

Municipality of Litchfield

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MAYOR'S REPORT

In accordance with article 955 of the Municipal Code

In accordance with the requirements established by the Municipal Code of Quebec and, above all, a desire for transparency, it is with pleasure that I present the financial position of our municipality.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013

The financial statements for the year 2013 as prepared by our auditor, Gerard Labelle CPA auditor, CGA, shows an accumulated surplus of 400 959 \$. The following results outline the REVENUS and EXPENSES according to this year's budget forecast and based on the taxable property assessment of 77 392 600 \$. The remuneration of elected officials before deductions, including allowances is 13 422 \$ for the mayor and 4 474 \$ for each councillor.

MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD		
	Financial statements 2013	Budget forecast 2014
Revenus		
Taxes	699 092	709 816
Payments in lieu of taxes	1 688	1 668
Transfers	700 279	206 551
Services rendered	6 772	4 700
Assessment of rights	1 490	4 500
Interest	10 965	16 000
Other revenue	(34 544)	2 800
	1 385 742	946 035
Expenses		
General administration	230 776	251 215
Public safety	158 879	179 197
Transportation	437 513	426 291
Environmental Health	85 812	89 949
Health and welfare		1,000
Urban planning and development	52 877	43 889
Recreational and cultural activities	13 544	14 110
Cost of financing	9 029	4 950
	988 430	1 010 601
Surplus (deficit) for the period before reconciliation	397 312	(64 566)
Less : Investment grants	(428 682)	
Operating surplus (deficit) for the period	(31 117)	(64 566)
Reconciliation for fiscal purposes		
Capital Assets		
Amortization	87 362	81 214
(Gain) Loss on disposal of assets	39 117	
Financing		
Long term debt repayment	(49 898)	(56 445)
Appropriations		
Investing activities	(67 309)	(15 000)
Surplus appropriation	33 486	54 797
Net reconciliation	42 758	64 566
Operating surplus for the period	11 388	0

List of contracts

With this present report, I table the list of all contracts in excess of 25 000 \$ during the 2014 fiscal period. I also include the list of all contracts over 2 000 \$ transacted in the same fiscal period with the same supplier and those contracts combined that exceeded 25 000 \$. The document is available for viewing at the municipal office.

Accomplishments of 2014 and 2015 orientations

The council's objectives in 2014 were to re-establish a productive and efficient workplace, not only in the office but in all areas of the municipality. Our efforts will continue in 2015 in order to provide taxpayers with reliable and accurate service.

The work we have completed on our municipal roads amounts to over 75 000 \$, and we have restructured our municipal transfer site. In 2015, we intend to establish a composting service for the treatment of organic matter at the transfer site.

We have maintained our presence in the industrial park files and are proactive in ensuring the environmental laws and regulations are being met.

The municipality has applied for a grant under the Canada Quebec infrastructure program (PICQ) for the construction of a new municipal office. This program could provide up to 50% of costs if our application is accepted.

We have received confirmation of the amount of the transfer we can expect from the Federal excise tax on gasoline program and the Government of Quebec's contribution for infrastructure, the amount is 530 000\$. We were assured that a portion of the transfer could also be used towards the construction of a new building, therefore, minimizing the financial burden on our taxpayers.

Conclusion

In closing, I would like to thank the municipal council for their commitment and diligence. I would also like to congratulate the staff for a well-executed and successful job. As a team, both elected officials and employees faced a huge challenge, and it has been my pleasure to work together towards achieving our objectives.

On behalf of the municipal council, I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor

Colleen Larivière