

## **Mayor's report on the 2019 financial statements**

In accordance with the provisions of article 176.2.2 of the Municipal Code, I am pleased to present to you, the citizens, the highlights of the 2019 Financial Report.

The financial report of the Municipality of Otter Lake for the year ended December 31, 2019 was filed on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The report was audited by Piché & Lacroix CPA inc. It states that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality of Otter Lake as at December 31, 2019.

In 2019, the Municipality of Otter Lake had revenues of \$2,507,506 and expenses of \$2,529,923 for an operational accounting loss of \$22,417. After taking into account the various elements of reconciliation (capital amortization, capital purchases, debt repayment, etc.), the Municipality had a deficit of \$159,758 for the 2019 fiscal year. The accumulated surplus as at December 31, 2019 is \$751,218. The main contributor to the 2019 deficit was the undertaking of snow plowing and acquisition of related equipment. Overall the Municipality remains in a strong financial position.

### **MILL RATE**

The 2019 mill rate was lowered to 0.62/\$100 evaluation.

(The mill rate for 2018 was 0.70/\$100 and for 2020 is 0.62/\$100)

### **MAJOR COSTS TO THE MUNICIPALITY IN 2019:**

MRC Shares	\$	297,724
Police Protection	\$	170,787
Fire Protection	\$	150,792
Roads and Transportation	\$	1,107,869

### **INVESTMENTS**

The Municipality of Otter Lake made capital investments totalling \$225,520. They include:

1.	2006 International plow truck	\$	57,743	
2.	2001 International plow truck	\$	23,897	
3.	2019 F550 with equipment	\$	108,300	Includes plow, sander & wing
4.	Composter	\$	1,066	
5.	Municipal garage doors	\$	12,983	
6.	Floor washer	\$	3,999	
7.	Garage door – RJ center	\$	6,427	
8.	Bathroom – Fire department	\$	8,504	
9.	1997 FL80 Freightliner fire truck	\$	28,665	
10.	2001 International emergency Van	\$	(26,064)	Sold to Thorne

### **The municipality received the following grants:**

Public Security Services (\$8,504) for Fire department bathroom renovations.

Emploi Quebec (\$9,750) to hire an assistant librarian for additional library services.

Canada Summer Jobs (\$3,668) to hire a summer student.

### **Contracts over \$25,000**

Doug Zacharias Trucking	\$	428,188.28	Snow plow contract, trucks, winter sand
H & H Construction	\$	127,353.58	Gravel crushing
Urban Ford	\$	77,818.62	2019 Ford F550 XL 4X

Multi Routes Inc.	\$	52,414.85	Liquid calcium
3477835 Canada Inc.	\$	52,395.04	Residual waste transportation (Jan to July)
W.O.Stinson & Son Ltd.	\$	31,644.92	Diesel fuel
Jason Hynes Construction	\$	31,011.06	Paving corner of Picanoc and Palmer roads
Evolitic	\$	28,679.81	Recycling transportation
McGrimmon Cartage	\$	27,187.17	Residual Waste transportation (Aug to Dec)
Twin Equipment Inc	\$	27,084.97	Sander, plow, wings
Blue Heron Landscaping	\$	26,033.53	Yates road

Two international trucks were purchased to allow the municipality to plow and maintain the municipal winter roads. I am proud to report that our road team successfully conquered this challenge during the 2019 / 2020 season.

The 1997 Freightliner was purchased in order to meet the Quebec water pumper requirements for fire emergencies, improve accessibility to secondary roads as well as expand seating capacity for 6 firefighters. The garage door was installed so the medical truck could be housed indoor and renovations to the washrooms were completed to comply with the CNESST requirements.

A composter was purchased to support composting and reduce residual waste. All citizens are encouraged to participate in composting. Floor cleaning equipment was purchased to facilitate the washing of floors at the Raymond Johnson community center.

25,000 tonnes of gravel were crushed in 2019 which enables reduced road maintenance costs.

### **THE MUNICIPALITY'S DEBT**

In 2019 the long-term water debt was paid down by \$109,800. The debt balance at December 31 was \$679,100.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REMUNERATION – YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Mayor – Remuneration (\$13,080) + expense allowance (\$6,540)

Councillors – Remuneration (\$4,360) + expense allowance (\$2,180)

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Municipality would like to welcome Travis Gabie and Luke Richard to the road team as snow plow operators, Glenda Beauregard as our assistant librarian and Brandon Beauregard as our summer student.

Thank-you to the elected officials and municipal employees for their support and commitment to always work in the best interest of the community. Also, thank-you to our citizens, organizations and volunteers who continue to work in partnership with us to make a difference in our Municipality.

2019 was a challenging but successful year for the Municipality. We aim to continue fulfilling our commitments to our rate payers and look forward to another successful year in 2020.

I encourage all citizens to continue respecting the government health directives for the safety of our community. Your collaboration makes a difference. Stay safe!

*Mayor Kim Cartier-Villeneuve*