



## NEWS FROM COUNCIL

### OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

This edition of *News from Council* will bring you up to date on salient council decisions that were taken during the months of October, November and December.

**Please note that North Hatley's 2018 municipal budget is scheduled for adoption on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Council strongly encourages citizens to be at the North Hatley Community Centre for this very important meeting.**

#### OCTOBER

At its ordinary meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and an extraordinary meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Council completed the process of adjusting its zoning bylaws and approved the partial demolition, construction and renovation project presented by The Massawippi Retirement Communities. This decision will allow the organisation to move forward with the construction of new housing for seniors which meets Québec's rigorous modern building standards for this type of construction. It is also a decision which adheres to North Hatley's new MADA (Age Friendly Municipality) policy and action plan for seniors. A firm specialising in heritage renovation was consulted prior to the finalization of the plans (Service d'Aide-conseil en Rénovation Patrimoniale) and The Massawippi Retirement Communities will also be required to recuperate, where possible, elements from the original building and incorporate these into the facade of the new construction.

#### NOVEMBER

Pursuant to the municipal elections of November 5<sup>th</sup>, the following candidates have been sworn in as North Hatley's Council for the next four years : Michael Page, mayor ; Pauline Farrugia, councillor seat 1 ; Marcella Davis Gerrish, councillor seat 2 ; Guy Veillette, councillor seat 3 ; Elizabeth Fee, councillor seat 4 ; Claude Villeneuve, councillor seat 5; Alexandre-Nicolas Leblanc, councillor seat 6.

At its ordinary meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup>, Council passed two resolutions pertaining to the replacement of the bridge on Main Street, which is slated by the *Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité Durable et de l'Électrification des Transports* (MTMDET) for 2019. The first resolution confirms certain details for the new bridge, including the width (13.40 m), the height (to be increased by 630 mm at its center), the width of sidewalks (2.10 – 2.70 m) and the width of bike paths (1.30 m). The second resolution that was passed was to ask the MTMDET to take advantage of the opportunity to make certain improvements to the new bridge, as outlined in the two studies by *Les Services EXP Inc.*, that were mandated by Council. The minister may choose to cover all, some or none of these improvements and this request by Council is an essential step before any decision can be taken regarding improvements over and above the status quo. A public information session will be scheduled once it is known what improvements, if any, are planned for the new bridge.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Council also passed a resolution in order to approve a reciprocal "release against future claims" arrangement in order to settle a legal issue that involves the Régie Intermunicipale des Eaux Massawippi.

#### DECEMBER

December is budget time and the following 2018 budgets were adopted at Council's December 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary meeting:

- The *Régie intermunicipale des eaux Massawippi* (our water filtration plant)
  - Total budget of \$ 1,077,152.00 (there are 2 municipalities in this régie)
  - North Hatley's portion - \$ 485,414.00 (\$187,349.00 operating + \$298,065.00 debt)
- The *Régie intermunicipale de prévention et de protection incendie Memphrémagog Est* (our fire department)
  - Total budget of \$ 1,305,632.00 (there are now 8 municipalities in the new régie)
  - North Hatley's portion - \$ 84,464.23
- The *Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets solides de la région de Coaticook* (garbage & compost)
  - Total budget of \$ 2,062,245.72 (there are 20 municipalities in this régie)
  - North Hatley's payment rate - \$ 93 per ton for garbage and \$ 50 per ton for compost
- The *Régie intermunicipale du Parc Régional Massawippi* (for lake initiatives and dam management)
  - Total budget of \$ 87,553.00 (Dam budget only – there are 5 municipalities in this régie)
  - North Hatley's portion - \$ 10,450.60

This completes the October/November/ December 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.

*Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the coming new year.*