



## NEWS FROM COUNCIL

### JANUARY 2018

This edition of News from Council will bring you up to date on the following issues and resolutions that were adopted at Council's December 20<sup>th</sup> special budget meeting and its January 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

1. 2018 Municipal Budget ;
2. MADA Update and Assignment of a Representative at the Seniors' Round Table of the MRC of Memphrémagog ;
3. Notice of Future Adoption of Municipal Code of Ethics and Good Conduct.

#### 1. 2018 Budget and Tax Statements

Council passed the 2018 municipal budget on December 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 and comprehensive budget information, including the tax rates and charges which will appear on your 2018 tax statements, are now available on the municipality's web-site at : <http://www.northhatley.org/fr/municipalite/gestion-financiere/>

Tax rates (per \$100 of property evaluation) and flat fee charges for 2018 can be summarized as follows (rates from 2017 have also been provided for comparison purposes) :

	2017	2018	Différence
General residential rate	\$ 0,5118	\$ 0,5118	No change
General non-residential rate	\$ 0,6043	\$ 0,6043	No change
Police Services (Sûreté du Québec)	\$ 0,0813	\$ 0,0818	\$ 0,0005 increase
Fire Protection Services	\$ 0,0496	\$ 0,0358	\$ 0,0138 decrease
Service of existing debt	\$ 0,5431	\$ 0,6132	\$ 0,0701 increase
Garbage, recycling, compost, sewage & water	\$ 854	\$ 824	\$ 30 decrease
Properties with a pool	\$ 85	\$ 85	No change

This translates to an overall tax rate increase of .0568 on every \$100 of property evaluation and a \$30 net decrease on flat fee charges for garbage, recycling, compost, sewage and water distribution. The overall tax rate increase of .0568 is due mainly to the service of our existing debt which includes the debt used to build our water filtration plant.

#### 2. MADA Update and Assignment of a Representative at the Seniors' Round Table of the MRC of Memphrémagog

After having completed its Age Friendly Municipality Policy and Action Plan this past September, the municipality is now awaiting its accreditation as a MADA (Municipalité Amie des aînés) Municipality from the provincial government. This accreditation will make North Hatley eligible to apply for provincial government funding in order to move forward with its policy and action plan. In keeping with this policy and plan, at its January meeting, Council assigned Pauline Farrugia as the councillor who will represent North Hatley at the *Table de concertation des aînés de Memphrémagog*.

The MRC of Memphrémagog's Seniors' Round Table (*La Table de concertation des aînés de Memphrémagog*) consists of a grouping of over forty regional organisations, including the MRC's municipalities, which has coordinated numerous projects that have improved the lives of seniors within the region. The round table permits organisation members to unite their voices in order to make the needs of seniors in their community heard and it also helps to ensure that seniors' rights are respected. This organisation also facilitates networking and collaborative efforts among its members in order to bring about positive change for seniors in their respective communities.

#### 3. Notice of future adoption of Municipal Code of Ethics and Good Conduct

At Council's January meeting, notice was given that the municipality's revised Code of Ethics and Good Conduct will be presented for adoption at Council's February 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The revised code will govern the municipality's elected officials, as well as members of the municipality's organisations, such as its committees. All municipalities in Québec must update and adopt their revised codes of Ethics and Good Conduct after all general elections and prior to the date of March 1<sup>st</sup> following the election. The project will be presented prior to its adoption.

This completes the January 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.

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