



## NEWS FROM COUNCIL

### JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2017

This issue of News from Council will bring you up to date on the following :

1. **2017 Municipal Budget;**
2. **Adoption of 2017 Intermunicipal Budgets;**
3. **Ancillary mandates for reconstruction of Main Street Bridge;**
4. **Improvements to Community Centre almost complete ;**
5. **Results of Senior Friendly Municipality Consultations ;**
6. **Conference for seniors and seniors caregivers scheduled for Wed March 29th at 2 pm.**

#### 1. 2017 Municipal Budget.

Municipal tax statements will be received shortly and Council encourages residents to read the budget information that is included with their statements. Council passed the 2017 budget on December 21st 2016 and, despite difficult financial challenges, Council and the Administration are pleased to be able to maintain the same excellent standard of service in 2017, while at the same time aiming to reduce the tax burden on citizens. Budget information is also available on the municipality's web-site at : <http://www.northhatley.org/fr/municipalite/gestion-financiere>

#### 2. Adoption of 2017 Intermunicipal Budgets.

At its regular meeting of January 9th 2017, Council adopted the following intermunicipal organisation budgets for 2017 :

Intermunicipal Organisation	Organisation's Total Budget	North Hatley's Share
Régie intermunicipale des eaux Massawippi (RIEM) (Water Filtration Plant)	\$ 1,116,755.00	\$ 472,515.00
Régie intermunicipale de protection des incendies (RIPI) - (Fire Department)	\$ 274,400.00	\$ 78,403.00
Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets solides de la région de Coaticook (RIGDSRC)	\$ 1,709,378.77	Garbage \$93.00 / ton Compost 50.00 / ton
Régie intermunicipale du parc régional massawippi (RIPRM) - (Lake management)	\$ 149,512.00	\$ 10,182.00

#### 3. Ancillary mandates for reconstruction of Main Street Bridge.

At an extraordinary meeting held on January 19th 2017, Council adopted resolutions for the following, which relate to the reconstruction of the Main Street Bridge, planned by the Québec Minister of Transport to take place in 2018.

- That a request be sent to the Minister to exclude work during the period from mid May to mid September, in order to avoid inconvenience during the village's busiest time of the year.
- Following a call for tenders, that mandates be given to Les Services exp Inc. for preliminary studies on : 1. the modification of the electrical and communications network in order to reduce visual pollution and thereby improve natural vistas within the sector of the bridge (\$20,100.00, plus tax); 2. the design of a unique North Hatley signature for the new bridge, which is in keeping with the village's heritage character and natural charm (\$16,300.00, plus tax).

#### 4. Improvements to Community Centre almost complete.

During its ordinary meeting held on February 6th 2017, Council adopted and updated mandates for the completion of improvements to the Community Centre, which include new flooring (11,391.95\$ plus tax) and a paint refresh throughout the space (7,600.00\$ plus tax). The enlarging and improvement of the Community Centre space was made possible by a grant from the *New Horizons for Seniors* program of the federal government (total grant amount of 25,000.00\$).

#### 5. Results of Senior Friendly Municipality Consultations.

The results of the Senior Friendly Municipality Consultations, held last November, have been compiled and will soon be available on the municipality's web-site. A total of 72 participants took part in the consultations and 91 questionnaires were submitted. Input was received on the following key issues : Communication; Housing; Community Support and Health Care Services; Transportation; and Social Engagement. Council's MADA committee will be using these results to put together an action plan for seniors which it will present to Council for adoption in approximately six months time

#### 6. Conference for seniors and seniors caregivers scheduled for Web March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

The municipality will be hosting the MRC Memphrémagog's Seniors' Round Table on Wednesday March 29th at 2 pm at the (newly renovated) Community Centre. A FREE conference for seniors and caregivers will be given and numerous organisations will be on hand to provide information on a variety of key topics that were identified by you during our November public consultations. The event will be presented in English and everyone (both French and English) is welcome to attend. Refreshments will also be served. For those who prefer, the MRC's Seniors' Round Table is also presenting a version of the conference in French on March 15th in the municipality of Magog. More details will be available on both conferences very shortly.

This completes the January/ February edition of *News from Council*. Remember to send any questions and concerns to [communication@northhatley.org](mailto:communication@northhatley.org) or by mail to The Municipal Council, Village of North Hatley, 3125, ch. Capelton, North Hatley J0B 2C0. You can also continue to check our website and attend monthly Village Council meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the North Hatley Community Centre : 3127, ch. Capelton.