



Public Report 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 no later than 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."

2022 Financial Statements

The financial statement required of municipalities by the MAMH is very complex and provides 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 31st 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 2022, tabled in May 2023, demonstrate that the value of the citizens' assets amounts to \$9,689,916 compared to \$9,527,485 in 2021. This includes our infrastructure such as the town hall, the fire hall, the roadworks garage, all municipal roads and buildings, vehicles, etc. as well as the reserved funds and surpluses.

Fiscal year 2022 ended with a fiscal year surplus of \$36,302, a decrease of \$168,204 on the previous year, included the COVID-19 grant from the Quebec government in the amount of \$133,868. The balance of this surplus is once again explained by the significant increase in the number of transfer duties and by sound management of municipal finances. Concretely, the surplus allowed the Municipality to limit the tax increase by balancing the 2023 budget, so that the accumulated surplus allocated and reserved for the 2023 budget stands at \$330,000 for the second year in a row. The reserved funds amount to \$378,318 and are made up of the available balances of closed loan by-laws in the amount of \$142,153, the working capital fund of \$222,539 and the new mandatory fund since 2022 of \$13,626 in anticipation of an election or referendum. The long-term debt as of December 31, 2022 for the Municipality of Mille-Isles as a whole is \$3,504,363, of which \$1,199,964 is payable by the Government of Quebec and its organizations.

The independent auditor's report indicates that the financial statements give, in all their material aspects, a true picture of the financial situation of the Municipality of Mille-Isles as of December 31, 2022, as well as of the results of their operations, changes in net financial assets (of their net debt) and of their cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Remuneration of 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 clerk-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 2022 remuneration for municipal council members:

Fonction	Annual remuneration	Annual allowance	Yearly total
Mayor	\$16,690	\$8,346	\$25,036
Mayor (MRC)	\$12,900	\$6,450	\$19,350
Councillors	\$5,564	\$2,781	\$8,345

List of contracts

The mayor tables the list of all contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$2,000 concluded during the period from **January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022** with the same co-contractor when all of these contracts include a total expenditure that exceeds \$25,000. This list indicates, for each contract, the name of the counterparty, the amount of consideration and the purpose of the contract.



Highlights of the Year 2022

In 2022, the Municipality of Mille-Isles obtained \$170,495 grant from the Government of Quebec and the Government of Canada under the Quebec Gas Tax and Contribution Program (TECQ). This grant includes the addition of \$7,474,366 in the Argenteuil district for municipal infrastructure, of which \$233,698 was dedicated to Mille-Isles. This recurring grant enabled the Municipality, in 2022, to replace several culverts on Montée du Pont Bleu, to replace the large culvert at the outlet of Lac de la Vierge on Côte Saint-Joseph and to replace two culverts on Côte Saint-Eustache.

In 2023 and 2024, the Municipality will have to complete all the investments in its five-year program under the TECQ 2019-2023 program, ensuring that it meets the minimum capital expenditure threshold of \$411,000. If we add this amount to the government contribution of \$1,257,539, we are talking about investments worth \$1,668,539 over the five years of the program, to be carried out from 2019 to 2024. To date, \$1,396,490 in eligible work has been carried out in the first four years. The balance of \$272,049 will be used to replace culverts on Benny and Edwise roads, and for paving in the Lac Paul area.

As of December 31, 2022, there are twenty-four (24) homes under construction with a total estimated work value of \$10,029,500. There were applications for seven (7) detached garages for an estimated value of \$393,000 and twenty-seven (27) permits for the expansion and/or renovation of existing buildings for an estimated value of \$725,965. These data still shows a significant increase over the previous years, from a total estimated value of \$6,831,470 for 2020, \$8,205,468 for 2021 and \$15,270,618 for 2022. It is important to note that the values reported for work generally differ from the value assigned by the appraiser when the work is completed.

The property value used for 2023 taxation is \$299,858,900 in assessed value compared to \$294,100,100 for 2023 taxation, an approximate increase of 2%. Of this assessed value, \$34,010,157 comes from the category of non-residential buildings (NRB). The NRB category is primarily composed of commercial properties, while the residual property category includes all other properties, including residential, vacant land and agricultural and forestry. A property may belong to both categories, depending on its activities. In the year 2020, Municipal Council made the decision to implement different tax rates for these two categories of buildings, as NRBs generally require more municipal services than residual buildings.

For three years, from 2021 to 2023, the current three-year roll was renewed in 2020 without being balanced by the MRC, so we did not see a significant increase in taxable values in 2021, 2022 and 2023. However, this will be the case when the next three-year roll is balanced, as the Municipality currently has a comparative factor of 1.52, which means that Mille-Isles properties have sold, on average over the past few years, for amounts 52% higher than the taxable property assessment on which the Municipality bases its taxation. As a result, we can already foresee that the balancing of the next triennial roll, starting in 2024, will bring a historic increase in property values, as was the case with our neighbors to the south in the Municipality of Gore Township.

In closing, I invite the citizens of Mille-Isles who wish to know more about the Municipality's financial situation to consult the website under the "Documentation" tab and the "Budget and Report" sub-tab. The 2022 financial report, the list of contracts and the 2023 budget forecast are available there. These documents are also available for consultation at the municipal office.

Mayor Howard Sauvé

Original signed

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Notice to readers: This report was presented at the regular council meeting of June 7, 2023