



Info Wentworth

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Municipality of the Township of Wentworth - 114, Louisa Road, Wentworth, Qc J8H 0C7
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: Dear citizens,

On behalf of the Wentworth Municipal Council and myself, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

2013 Budget (see overleaf)

Your municipal Council is pleased to summarize the last budget of their current mandate.

Wentworth Township's 2013 budget has a slight increase of 5.4% on a budget of \$2,130,621. \$1,718,209 of this amount is derived from property tax and the fees for various services. Much of this increase is due to higher costs of services and investments in feasible projects in 2013.

In addition, the inherent cost of public safety service, assumed by the *Sûreté du Québec*, has increased by nearly 14.2%, from \$191,920 to \$219,087. In the case of Wentworth's share at the MRC d'Argenteuil, we have seen an increase of 2.9%, from \$133,173 to \$137,014. In order to alleviate the burden on taxpayers, the Municipal Council has decided to allocate \$147,000 from the accumulated surplus to Budget 2013. In 2011, the surplus was over \$320,000 and, in 2012, we are also expecting a budget surplus.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENTS

In 2013, one major project will be the complete renovation of Seale Road at an estimated cost of \$364,000. The work involves replacement and addition of culverts, improved drainage and reconstruction of the foundation and the road surface over a length of 1,170 meters.

In 2013, we will invest in the development of a Five-year Plan to guide Wentworth elected officials in planning investments to repair our road network. The plans and specifications for the reconstruction of Wheatfield Road will be completed this year in preparation for the work to be done in 2014. Part of the budget for technical professional services is reserved for preliminary estimates for the upgrading of some private roads with the goal of acquiring and including them in the municipal road network.

Wentworth will also invest approximately \$40,000 for updating data for the Cadastral Reform. Throughout their term of office, the elected officials, supported by the municipal administration, made the necessary investments to maintain and improve the Municipal road network.

One of our main objectives is to continue the protection of the environment and, in particular, the shoreline protection of our lakes and watercourses, as well as the inspection of septic installations. The Municipality also intends to develop and adopt a management policy of man-made dams situated in its territory.

"My Health in Mind" PROGRAM A SUCCESS FOR WENTWORTH

"My Health in Mind", a first in the Quebec municipal world, ensures the creation of an environment favouring the development and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle. The program initiates concrete actions encouraging the MRC d'Argenteuil's population to attain the following objectives: a smoke-free environment, healthy eating habits and participation in physical activities on a regular basis, distinguishing itself from traditional programs by its completely innovative approach.

We joined the program in 2010, formed a committee and developed an action plan to establish specific objectives for Wentworth.

After nearly three years of hard work and dedication, we can rejoice in these achievements:

- Community gardens located at the Town Hall
- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing for residents at the Dunany Golf Club
- "Health Fair" Day (screening)
- Exercise courses (*Pilates, Yoga, Viactive, etc.*).

We can be very proud of our achievements in this important program for the health and well-being of all!

Ed Kasprzyk, Mayor

YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

You want to learn *foxtrot, rumba, waltz, etc., or improve your technique?*
Come with your partner: *friend, spouse...*

To the Wentworth Community Center, 86 Louisa Road, on Wednesdays, starting January 23, from 7:30 PM to 9 PM. Mary and Taras will teach you: from the basic steps to the more elaborate ones.

Come and have fun... and what is more, it is an excellent exercise!

Information: Mary: 450-562-9297



CONGRATULATIONS FIREFIGHTERS!

On December 10th, the MRC d'Argenteuil awarded diplomas to the firefighters who have completed training at the École nationale des pompiers du Québec during the past year. This upgrade is part of eight goals that were set in the Fire Safety Coverage Plan developed by the MRC. Pictured from left to right: Benoit Laroche (École nationale des pompiers du Québec), Roland Richer (MP for Argenteuil), Edmund Kasprzyk, Yvan Zanetti, Brian Morrison, Sylvain Moderie (MRC d'Argenteuil). Missing from photo: Cindy Parr, Kevin Young, Jason Gaves. **Congratulations to all!**



WE NEED FIREFIGHTERS!

The Fire Department is continually recruiting residents from Wentworth to join their on-call fire service. Join and serve a vital service to your community. E-mail info@wentworth.ca or call the municipal office at 450-562-0701 for an application form.



CARNIVAL AT WRC

86 Louisa Road
Saturday, February 16th starting at 1:00 p.m.
Activities include: *Sleigh Rides, Sliding, Skating, Broomball and Supper*



NEXT SERVICES AND EVENTS

St. Aidan's Anglican Church – 84 Louisa Road

February 17th 10 a.m. • March 17th 10 a.m.

Soup and Lenten Series Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. from February 13th until March 13th at different locations. Call Reverend Peter Prosser at 450-533-4856 for the location for each week.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOW-SHOEING



The Township of Wentworth is pleased to announce that we have an agreement with the Dunany Country Club for the use of the course for snow-shoeing and cross country skiing for the residents of Wentworth. Parking will be available at the Golf Course at 2053 Dunany Rd. Please note that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the course. Please make sure that the course is left clean, in good condition and that you stay outside of the orange enclosures.

Neither the Township of Wentworth nor the Dunany Country Club will be responsible for injuries or material damages. *We ask that everyone act responsibly so that we can keep this unique opportunity available to our residents for many years to come.*



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	<u>BUDGET 2012</u>	<u>BUDGET 2013</u>
<u>Revenues</u>		
Taxes	1 624 249 \$	1 718 209 \$
Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	154 488 \$	108 496 \$
Other Revenues From Local Sources	84 813 \$	115 200 \$
Transfers	153 348 \$	188 716 \$
Total Revenues	<u>2 016 898 \$</u>	<u>2 130 621 \$</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
General Administration	462 131 \$	556 486 \$
Public Security	287 135 \$	308 538 \$
Transportation	257 057 \$	315 801 \$
Environmental Health	220 318 \$	261 449 \$
Health and Welfare	2 960 \$	650 \$
Urban Planning and Regional Development	182 321 \$	193 481 \$
Recreation and Culture	41 134 \$	34 746 \$
Financing Costs	28 059 \$	22 470 \$
Total Expenditures	<u>1 481 115 \$</u>	<u>1 693 621 \$</u>
<u>Other Financial Activities</u>		
Reimbursement of Capital	161 800 \$	167 100 \$
Fixed Assets	373 983 \$	458 400 \$
Total - Other Financial Activities	<u>535 783 \$</u>	<u>625 500 \$</u>
<u>Appropriations</u>		
Non Affected Accumulated Surplus	-	(41 500)
Affected Accumulated Surplus	-	(147 000)
Total - Appropriations	<u>-</u>	<u>(188 500)</u>
Net Result -	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

<u>Rate</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
General tax	0,4300 \$	0,4410 \$
MRC d'Argenteuil - Share	0,0603 \$	0,0611 \$
Police S.Q.	0,0869 \$	0,0977 \$
Infrastructures - regl. #99	0,0590 \$	0,0586 \$
	<u>0,6362 \$</u>	<u>0,6584 \$</u>
Fire truck - regl. #2008-003	16,94 \$	17,12 \$
Hydro - Diamond Valley - regl. #05 -006	49,54 \$	44,72 \$
Garbage	152,42 \$	154,83 \$
Recycling	34,40 \$	65,87 \$
Snow removal private roads		197,32 \$