

TOWNSHIP OF WENTWORTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Wentworth December 16th, 2010 – The Wentworth Municipal Council is pleased to present its budgetary provisions in the amount of \$1,878,623 for the 2011 financial year. For the second consecutive year, we are presenting a balanced budget with no tax increases.

Priorities for 2011:

We are in the final year of our evaluation roll and evaluators will be visiting your premises in 2011 to update the property evaluations in Wentworth.

The Fire Department budget includes the purchase of a new fire truck that will be put into service early January 2011 so that we will comply with the requirements of the Risk Coverage Plan of the MRC of Argenteuil. A new prevention by-law will be adopted and home visits will be made to sensitize residents to fire safety programs.

Continuing efforts to improve the roads infrastructure of the Municipality is projected with the planned reconstruction of Moseley Road, and repairs to sections of chemin du Paradis. Engineering and environmental plans will be prepared for future repairs to a dangerous embankment of Glen Road.

In 2011, Wentworth intends to concentrate on environmental issues and will hire a new employee to complete the septic system inspection program, develop means to protect our lakes including the feasibility study of a boat wash station and initiate a policy for the use of our public landing at Lake Louisa.

The Wentworth Community Center will see improvements to provide safer access and improved parking.

The Municipal Office is scheduled to upgrade the balance of the computer systems and install security lighting in the parking area.

Our Township is required to include in its Urban Plan and Bylaws changes made at the Regional level. We will take this opportunity to continue the process of updating our bylaws to reflect the changing times.

The Municipality of Wentworth is working in partnership with the Municipalities of Gore and Mille-Isles to provide an Eco-Center in its efforts to reuse and recycle waste materials, to collect toxic and dangerous materials that are now destined to a landfill facility. Plans are to have the center up and running sometime in July of this year. We have received confirmation of a grant from Hydro Quebec that we intend to use for the installation of infrastructures required for this facility. The Eco-Center will be situated in the Township of Gore.

Council has been working on a remuneration policy for Council members and staff and should complete their mandate in early 2011.