

# 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 2015

The financial statements for the year 2015 as prepared by our auditor, Dignard Éthier CPA Inc. indicates an accumulated surplus of \$613,114. The following results outline the REVENUES and EXPENSES according to this year's budget forecast and based on the taxable property assessment of \$80,911,400. The remuneration of elected officials before deductions, including allowances is \$14,033 for the mayor and \$4,678 for each councillor.

<b>MUNICIPALITY OF LITCHFIELD</b>		
	<b>Financial statements</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Revenus</b>		
Taxes	759,887	750,729
Payments in lieu of taxes	1,688	1,688
Transfers – excluding capital grants	241,690	252,208
Services rendered	8,213	342
Assessment of rights	56,177	14,500
Interest	12,307	17,000
Other revenue	10,792	3,050
	<b>1,090,754</b>	<b>1,039,337</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
General administration	297,577	323,412
Public safety	168,018	154,627
Transportation	476,519	380,004
Environmental Health	68,097	72,907
Urban planning and development	46,386	40,085
Recreational and cultural activities	19,987	17,515
Cost of financing	10,970	14,888
	<b>1,087,554</b>	<b>1,003,438</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) for the period before reconciliation</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>35,899</b>
<b>Reconciliation for fiscal purposes</b>		
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Amortization	112,353	
<b>Financing</b>		
Long term debt repayment	(45,244)	(59,817)
<b>Appropriations</b>		
Investing activities	( 4,033)	(30,185)
Surplus appropriation	21,115	48,918
<b>Net reconciliation</b>	<b>84,191</b>	<b>(35,899)</b>
<b>Operating surplus for the period</b>	<b>\$ 87,391</b>	<b>\$ -</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 2016 AND 2017 ORIENTATIONS**

### **OFFICE BUILDING**

The new office building is now complete. The staff are moved in and are very pleased with it's functionality. I am pleased to announce that the project came in under budget by approximately \$30,000 with the final cost being **\$443, 824.75** instead of the projected \$471,200.00. **The cost to the municipality is approximately \$22,000.00 as is to be financed over 10 years.**

### **ROADS**

Major projects in 2016 included the resurfacing of Bank and Lawless Lake roads. We have spread approximately 9000 m.t. of gravel on our roads this year in comparison to \$5000 m.t. last year. We have also spent \$11,000 in culvert repairs and replacements and continue to work on the brushing along all roads. Each year will see a major focus in a different area, so if you didn't see the improvements in your area this year, watch for them in the future.

### **PLANNING BY-LAWS**

The revision of the municipal planning by-laws is still in the process. The projected date of completion is spring 2017.

### **NEW SPEED LIMIT - LAFOREST ROAD**

**The municipality adopted By-law 2017-017 -reducing the speed limit** at the north end of Laforest and hwy 148. The reduced speed limit will be **30 km/hour from the hwy to the corner of Laforest and Bank roads**. The new signs will be installed and the speed limit will be in force after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. **Thank you for respecting the new speed limit.** Children are at play and a bus stop is at this location and safety remains our highest concern.

### **HALTE - HWY 148**

In 2016 we continue to upgrade the structures at the Halte on Highway 148. We are having three of the picnic table shelters completely refurbished, including the roof, table and structure. In addition we continue the renovations to the inside of the washrooms. The associated costs for the repairs are approximately \$5500.00.

### **LAFORST/HWY 148 EXIT**

The municipality has hired an engineering firm to complete the construction plans and grant applications for the relocation of the Laforest and Hwy 148 exit. This project is ongoing and is still in the early planning and application stages.

### **MUNICIPAL GARAGE**

In 2017 we hope to commence the renovation of the municipal garage. We are loosing a tremendous amount of heat and the repairs to the building will reduce the high heating costs passed on to the taxpayer. Once the expenditure is approved by the TECQ ( gas tax transfer) program ,the renovation contract will be put out for tender .

### **CONCLUSION**

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