

PRESS RELEASE

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Beaubassin-est adopts its 2020 budget

The Beaubassin-est Rural Community Council has adopted a total budget of \$ 2,600,750 for the year 2020. The council has decided that the sum of \$ 2,359,500 will be the total mandate of Beaubassin-est and the rate of taxation remains unchanged at \$ 0.3307 for every \$ 100 of valuation.

"We are fortunate that the tax base continues to increase which allows us to adopt a balanced budget without raising the tax rate, while continuing to invest in community projects as well as in infrastructure to ensure a better quality of life and public safety for our citizens", said Mayor Ronnie Duguay. The municipality's tax base is \$ 655,293,050.

Achievements of 2019

In Beaubassin-est, one of the main priority in 2019 was the branding study, which led to the development of new promotional tools, including the website. For the youth of the community, we have, among other things, developed a program to help families with the costs of registering to activities for young people.

The council also adopted a five-year Cultural Plan to provide a framework for long-term planning for the services to be offered in the many fields of arts and culture. And our efforts were rewarded by the nomination of Beaubassin-est as a finalist of the Éloizes 2020 Awards in the Supporting of the Arts category. The L'Association acadienne des artistes professionnel.le.s du Nouveau-Brunswick (AAAPNB) will present the awards in May 2020.

One of the projects that caught the attention of the AAAPNB was undoubtedly the success achieved with the Beaubassin-est Community Day during the Congrès mondial acadien in August 2019. More than 3,500 people participated in the 12 organized activities, most of which showcased the work of our artists and artisans.

And the municipality has continued to support the community and cultural organizations in the community by providing more than \$ 75,000 in grants in the year 2019. The council has moreover budgeted to continue these partnerships.

Priorities for 2020

While respecting the priorities of its Strategic Plan, the council has several projects for the year 2020. Other investments will be made at the level of the Beaubassin-est Fire Department, including installing a dry fire hydrant in the community so firefighters have an additional source of water supply to fight fires.

The council will also develop other projects stemming from the branding study of the municipality, aiming at bringing the population together to continue working together on unifying projects. Among other things, we plan to install signage in all wards in the community and continue to work with community and cultural organizations to provide a diverse program of activities for the population. Several partnerships are in development and all details will be announced soon.

And finally, several initiatives are under development with the Gas Tax Fund projects. The council will, among other things, carry out energy-efficient improvements at the Saint-André-LeBlanc Center and the Cormier-Village Historical School, as well as make improvements to the Cormier-Village Cultural Center's playground.

You will find all the details of the 2020 budget on the website beaubassinest.ca under the Municipality / Budget, Financial Statements, Plans and Reports tab.

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