

# MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD

## 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 2014

The financial statements for the year 2014 as prepared by our auditor, Janique Ethier CPA auditor, CGA, shows an accumulated surplus of 253 740\$. The following results outline the REVENUS and EXPENSES according to this year's budget forecast and based on the taxable property assessment of 79 247 900 \$. The remuneration of elected officials before deductions, including allowances is 13 701 \$ for the mayor and 4 567 \$ for each councillor.

<b>MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD</b>		
	<b>Financial statements</b>	<b>Budget forecast</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Revenus</b>		
Taxes	737 746	734 557
Payments in lieu of taxes	1 688	1 668
Transfers	257 654	244 603
Services rendered	7 031	4 842
Assessment of rights	44 025	12 500
Interest	18 849	17 000
Other revenue	7 907	3 100
	<b>1 074 900</b>	<b>1 018 290</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General administration	256 059	279 967
Public safety	164 387	168 684
Transportation	458 663	476 944
Environmental Health	70 338	74 484
Urban planning and development	43 903	46 389
Recreational and cultural activities	12 808	16 587
Cost of financing	9 029	11 038
	<b>1 020 310</b>	<b>1 074 093</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) for the period before reconciliation</b>	<b>54 590</b>	<b>(55 803)</b>
<b>Reconciliation for fiscal purposes</b>		
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Amortization	110 844	115 787
<b>Financing</b>		
Long term debt repayment	(52 096)	(73 599)
<b>Appropriations</b>		
Investing activities	(294 233)	(7 500)
Surplus appropriation	54 797	21 115
<b>Net reconciliation</b>	<b>(180 688)</b>	<b>58 803</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the period</b>	<b>(126 098)</b>	<b>0</b>

## **List of contracts**

With this present report, I table the list of all contracts in excess of 25 000 \$ during the 2015 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 2015 and 2016 orientations**

The municipality received preliminary authorisation of up to 65% of the cost of the construction of a new municipal building from the Canada Quebec infrastructure grant (PICQ). We will also be using 15 % of the construction cost from the Federal excise tax on gasoline program, therefore, covering 80% of the cost of construction and minimizing the financial burden on our taxpayers.

We have proceeded with the hiring of an architect and an engineering firm and are presently waiting for results of the construction tender which will be opened on November 26th . The target date for the end of construction is June 2016.

The municipality also proceeded by tender for the purchase of a new tandem truck to replace the 1998 International, the new truck will arrive in early March 2016. The 2010 international truck was paid off in full in October of 2015, therefore, allowing funds used for the payments of the 2010, to be transferred to the purchase of the new 2016 truck.

The municipality is also exploring the possibility of grant money to modify the Laforet road exit to Highway 148. A visibility study (the cost of the study 4000.\$) was conducted by the engineering firm WSP and is now being reviewed by the Ministry of Transport. This would definitely be a major project, however council feels that the current exit is very dangerous and needs to be modified to improve the safety of taxpayers.

Additional plans for 2016 will be an update and modification to the municipal zoning and urbanism by-laws. The current by-laws are outdated and lack important regulations and components that enable the proper management of the municipal territory. The cost of modifying these by-laws will be approximately \$21 000. and will be performed by a professional from the “ Ordres des Urbanistes du Quebec”.

## **Conclusion**

In closing, I would like to thank the municipal council for their commitment and diligence. I would also like to congratulate all the staff for a job well done. I believe our municipality is moving forward as goals and objectives become a reality.

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

Mayor

Colleen Larivière