

MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC THE BUDGET OF 2015

Dear fellow citizens,

We are pleased to present our budget for the year 2015 which will be adopted at tonight's Council meeting.

First, I would like to thank the Finance Committee and the Council who have worked earnestly to be able to submit a fair and balanced budget.

As you know, this year the municipality is faced with budget cuts that were introduced by the Quebec government, which includes an increase of our share payable to the MRC des Collines.

Nevertheless, we were able to limit the increase of operating expenses to 2.6%, in relation to the 2014 budget.

During the current year, certain departments were restructured, for example, the hiring of a new director in the Urban Planning Department. Next year, we foresee hiring an engineer to help in the structuring of the Public Works Department. It will also be a year for evaluating certain roads and buildings, and to prepare a general plan.

2015 looks like it will be a difficult year, but rest assured that the Finance Committee and the Council will monitor the expenses closely throughout the year.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the preparation of the budget, for the team work, and in particular I would like to thank the citizens for their collaboration.

Thank you.

Roger Larose Mayor, Municipality of Pontiac