



MUNICIPALITÉ DE

LAC-TREMBLANT-NORD

February 16th, 2018

Dear Citizens,

A lot has happened since our municipal election. As I get to know the political structure better and participate in the many caucus and committee meetings, I have met a lot of people, asked a lot of questions, and contributed to some positive initiatives. I want to keep you informed. Although council meetings are the best way to participate, we hope to provide you with occasional summaries for those who cannot make it.

Here are a few updates:

Budget

At our budget meeting in December we offered a few handouts to citizens attending our Council meeting to better understand our budget. You will find some of these incorporated here. Should you have any questions or would like to see the complete budget, please feel free to contact the municipality or consult our website <https://lac-tremblant-nord.qc.ca/en/budgets-and-reports/>

Budget 2018

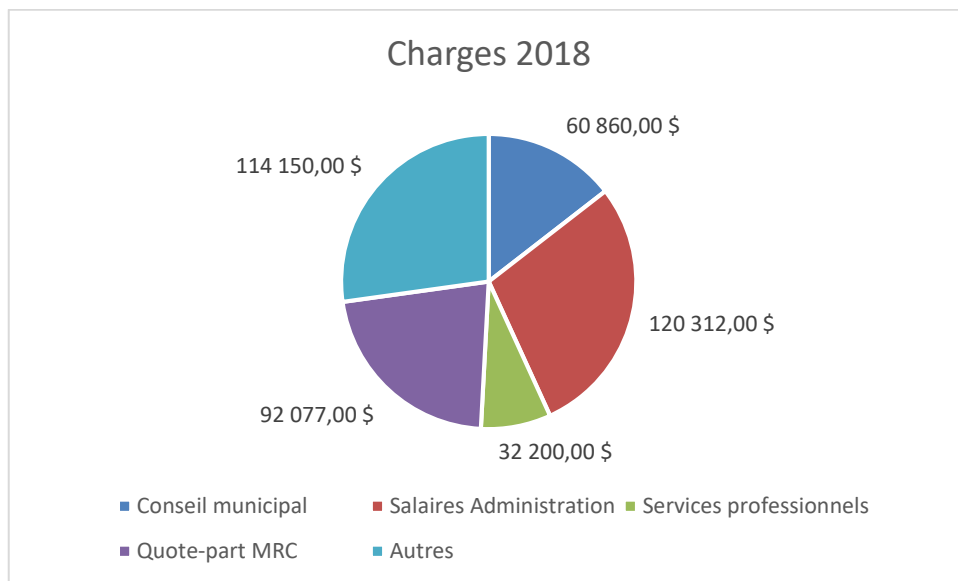
Revenus	Budget 2017	Réel 2017*	Budget 2018
Taxe foncière générale	274 710,00 \$	276 745,00 \$	277 514,00 \$
Mutations	45 000,00 \$	94 970,00 \$	60 000,00 \$
Autres revenus	15 933,00 \$	20 834,00 \$	27 000,00 \$
Total	335 643,00 \$	392 549,00 \$	364 514,00 \$
Charges			
Conseil municipal	56 040,00 \$	54 927,00 \$	57 260,00 \$
Comité d'agglomération			3 600,00 \$
Salaires Administration	113 670,00 \$	124 710,00 \$	120 312,00 \$
Autres charges	35 800,00 \$	22 939,00 \$	32 000,00 \$
Pltn			15 000,00 \$
Services professionnels	39 250,00 \$	54 759,00 \$	32 200,00 \$
Location bâtiment	22 800,00 \$	21 312,00 \$	23 400,00 \$
Entretien chemin	17 000,00 \$	18 783,00 \$	17 950,00 \$
Environnement			20 000,00 \$
Loisirs et culture	5 390,00 \$	6 144,00 \$	5 800,00 \$
Quote-part MRC	87 377,00 \$	87 377,00 \$	92 077,00 \$
Total	377 327,00 \$	390 951,00 \$	419 599,00 \$
Excédent		1 598,00 \$	
Déficit	-41 684,00 \$		-55 085,00 \$

*not audited

In Sum:

- At the beginning of 2017, MLTN had a planned deficit of \$ 41 684 and finished with a surplus of \$ 1 598.
 - This was in large part due to higher than expected “welcome tax” revenues.
- 2018 has a predicted deficit of \$ 55 085, which will be compensated for by the accumulated surplus.
- Some of the changes you will note:
 - Increase in Administration salaries (Martin Paul will be doing ½ day more per week).
 - Increase in the MRC contribution.
 - Remuneration for council members attending committee meetings at the Agglomeration.
 - \$ 20 000 added for Environmental initiatives.
 - \$ 15 000 for the PLTN service entente (Return of entente from Agglo).
 - Cost of living increase.

As you will see on the chart below, our budget is largely made up of fixed costs.



- Council and administrative (Josée, Martin-Paul and Gabriel) salaries.
- Professional services: auditor, engineer, urbanist, etc.
- ‘Quote Part’ MRC is a predetermined contribution for regional services such as waste/recycling collection & disposal, economic development, telecommunications and internet, public transport, property evaluations and administration.
- This leaves us with \$ 114 150 for all other municipal expenses, projects, etc.

A few final numbers for 2018:

	MLTN Citizens	Ville Citizens
Agglomeration	0.4025	0.4025
Municipality	0.16	0.26
Total	0.5625	0.6626

That means a \$1million property in the Ville pays total municipal taxes of \$ 6,626, in MLTN \$ 5,625, \$ 1,000 less.

Septic measuring initiative

In 2017, MLTN began measuring citizens’ septic tanks. The goal here is to save you money and reduce environmental risk. Instead of having our septic tanks emptied every 2 or 4 years (permanent vs seasonal), the objective is to measure actual use, with the intent of reducing the frequency (and therefore cost) of emptying. We will track savings and report.

All citizens were automatically signed up in 2017 and a \$ 30 charge was added to your tax bill. However, this is a voluntary system. You may opt out (and keep the \$ 30/year). To do so, you must contact Josée at the municipality to inform her. You will however be required to show proof of your regular septic tank emptying every 2 or 4 year dependent on your resident status.

Getting to know our partners:

I've been meeting with, and plan to meet with a number of people who work directly or indirectly with our municipality.

Fire Chief M. Mathieu Darmana – Promoted to Chief last year, he seems proactive with lots of ideas to improve fire safety and prevention for MLTN. Of note there are 2 new purchases this year: an inflatable ice rescue boat <http://www.oceanid.com/RDC-Rapid-Deployment-Craft.html> and a new Fire protection boat (\$ 120,000). They are also in the process of upgrading equipment for forest rescues.

Police chief M. Jean Desjardins – His team presented a detailed overview of the police department as well as the 911 call center. We spoke of the realities on Lac Tremblant including incidents of trespassing, noise, boat safety, vandalism, etc. We will be presenting further information to citizens this spring.

Environment

CRE Laurentides (<https://crelaurentides.org>) announced a government investment of \$ 100,000 in the Laurentian region for protection from invasive species, especially Eurasian Milfoil. 40 Lakes in the Laurentians already have Eurasian milfoil and their goal is that this number not increase. At the press conference, they stated that prevention and detection are their priorities, as well as characterization of vulnerable lakes. They underlined the importance of proper inspection and washing of all boats, trailers and equipment that come in to contact with the lakes.

I have been in touch with Mme Leger (Director of CRE Laurentides) about our desire to cooperate and have access to their services. They have already provided training on proper inspection and boat washing techniques to the guardians at PLTN. As well, they provided training to some of our citizens on how to recognize invasive species and what to do if found. In the meantime, MLTN has put aside \$ 20 000 for environmental protection while we monitor what services CRE Laurentides will be able to put in to place for our lakes.

I have also met with Vincent Causse, the new Director of Environment at the Ville to discuss possible collaboration for lake protection.

Telecommunications

Internet

Filau is a not-for profit organisation founded by MRC des Laurentides, but is now run independently. Their mandate is to offer services to citizens who have no or poor quality internet access.

Concretely for MLTN citizens, they have been negotiating to have an antenna put on the roof of the Grand Manitou on Mont Tremblant. This was accepted by Station Mont Tremblant but refused by the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) (who lease the property Station Mont Tremblant). MFFP offered instead to allow an antenna on their existing tower, but at a higher cost.

Our MRC and Filau have been working together, with various politicians, including Sylvain Page, Deputy for Labelle, to make progress. The director general at the MRC, Nancy Pelletier has made this a priority and seems well connected and motivated. We will keep you informed.

Another MRC initiative is to try and get funding to improve the fibre optics coverage on our territory. To get this funding, the MRC plans to complete a study of existing coverage, hopefully in February.

Bell

Bell has confirmed that they will be putting in fibre optics on Thomas Robert (from Ch Lac Tremblant Nord to Bibite) this year. We are investigating possibilities of how our neighboring citizens could connect up to this line, which would provide internet, telephone and TV. We also plan to work with them on telephone access in other areas of the municipality.

Administrative

- Offices now open Wednesday-Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-noon.
- Council meetings are now held at 11 a.m. normally on the Saturday prior to the 2nd Monday of each month.

Next council meeting is Saturday March 10 at 11 a.m. All welcome. Come and find out more!

Congratulations to Lisa Roth who's film *Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World* (<https://www.rumblethemovie.com/home>) was nominated by the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television for the Ted Rogers Best Feature Length Documentary Award.

Good luck on March 11!

Kim Meyer, mayor

and your council members