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## **Adoption of the 2020 Budget** **Small Increase in Property Taxes**

**Pincourt, December 17, 2019** – The Town of Pincourt today adopted its 2020 budget, totalling approximately \$22,432,300 in disbursements. In 2019, the total budget was \$21,516,200. By rationalizing expenditures across municipal departments, the Town was able to achieve this objective while maintaining public services.

Several major infrastructure projects were completed in 2019, including the rebuilding of the section of Duhamel Road between the Hamel cul-de-sac and Monseigneur-Langlois Avenue, and the construction of Des Tours Road connecting Duhamel Road and Cardinal-Léger Blvd. Carried out in 2019, this work will have an impact on the 2020 budget.

Last year, organic waste pickup affected most taxpayers' tax bills. The impact was partly absorbed by the Town's financial reserves. For 2020, the full cost will be charged to tax bills and amount to \$60 per residence. This charge will be clearly indicated on the next tax bill.

### **Increase of 3.32%**

Mayor Yvan Cardinal announced that the average house's tax bill would be increased by \$91.62, a 3.32% increase for the average home valued at \$299,408. For the 2020 fiscal year, the Town has not injected any funds from its surplus to balance the budget. As a result, the 2020 tax bill reflects the real cost of the Town's services. It's worth noting that the Town of Pincourt's general property tax includes all services such as garbage collection, recycling pickup, Sûreté du Québec services and the various shared costs.

### **Three-year plan (2020–2022)**

In terms of investments, the three-year plan calls for work and acquisitions totalling roughly \$18,723,600, which includes \$16,767,000 for 2020. Reconstruction of the municipal pool chalet should be finished in time for next summer. This work is funded in part by assistance from the two levels of government. The Town Council and municipal administration have prepared a financial plan paving the way for these investments, which are needed to ensure citizens' safety and quality of life, while keeping property tax bills relatively stable.

“Operating expenses have risen in a controlled manner, allowing us to maintain and enhance public services in keeping with sound management principles. The directors of our municipal departments have presented the Town's elected officials with a budget that focuses on continuity and addresses the Town Council's priorities while respecting citizens' ability to pay. This budget will enable us to invest in projects and programs for the benefit of the entire population,” stated Pincourt Mayor Yvan Cardinal.

On its own behalf and on behalf of all town employees, the Pincourt Town Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents happy Holidays!



The detailed budget can be viewed starting on December 20 on the Town's website in the "Finances and taxes" section, under "Budget and financial report." Tax bills will go out to residents in January.

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