



MUNICIPALITÉ DE
LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD

Citizens of Lac-Tremblant-Nord,

In compliance with article 955 of the *Municipal Code*, hereafter the information regarding the financial situation of the municipality in 2012.

Financial statement and auditor's report for 2012

Our auditor has confirmed that the financial statement to December 31, 2012 represented the financial situation to date.

| | Budget 2012 | Actual 2012 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES : | | |
| Taxes | \$ 268,349 | \$ 270,079 |
| Payment in lieu of taxes | \$ 620 | \$ 610 |
| Other earnings | \$ 22,100 | \$ 119,025 |
| Total revenues | \$ 291,069 | \$ 399,714 |
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| EXPENSES | | |
| General administration | \$ 54,650 | \$ 50,088 |
| Salaries and fringe benefits | \$ 81,196 | \$ 77,859 |
| Operating expenses | \$ 100,090 | \$ 88,042 |
| Urban planning | \$ 57,200 | \$ 42,668 |
| Contributions MRC des Laurentides | \$ 82,200 | \$ 83,217 |
| Road system | \$ 24,600 | \$ 13,909 |
| Environmental health | \$ 9,700 | \$ 270 |
| Financial expenses | \$ 300 | \$ 415 |
| Other expenses | \$ 1,000 | \$ 55 |
| Total expenses | \$ 411,936 | \$ 356,523 |
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| SURPLUS BEFORE ALLOCATIONS | \$ (120,867) | \$ 33,191 |
| Transfer of operating surplus | \$ 120,867 | \$ 120,867 |
| Capital asset activities | - | \$ (753) |
| Reserved funds | - | \$ (42,576) |
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| SURPLUS FOR TAX PURPOSES | - | \$ 110,729 |

The 2012 plan called for the use of the surplus in order to balance the budget and not increase taxes. The unexpected increase in revenue compared to plan combined with the decrease in expenses of generated a surplus of **\$110,729** in 2012. The municipality has no debt and does not borrow money.

Lac-Tremblant-Nord's local mill rate, **\$0.16** per \$100 is **41%** lower than the \$0.275 at Ville de Mont-Tremblant. Some property owners, primarily at Lac Bibite, benefited from lower taxes again in 2012 since their property valuation increase was less than the **24%** decrease in LTN mill rate in 2011. Various savings and/or expenses not incurred combined with higher revenue **\$109,645** resulted in not having to spend the surplus funds. The operating expenses were less than budget by **\$55,413** because of various savings, as well as delay of the regulation revamp. There was a single contract of more than \$25,000 to Excavation RB Gauthier \$36,793.31 and there are contracts of more than \$2,000 awarded in the course of the period to one contracting party totalling \$32,033.06, to Dufresne, Hébert, Comeau Avocats for legal work.

Remuneration of elected municipal officers

In compliance with the provisions of article 11 of the *Act on the remuneration of elected municipal officers*, hereafter the remunerations and allocation for expenses of the members of council for the year 2012:

| Member & Position | Remuneration | Allocation |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mayor | | |
| Municipality of Lac-Tremblant-Nord | \$ 12,508.32 | \$ 6,254.16 |
| Member Agglo Council | \$ 7,663.80 | \$ 3,831.98 |
| Member MRC Exec Committee | \$ 3,924.07 | \$ 1,962.03 |
| Member of MRC Council | \$ 1,017.36 | \$ 508.68 |
| Per committee meeting attended | | |
| @ MRC | \$ 72.67 | \$ 36.34 |
| @ PGMR and Planning | \$ 36.58 | \$ 18.29 |
| @ RIDR Exec/advisory | \$ 56.67 | \$ 28.33 |
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| 2. Council Member | \$ 3,127.08 | \$ 1,563.54 |

Highlights and achievements in 2012

- 1) **Mill rate:** No increase in the local mill rate of \$0.16 per \$100.
- 2) Upon transfer of responsibility from Federal government, the Agglomeration has assumed the cost of purchase and installation of safety buoys on lake Tremblant, in conformity with federal regulations; the buoys enabled police boating patrol to validly control boating regulations, speed and shoreline setback of 60 m for watercraft. Total cost was assumed by Agglomeration budget, contributing to savings for LTN citizens since this expense was originally budgeted in the LTN budget.
- 3) In order to help reduce water flow to the marina parking, the road leading down to the marina was rebuilt, with addition of new catch basins, refurbished ditches and installation of catchment grill at bottom of hill. This work was done and also paid for through the agglomeration budget.
- 4) Ditches along Chemin Thomas-Robert were also rebuilt by LTN municipality, at no cost to citizens, helping reduce erosion and costly road repairs. Securing a grant for this work resulted in savings for LTN citizens.
- 5) A grant of **\$16,169** was received to covers expenses incurred in 2010 for the replacement of a culvert, contributing to the additional revenue in 2012.
- 6) Negotiation of an out-of-court agreement and land-use protocol with Domaine Tranquillité resulted in lower expenses than planned in legal costs, another saving for all citizens of Lac-Tremblant-Nord.
- 7) Implementation of a special police boating patrol team, though co-operation with agglomeration council, dedicated in part to lac Tremblant in order to improve boating safety. Presence of police was greatly improved, with a monthly report sent to Lac-Tremblant-Nord municipality that includes hours spent on LT and police actions during those hours.
- 8) Continued municipal efforts to protect the environment and ensure compliance of septic systems, a municipal obligation under provincial law, Q2R22.
- 9) As mayor of a linked Municipality in the agglomeration, I take part on a monthly basis in the following committee meetings: police, fire prevention, public works, finances, culture\ sports and human resources. The strong rapport I have established with the Agglomeration Council has enabled Lac-Tremblant-Nord citizens to benefit in various ways including items no. 2 and 3 and 7 above for 2012.
- 10) Member of various committees of the MRC including, for 2012, the executive committee, as well as PGMR, planning committees. At RIDR, member of the executive and the advisory committees. On volunteer basis, board member of "Fill" committee of the MRC dedicated to financing of various small businesses as well as "Filau", dedicated to providing high speed internet where it is not available in the MRC through fiber optics.

Highlights of 2013

- 1) **Mill rate:** No increase since the objective was to avoid tax increase. The rate remained at **0.16\$** per 100\$.
- 2) Continued participations in various regional committees that have critical impact on future taxation in Lac-Tremblant-Nord. LTN citizens pay 68% of their taxes outside the municipality so involvement of the mayor is essential.
- 3) **Underground containers for residual matter:** Grant request has been accepted for the entire project even though the purchase of containers was not normally covered in the TECK grant program. Installation of containers is planned in October at both marinas as well as Domaine Tranquillité, this in part thanks to the solution found by the DG of the municipality Martin Gélinas of a "right of superficies". This enables the municipality to respect municipal legislation and locate containers on municipal owned land, allowing for direct control by the municipality.
- 4) **In order to avoid planned logging around Lac Bibite, attempt to secure a protected area status ending once and for all any possibility of logging activity in Lac-Tremblant-Nord. This is on-going, with meetings to be scheduled in 2014.**
- 5) Finalized the revamping of by-laws and update of master urban plan, emphasizing protecting the environment, the natural landscape, the mountainsides and summits. The revamp was completed on time in June, respecting time line of July 2013 set by the government.
- 6) Secured additional grant in order to resurface Chemin Thomas Robert, with work to be done in September 2013. This will improve the quality of the roadbed and facilitate summer maintenance.
- 7) The financial situation at the end of August is such that a surplus of approx 50,000\$ can be expected in 2013. This amount added to the existing surplus enables the municipality to have available 160,000\$ in free surplus for 2014 in order to reduce the mill rate to offset any increase in property evaluation in the new role published this fall for 2014-15-16

Saturday September 14th 2013
Jean Grégoire, Mayor