

Mayor's Annual Report - November 2014

To residents and ratepayers of Campbell's Bay

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2014.

2013 Financial Statements

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, Mr. Gerard Labelle, CPA auditor, CGA presented the financial report showing revenues of \$1,186, 722 including a surplus appropriation of \$98,780 and expenditures of \$1,144, 441 therefore leaving a surplus of \$42,281 and an accumulated surplus of \$129,863.

Federal Gas tax and Québec contribution program (TECQ) 2014-2019

The Municipality received \$602 000 from the Gas tax Transfer for the years 2014-2019.

2014 Remuneration and annual expense allowance of elected officials

In accordance with section 11 of the Act respecting the remuneration of elected municipal officers, I am required to list the remuneration and allowances of municipal officers.

	Remuneration	Allowance	Total
Mayor	\$10 379.52	\$5 189.76	\$15 569.28
Acting Mayor	\$4 259.76	\$2 130.00	\$6 389.76
Councilor	\$3 459.84	\$1 729.92	\$5 189.76

2014 Municipal Contracts

In accordance with section 955 of the Municipal Code of Québec, I have tabled the list of all contracts involving an expenditure exceeding \$25,000 or more entered into by the municipality since my last annual report. The list is available at the municipal office.

2015 Municipal Budget

The municipal budget for 2015 will be presented and adopted at a public meeting of council on December 18th 2014.

Projects and Capital Investments

In my 2013 Annual report, I listed a number of projects that were to be realized, below is an update on projects that were completed in 2014 and a preview for 2015:

Water softener project:

I'm happy to inform you that the project to treat the potable water is underway. The project is estimated to be completed in spring 2015. Every resident and taxpayer of Campbell's Bay has been affected by the high levels of hardness and manganese in the drinking water. Such negative impacts include yellowing of water and calcium deposits which have had a major impact on household appliances.

The global project cost is estimated at 1.6 million. The project is primarily funded by the Québec-Municipalities Infrastructure Program (*PIQM*) and the Federal Gas tax and Québec contribution program (*TECQ*). We are working diligently to keep the cost of the project to a minimum and to reduce the Municipality's contribution.

Implementation of the Water Sustainability Action Plan:

In accordance with the Action Plan, council adopted By-law number 103-14 – Usage of Potable water. A copy is available at the municipal office.

Extension of Campbell Street to Alliance Street:

In the quest to reduce the number of dead ends in the potable water distribution system, we have eliminated one of them. The quality of water has improved due to the elimination of the dead end. We plan to eliminate more in the next 3 years with the help of the 2014-2019 Gas tax transfer (*TECQ*)

Restoration of the Old Pump House:

This will allow a raw water source in collaboration with the Usage of Potable water by-law. We plan to have this available to the residents wishing to fill a tank for their swimming pools. This will reduce the usage of our treated drinking water.

This project will also able us to meet the criteria of the Fire Action Cover Plan which is to offer an alternate supply of water for fire coverage.

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Improvements to the water distribution system on Front St.

A preliminary study is underway to replace the main water line on Front Street and to connect it to the existing main water line across the Stevenson Creek Bridge. This will also eliminate another dead end. This project will be absorbed in the 2014-2019 Gas tax transfer (*TECQ*).

Conversion of the new generator to provide emergency power for the R.A. Hall

The Municipality received a grant of \$30 000 from Canada Economic Development - Local Investments Initiative program for the installation of emergency power at the RA Hall as well as some much needed renovations.

Public Security

We have completed our third year of the fire safety cover plan on October 9th 2014. The annual report is being prepared. Implementation of a new civil security plan in collaboration with the MRC Pontiac will begin shortly and will be completed in early 2015.

This year, the Fire Department completed an aerial ladder course. I would like to thank all the firefighters for their dedication towards the safety and well being of our community.

Waste Water Filtration Plant

This infrastructure is 28 years old. Preliminary plans to restore and expand the capacity of the plant are underway. The costs will be absorbed with the 2014-2019 Gas tax transfer (*TECQ*).

Waste Water Distribution System

Tree roots have caused extensive damage to the waste water distribution system. We have completed the maintenance on Front Street at a cost of \$15 000.00. More maintenance is planned for 2015.

New Business Sign

The new sign allows us to highlight the services of our business community. It is obvious that Campbell's Bay has a lot to offer. The municipal sign is expected to be installed very soon and will be placed beside the business sign.

Winter Parking

According to article 6 of the S.Q. 2011-01 by-law concerning parking, we remind you that it is prohibited to park on all municipal streets from **November 15th to April 15th between midnight and 6 a.m.**

Santa Claus Parade

The Santa Claus parade will take place on December 6th 2014 at 1pm. Following the parade Santa will greet the children at the RA Hall. We encourage and welcome your participation in the parade.

In Closing

...Infrastructure projects are a long-term investment for our community and essential in providing a good home for our children and future generations. Council is proud to be able to implement and carry out these projects. I invite you to stay informed concerning these developments via public notices posted at the bulletin boards situated at the Municipal Office, Bonichoix and Canada Post. I would also like to thank the municipal employees and the council members for their hard work and commitment towards our community.

Wishing each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

William Stewart
Mayor