



A word from your mayor

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New assessment roll for your property

The new property assessment roll for the years 2023 to 2025 has just been deposited. The evaluation of properties is done by an independent firm hired by the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut and if you wish to know more about how this process works or if you have any questions about your evaluation, I invite you to consult the following link:

<https://lespaysdenhaut.com/services-aux-citoyens/evaluation-fonciere/>

Not surprisingly, citizens have noticed that the value of their property has increased by an average of 50%, a direct consequence of the high demand for residences outside of the major urban centers following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Increased property values are always good news, but many homeowners are concerned that their property tax bills for 2023 and beyond will follow the same increase.

Rest assured; this will not be the case. City Council can adjust the general property tax rate. This rate is currently 0.446% per \$100 of assessment and it will be revised downward to consider the unusual overheating of the real estate market.

I cannot promise you that the total amount of your tax bill will not increase. Indeed, the amounts that we pay to the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut and to the Sûreté du Québec are equivalent to approximately 50% of the Municipal property tax and we have no control over these costs. Consult this link for more details:

https://wentworth-nord.ca/administration/taxation_et_evaluation_fonciere/

In addition to price pressures, there are inflationary pressures on the finances of municipalities. Municipalities are suffering greatly and are having to pay more to guarantee the same level of service to their citizens. Wentworth North is no exception. Labour shortages are driving up wages, inflation is driving up the price of asphalt, stone and wood, suppliers are short of labour causing delays in contracting out services, etc.

The Municipality is currently preparing its 2023 budget. This City Council is bound by previous decisions and we must act prudently and consistently. It will be presented to you in detail at a Council meeting in December.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayor