

PRESS RELEASE

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Beaubassin-est adopts its 2021 budget

The Beaubassin-est Rural Community Council has adopted a total budget of \$2,636,974 for the year 2021. The council has decided that the sum of \$2,457,791 will be the total mandate of Beaubassin-est and the rate of taxation will be \$0.3624 for every \$100 of evaluation. The municipality's tax base stands at \$669,323,800, an increase of \$14,030,750.

The municipality's expenses will increase a little in 2021 because the Council wants to install street lights throughout the Beaubassin-est territory, in order to improve road safety for all citizens. The elected officials had thus repealed the policies of selective services and street lighting to ensure that certain essential services were provided equitably to the entire population.

"Residents will now all pay the same rate of property tax, except those in Haute-Aboujagane who pay a little more because they have an agreement to finance the new Community Center," said Mayor Ronnie Duguay. "There will be an increase of the property tax bill, but we want all of our citizens to be able to travel on our roads safely, with better lighting."

We will also continue our strategic investments in the development of community activities, which is even more important in this time of pandemic. In addition to providing grants to our community organizations to allow them to continue their essential programs, we will offer a varied program of activities while respecting Public Health directives.

"On behalf of all Council members, I would like to thank all the citizens who have followed the guidelines of Public Health very well to curb the spread of COVID-19," said Mr. Duguay. "We will live with this reality for some time to come, and we will make any adjustments necessary to adapt to the situation and ensure public safety."

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Council is also preparing for the municipal election scheduled for May 10, 2021, after adopting a By-Law modifying the composition of the Council. Residents of Beaubassin-est will have to elect a Mayor and six Councillors at large with this vote. After the election, it will be necessary to provide training to the newly elected and ensure the transition of files to the new Council.

You will find all the details of the 2021 budget on the website beaubassinest.ca under the Municipality / Budget, Financial Statements, Plans and Reports tab.

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