



## Report to the public on the highlights of the financial report and the report of the external auditor

Under the provisions of Article 176.2.2. of the Quebec Municipal Code:

*"The mayor, at a regular council meeting in June, reports to the public on the highlights of the financial report, the Auditor General's report and the external auditor's report. This report is distributed in the territory of the municipality in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the council."*

### **2019 Financial Statements**

The financial statement required of municipalities by the MAMH is very complex and provide a lot of information. This report is a summary of the main financial statements and its elements.

Audit obligation:

The external auditor must, among other things, audit the financial statements for the year for which he was appointed. In his report, the external auditor declares whether the financial statements faithfully represent the municipality's financial situation as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and declares the same for the results of the municipality's operations for the fiscal year ended on the same date (section 966.2 Municipal Code).

Prepared by the accounting firm Gariépy Bussière CPA Inc., the audited financial statements for the year 2019, tabled in April 2020, demonstrate that the value of the citizens' assets amounts to \$ 6,652,087. This includes our infrastructure such as the town hall, the fire hall, the garage, all municipal roads, vehicles, etc. as well as the reserved funds and surpluses.

Fiscal year 2019 ended with a fiscal year surplus of \$ 227,803. This voluntary surplus allowed the Municipality to limit the tax increase by balancing the 2020 budget. The operating surplus allocated (reserved for the 2020 budget) is \$ 100,000. Financial reserves and segregated funds amounted to \$ 647,903 and were due to working capital of \$ 324,187 and available balances of \$ 323,716. The long-term debt as at December 31, 2019 for the Municipality of Mille-Isles is \$ 3,476,310, of which \$ 1,466,395 is borne by the Government of Québec and its businesses.

The independent auditor's report indicates that the financial statements, in all important aspects, are a fair representation of the municipality's financial situation on December 31, 2019. Furthermore, the statement faithfully represents the results of the municipality's activities, the change of net financial assets (net debt) and cash flows for the year 2019 and in accordance with Canadian public sector's accounting standards.

### **Remuneration and expenses allowance for elected officials**

Section 11 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers (L.R.Q., chapter T-11.001) provides that:

*"The treasurer or secretary-treasurer of a municipality whose by-law is in force shall include in the municipality's financial report a reference to the remuneration and expenses allowance that each member of the council receives from the municipality, an agency mandated by it or a supra-municipal body ... "*

Here is the 2019 remuneration and expenses allowance for municipal council members:

<b><i>Fonction</i></b>	<b><i>Annual remuneration</i></b>	<b><i>Annual allowance</i></b>	<b><i>Yearly total</i></b>
Mayor	\$ 12,824	\$ 6,412	\$ 19,236
Acting mayor (MRC)	\$ 5,453	\$ 2,726	\$ 8,179
Council members	\$ 5,130	\$ 2,565	\$ 7,695

### **List of contracts**

The mayor tables the list of all contracts from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 involving contracts given to companies of \$ 2,000 or more, whose total sum of all contracts during this period exceeds \$ 25 000. This list indicates, for each contract, the name of the company, the amount of the contract and the reason for awarding the contract.



### **Highlights of the Year 2019**

In 2019, the Municipality of Mille-Isles obtained a \$ 440,090 grant from the Quebec government and the Canada government on the basis of the Quebec tax gas funding program (TECQ). This grant allowed the Municipality to finalize Shrewsbury Road which had been started in 2018, to dig ditches and change non-conforming culverts of Black Road, to resize a culvert and raise Mille-Isles West Road on 125 meters and to reconstruct part of Côte Saint-Joseph, including ditches. Paving of the Côte Saint-Joseph is planned for this year.

Last year, we also hired an engineering firm to develop plans and specifications for Tamaracouta Road. These plans and specifications have enabled the Municipality to complete its request for financial assistance for the Tamaracouta road repair project as part of the Department of Transport's local road assistance program. Following numerous representations, at the beginning of the year, the Minister of Transport, the honorable François Bonnardel, finally granted the Municipality maximum financial assistance of \$ 3,112,460 for this project.

As of December 31, 2019, the construction of six (6) dwellings for a total estimated value of \$ 1,867,100. There were requests for five (5) detached garages for an estimated value of \$ 200,000 and twenty-four (24) permits for the extension and / or renovation of existing buildings with an estimated value of \$ 691,342. It is important to specify that the values declared will generally differ from the value assigned by the evaluator when completed.

The property value used to establish 2020 taxation was \$ 285,085,400 in assessed value compared to \$ 280,932,100 for the year 2019, for an average increase of 1.5 %. The end of the triennial roll (three-year term 2018-2020) will probably resulted to an increase in taxable values in 2021.

To conclude, I invite Mille-Isles citizens who wish to know more about the municipal finances to consult the website under the "Documentation" tab, link "Budget and Report". The 2019 financial report, the list of contracts and the 2020 budget estimate are available there. These documents are also available at the municipal office for consultation.

**Mayor Howard Sauvé**

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**June 3, 2020**

*Notice to readers: This report was presented at the regular council meeting of June 3, 2020.*