Budget 2020 for the Municipality of Wentworth-Nord

The 2020 budget of the Municipality of Wentworth-Nord was presented and accepted at the special budget meeting held on Friday Dec. 13, 2019 at 6 pm.

Overall, I find that the budget is reasonable even though we are now beginning to see the impact of the increased debt load being carried by the Municipality. In keeping with my position last year, I voted against the budget but only on the basis that it still includes a tax on vacant land that I do not support.

The presentation made by the General Manager of the Municipality at the special meeting for the budget highlights all the major points of the budget and a PDF version of the report is available at:

https://static.wixstatic.com/ugd/2beeb9_fc61c6a096c24f3ca801892055349a8c.pdf

There have been many changes at the Municipality over the past two years and we are only now getting to a point of stability with management personnel as well as benefiting from the more efficient organizational structure managed by a smaller group of senior managers.

The revenues from the general tax rate are forecasted to increase \$289,818 or 7.3% due to the increase in the municipal evaluations published in the new role.

The main reason for keeping the same general tax rate as last year is the fact that our capital repayment and interest costs have risen significantly given the new debt load. Financing costs are projected to be \$640,423 in 2020 representing an increase of \$217,862 or 51.5% as compared to previous year.

Total revenues (from general tax rate + MRC rate + Sécurite Quebec Rate+ fixed fees) are forecasted to be \$5,745,918 representing an increase of \$197,415 or 3.5% as compared to last year.

Do not hesitate to request a revision of your evaluation if you feel it is not correct; challenges of your evaluation can be made within 6 months of receipt of the new valuation.

The following grid of tax rates was presented with the budget and reflects the presentation you will see on your tax bill for 2020. The comments highlighted in the grid were added by myself and they indicate the changes from previous year.

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ESTIMÉ DES REVENUS: 5 745 918 \$

ESTIMÉ DES DÉPENSES

Fonds d'opération: 5 105 495 \$

Frais de financement et

et affectations 640 423 \$ 5 745 918 \$

ÉVALUATION (Valeurs imposables) pour 2020: 558 262 800 \$

This represents an increase of **9.18%** from last year and this property value will remain in place for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 tax years

VALEUR: $0.01 \not e = 55.826$ \$

TAXES ET COMPENSATIONS

Sources de revenus	Montant		Taux de
	2019	2020	_ taxation
Taxe foncière générale	0.4351¢	0.4351¢	2019
Since the rate remains the same, and the average property evaluation has increased by 9.18%, you will see an increase here if your evaluation has increased			.7355¢
Portion attribuable à la Quote-Part MRC	0.1349¢	0.1224¢	
This represents a decrease in the tax rate of 9.27%			
Taxe sur terrain vacant	0.7323¢	0.7323¢	
Taxe foncière pour l'amélioration du réseau routier	0.0800¢	0.0800¢	

Taxe foncière pour les services fournis par la Sûreté du Québec This represents a decrease in the tax rate of 7.72%	0.0855¢	0.0789¢	
Compensation pour le service de cueillette, transport et disposition des ordures ménagères et pour le recyclage	Résidentielle 135 \$	Résidentielle 135 \$	2020 .7164¢
	Commerciale 295 \$	Commerciale 295 \$	Overall
Bacs déchets & matières organiques	39\$	39\$	rate is a 2.60%
Tarification annuelle de base	50 \$	50 \$	<mark>decrease</mark>
Tarification annuelle taxe verte résidentielle Tarification annuelle taxes verte terrains vagues	25 \$ 5\$	25 \$ 5 \$	