, the Committee is hosting an evening under the *THE TERRITORY* theme. A portrait of our Municipality and the MRC's "Regional Plan for Natural Environments" will be featured.

Come witness the evolution of the landscape and share your impressions on the current and future land occupancy!

COMMUNITY

Camp Garagona

Registration for summer camp: Erica (450) 242-2726
Donate: Canadon; Association Garagona inc.

Every summer, more than 200 adults with an intellectual disability and/or ASD come to spend some time at our summer camp. They experience fascinating days filled with theatre workshops, artistic projects, sports activities, singing, dancing, karaoke and laughter.

Campers leave with their heads and hearts full of fond memories, and employees end the summer with their hearts overflowing with happiness. At Garagona, campers can express themselves, live new experiences and enjoy their stay to the fullest. This camp has thrived for over 50 years thanks to countless generous donations.

Thank you to all who have donated through the years!

Farmers' Market

vitalityfrelighsburg.ca

The Farmers' Market Committee is looking for someone to coordinate the 2024 season.

If this is your kind of challenge and you have time for a new project, are organized, with good leadership and communication skills, this paid job is for you! Visit the Vitalité Frelighsburg website for details.

MUNICIPALITY

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7 p.m. To send a question to the Municipal Council, see the agenda or take part in the meeting online, go to: frelighsburg.ca/conseil

Heures d'ouverture de l'hôtel de ville

Du lundi au jeudi, de 8 h 30 à 12 h 00 et de 13 h 00 à 16 h 30

Vendredi : by appointment only

2, place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Frelighsburg, QC, J0J 1C0

PRÉVISIONS BUDGÉTAIRES
Exercice se terminant le 31 décembre 2024

| | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUS | | |
| Taxes | 2 018 366 | 2 209 944 |
| Compensations tenant lieu de taxes | 17 800 | 30 480 |
| Transferts | 381 316 | 405 995 |
| Services rendus | 114 237 | 99 795 |
| Imposition de droits | 167 200 | 167 200 |
| Intérêts | 56 724 | 83 000 |
| Autres revenus | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| TOTAL | 2 757 643 | 2 998 414 |

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| CHARGES | | |
| Administration générale | 584 512 | 637 802 |
| Sécurité publique | 460 868 | 508 414 |
| Transport | 777 715 | 1 022 811 |
| Hygiène du milieu | 200 114 | 229 743 |
| Santé et bien-être | 1 500 | 1 500 |
| Aménagement, urbanisme et développement | 127 363 | 173 151 |
| Loisirs et culture | 193 194 | 165 748 |
| Frais de financement | 103 497 | 135 597 |
| TOTAL | 2 448 763 | 2 874 766 |

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| FINANCEMENT | | |
| Remboursement de la dette à long terme | 92 025 | 226 507 |

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| AFFECTATIONS | | |
| Activités d'investissement | 601 000 | 113 500 |
| Affectation Surplus | (384 145) | (216 359) |

PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATION 2024-2026

| PROJET (prévu / réalisé) | MODE DE FINANCEMENT (Programme de subvention) | PÉRIODE DE RÉALISATION | COÛT DU PROJET | | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| | | | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | |
| Travaux majeurs réseaux eaux/voirie | MAMH (TECQ 2019-24) + Municipalité | 2019-2024 | 105 k\$ | 410 k\$ | 360 k\$ | | | |
| Travaux de rénovation Hôtel de Ville | MAMH (PRABAM 2021) + Municipalité | 2021-2023 | 25 k\$ | 100 k\$ | | | | |
| Piste à vagues (Pumptrack) | Ministère de l'Éducation (PSISRPEA 2021) + Municipalité | 2021-2023 | | 105 k\$ | | | | |
| Restauration patrimoine immobilier | MCC (PSMMPI 2021) + Municipalité | 2021-2024 | 260 k\$ | 50 k\$ | 440 k\$ | | | |
| Transformation église BSM | MCC/CPQR + Municipalité + Campagne de financement** | 2022-2027 | 4 k\$ | 15 k\$ | 700 k\$ | 1,6** M\$ | 2** M\$ | |
| Pavillon communautaire mobile | MAMH (FRR4 2023) + Municipalité | 2023 | | 105 k\$ | | | | |
| Travaux majeurs voirie | MTQ (PAVL 2024*) + Municipalité | 2023-2025 | | 5 k\$ | 2* M\$ | 2* M\$ | | |
| Construction caserne et garage municipal | MAMH (PRACIM 2023*) + Municipalité | 2024-2025 | | | 100* k\$ | 4* M\$ | | |
| Construction usine d'épuration | MAMH (PRIMEAU 2023*) + Municipalité | 2024-2026 | | | 200* k\$ | 2,5* M\$ | | |
| Aménagement parc Paul Goodhue | Ministère de l'Éducation (PAFIRSPA 2024*) + Municipalité | 2024-2026 | | | 200* k\$ | 250* k\$ | | |
| Construction trottoirs | MTQ (TAPU 2024*) + Municipalité | 2025 | | | | 250* k\$ | | |
| Achat camion incendie | Municipalité | 2025 | | | | | 800 k\$ | |
| | | | | | 4 M\$ | 10,6 M\$ | 2,8 M\$ | |

* Programme de subvention en attente de confirmation / ** Campagne de financement (programmes d'aide financière complémentaires + sociofinancement)

MAMH = Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation / MCC = Ministère de la Culture et des Communications

CPQR = Conseil du Patrimoine Religieux du Québec / Église BSM = Église Bishop Stewart Memorial

MTQ = Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable

1 k\$ = 1000 \$ / 1 M\$ = 1 000 000 \$