



East Bolton Municipality



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We wish to welcome all our new residents or



property owners.

**2007 Municipal Taxes**

Please note that the payment dates for your municipal taxes are March 2 nd, June 1st. and September 7 th 2007, if applicable. If your payments are being made from outside of Canada, please send a draft or a money order drawn on a Canadian correspondent bank. In this manner, extra service charges are avoided.

**Important:** if your Municipal tax payment is received after the due date, interest is calculated on a daily basis.

**Recycling**

Following the request of some citizens to recycle twice a month, the Council is reviewing with the contractor a new schedule that would be convenient. We will send you in a near future a calendar with the dates and the appropriate changes.



**Cultural committee**

Christmas 2006- priceless pleasures!

Bravo! To our children, their parents, Santa, the sick children of Ste-Justine’s Hospital, the volunteers...Everyone got their share of joy in the different workshops: art, baking, tree cutting, decorating and sharing with Santa, not to mention the successful Christmas concert in South Bolton for the benefit of the Butters Foundation and our Christmas choir collecting \$230 for the benefit of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre.

A video of accomplishments is available at the Town Hall.

Our thanks for their financial assistance to :  
the East Bolton Municipality and the Memphremagog MRC



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## **2007 BUDGET**

At a special Council meeting exclusively dealing with the 2007 budget held on December 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., by-law number 199 was adopted as follows:

### **REVENUES**

Property Taxes	610 716
Police Tax	131 610
Garbage Removal tax	80 406
Payment in lieu of taxes	7 500
Other local sources of revenue	41 300
Transfers	137 404
Appropriation of surplus	<u>31 171</u>

**TOTAL** **1 040 107**

### **EXPENSES**

General administration	263 830
Public security	227 641
Transport	291 547
Garbage removal	80 000
Urbanism	83 902
Recreation/culture	2 887
Financing fees	6 800
Capital expenses	<u>83 500</u>

**TOTAL** **1 040 107**

### **MIL RATE FOR 2007**

The tax for the services of the Sûreté du Québec will be shown separately on the tax bills and is set at **10.3 cents / \$100** evaluation.

The tax on the borrowing bylaw number 167 for the reconstruction of a section of Lac-Nick road is fixed at **0.91 cents / \$100** evaluation.

The mil rate is set at **45.79 cents per \$ 100** of evaluation for the year 2007 for municipal expenses.

### **Garbage removal service**

- a) residential: **\$108.00** per dwelling unit
- b) commercial: **\$162.00** per commerce
- c) industrial: **\$216.00** per industry

**The interest rate on municipal tax arrears is set at 10% per year plus a 5% penalty.**

## **The 3 Rs in recycling + Enhance: Are you familiar with them?**

*For the MRC de Memphrémagog*

By Mélanie Morel, Project officer Nature-Action Québec

In Quebec, astonishing amounts of garbage are produced every year. In 2002, the figure reached nearly 11 million tonnes, an average of 1.5 tonne per inhabitant... and this figure continues to grow every year!

Have you ever wondered what happens to all this waste? It is estimated that nearly **85 %** of this “garbage”, or as they are now called, “residual materials”, could be and should be reused, recycled, composted or enhanced. Unfortunately, most garbage is sent to landfill or incineration, for a recovery rate of only 42 % (the Quebec average).

In the MRC de Memphrémagog, the residential sector produced 19,000 tonnes of residual materials in 2002. Only **12 %** of this was recycled instead of ending up in landfill. The 17 municipalities of the MRC would like to recycle **65 %** of residual wastes between now and 2008.

Each one of us participates when we reduce the amount of garbage sent to landfill. There are many solutions that make it possible to give a second chance to residual wastes that we produce. Recovering garbage that is, in fact, a resource, makes it possible to decrease the burden we place on the environment.

### **It's time to act. Think of the 3 Rs + E!**

**Reduce at the source** by carefully choosing the products you buy (e.g.: buy in bulk instead of buying over-packaged products), by reducing packaging at the point of purchase, by avoiding waste (buy smaller quantities, for example), by leaving grass clippings on your lawn (herbicycling), by using rechargeable batteries and long-lasting light bulbs, by using both side of a sheet of paper, by avoiding things made to be thrown away, etc.

**Reuse** by giving away used clothing, buying second-hand books and records, using bags and containers more than once, making torn or stained clothing into cleaning rags, choosing reusable cups, using recovered construction materials, etc. To find a list of places where reuse is promoted (second-hand clothing shops, thrift shops and church basement clothing exchanges, used furniture stores, scrap metal and construction materials salvage centres, etc.) in your region, contact your municipality.

**Recover for recycling:** glass, paper/cardboard, metal and plastic and buy recycled and recyclable products. Don't throw used tires away; most garages will take them. For a list of materials that can be recovered and the places where you can take your recyclable materials, contact your municipality.

**Enhance by composting:** Add value to organic residues (dead leaves, vegetable peelings, garden wastes, etc.) and reduce the weight of your garbage bag by more than 40 %!!! It's easy – and it's practical!

By applying the 3 Rs+E in your daily life, you are becoming part of the solution under the Residual Materials Management Plan of the MRC de Memphrémagog.

To learn more, call the environment information hotline at the MRC de Memphrémagog: **(819) 843-9292 Ext. 63** or visit:

- [www.mrcmemphremagog.com/ind\\_mres.html](http://www.mrcmemphremagog.com/ind_mres.html)
- [www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca)
- [www.compost.org](http://www.compost.org)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DECEMBER 4TH 2006 COUNCIL MEETING



**The mayor and 4 councillors were present.**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### ENVIRONMENT

On Sunday, November 26th, members of council attended an information session with citizens of the Trouser Lake, Lake Nick and Long Pond sectors. The purpose of the meeting was to share information regarding the preservation of our shorelines and the quality of our groundwater, both of which are threatened by human intervention. Formal requests for financial aid have been submitted to the municipality and will be addressed during budget discussions.

The Environment committee presented a proposal for the amendment of the bylaw concerning the Conditions for issuing building permits. Essentially, the amendment would block the issuance of permits for any property already found in infraction of our bylaws.

#### ADMINISTRATION

On November 23rd, the members of the administration committee attended the start up meeting with Arturo Rea, architect, for the town hall renovation project.

#### URBANISM

On November 27th, at the invitation of the property owner, members of the Land Use planning committee, along with some members of council and staff, visited a site in South Bolton where the owner has requested permission to open a gravel pit. Attendees toured the property and obtained information from the owner, notably concerning the environmental norms for this type of activity.

In order for this project to go forth, several government agencies must give approval, the first being a revision to the MRC's Land Use Plan followed by a zoning change by the municipality. The project will be on the agenda for the next Land Use Planning Committee meeting to be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

#### RECREATION

For the holiday season, an activity for adolescents has been planned for Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The activity involves a walk in the forest to collect small trees and branches to decorate around the town hall.

On December 22nd, the Mayor and Council invite citizens to exchange season's greetings at the town hall from 3:00 pm. To 5:00 pm. The amateur choir will be present to sing Christmas carols for the occasion.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

At the MRC level, an agreement has been reached with the Q.P.P. that is meant to ensure an increased availability of Q.P.P. officers for our citizens.

### **PRINCIPAL RESOLUTIONS**

The Council adopted two resolutions within the framework of the fire protection dossier, to renew intermunicipal agreements with Austin and Eastman for 2007. The agreement with Austin also covers the services of the first responders.

A notice of motion was given that a special meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the adoption of the 2007 budget.

**NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2006 AT 7:00 – SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JANUARY 8TH 2007 COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor, 5 councillors and 6 citizens were present.



### COMMITTEES

Committee members were named by Council.

#### ENVIRONMENT

President : Mrs. Ginette Breton

Member : Mr. Roger Gagné

#### ADMINISTRATION

President : Mrs. Joan Westland Eby.

Members : Mrs. Ginette Breton

Mr. Roger Gagné

Mrs. Pamela Galvin

Mr. Charles Laurin

#### LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members : Mrs. Carolyn Bovi

Mr. James Eby

Mr. Jean-Guy Laprise

Mr. Billy Woodard

Mrs. Élise Lacroix

Mr. Howard Kates

Mr. Douglas Marsh

#### HERITAGE, CULTURE & RECREATION

Co-presidents : Mrs. Ginette Breton

Mr. Charles Laurin

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

President : Mr. Charles Laurin

Membres : Mr. Bruno Beauregard

Mr. Billy Woodard

Mr. Roger Gagné

### PRINCIPAL RESOLUTIONS

A notice of motion was given that Bylaw # 201 Concerning the remuneration of municipal elected officials will be adopted at a future meeting of council. The basic remuneration is indexed to reflect the cost of living and provisions are added so that council members are remunerated for their presence at statutory committee meetings. The statutory status of meetings will be predetermined by council.

The municipality will continue to offer the adapted transportation services provided by « Transport des alentours » to those admissible travelling to service points outside of our territory.

### OTHER

The municipality has received the schedule of recreational activities offered by the City of Waterloo for the 2007 winter season. The schedule is available at the Town Hall. We remind you that the municipality has an agreement with Waterloo which allows our citizens access to their recreational services at the same price paid by citizens of Waterloo.

### QUESTION PERIOD

Certain citizens expressed concern regarding the quality of residual waste management. The Mayor responded that she would meet with the contractor in order to resolve the problems.

Concerns over the state of a certain section of Lake Nick road were expressed. The problem will be addressed by the roads inspector.

**NEXT MEETING :February 5th, 2007at 7 : 00 p.m.**