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# **CAQ** says health care underfunding **afflicts Laurentians**

Region's shortfall is \$56.6 million, says second opposition party



(NSN) Benoit Charette, who is the Coalition Avenir Québec's MNA for Deux-Montagnes, says thousands of patients all over Quebec, including many in the Laurentian region, are suffering from neglect of their health needs because the Liberal government isn't budgeting money equitably throughout the province's regions.

**Health under-financed** 

Charette, who is the CAQ's spokesperson for the Laurentian region, says the Laurentians are under-financed by \$56.6 million in terms of health needs. Each year, according to Charette, the minister of health evaluates the shortfall and the surpluses in resources in 11 health programs. Using an access to information request, the CAQ found out that the Laurentian area is one of eight regions in Quebec that are under-financed.

"In the Laurentians, the situation is only deteriorating under the Liberals," says the CAQ MNA for Blainville, Mario Laframboise. "In March 2014, the under financing was \$39.6 million." He said the amount has since risen to \$56.6 million this year, that is \$17 million more than when Liberal Premier Philippe Couillard came to power.

As a result, he added, 593,000 residents of the Laurentians are putting up with long waits  $\,$ 

for health services, especially in areas such as mental and physical health, as well as services for the elderly and for young people with intellectual disabilities. "It is disgusting," says the CAQ MNA for Groulx, Claude Surprenant. "The minister has been incapable of correcting this injustice up to now, just as the péquistes

#### Money per patient: Charette

Charette says the only sure way to fix the problem is to allot money on a perpatient basis. "Concretely, the money has to follow the patient," he says. "An in-depth reform is unavoidable, especially taking into account the latest numbers coming out proving that the inequalities in financing are largely getting worse since the arrival of the Liberals.

"This reform will take numerous years before being completed, but nothing can excuse the fact that nothing is being done in the short term to reverse the tendency," he continued. "It is unacceptable that the inequalities in financing are so high. The Minister of Health knows it and must act accordingly." Here are the numbers the CAQ was able to obtain for the Laurentian region:

Health services affected in the Laurentians	Amount (as of 2016)
General services	- \$6.5 million
Physical services (emergency, specialized, continuous services and palliative)	- \$2.9 million
Mental health	- \$16.1 million
Public health	- \$4.8 million
Support for the autonomy of the elderly	- \$13.4 million
Intellectually handicapped	- \$8.2 million
Physically handicapped	- \$2.4 million
Substance dependencies	- \$2.2 million
Troubled youths	+ \$2.7 million
Administration, services and building maintenance	- \$2.8 million
TOTAL	- \$56.6 milliion



# **Opinion** & Editorial



# Five issues occupying the minds of business leaders

Brexit, Trump, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Dehumanisation and Accelerated Obsolescence, Stress

ne of the most common questions I get from CEO's is, "What are the biggest issues on the minds of other leaders right now?" Here are five topics that seem to be top of mind for the leaders I meet and work with.

**Brexit** - This is occupying an inordinate amount of time for top teams in the UK and more broadly around the world. Uncertainty is holding back major investment decisions and projects in many firms and the prospect of moving key activities such as R&D out of the UK is causing immense intellectual and emotional distress. At present, we have an 'away from' decision with no plan for what an exit might entail in terms of trade with other EU members, 'passporting rights' in financial services and freedom of movement. This is coupled with growing concerns over the time it will take to complete the exit, the cost of doing it and a lack of clarity for Britain's post-Brexit strategy, what we'll do with the new-found freedoms or the long-term implications for Britain and the generations to come.

Right now, the most sensible thing to do seems to be to explore a range of possible scenarios for Britain and Brexit, make and get on with positive decisions around the highest 'current risk' issues, continue with the actions that are still required under any scenario and park the rest that can only be addressed once the plan is announced.

**President Elect Trump** - The issue here is that even if business may benefit from some of the measures being mooted, like tax cuts and infrastructure spending, there are

concerns about the broader impact of a Trump presidency. There are genuine fears about rolling back progress on global connectivity, international relations, climate change commitments, the environment, women's and minority rights, and attitudes to anyone who isn't strictly heterosexual. The noise around both illegal and legal migrants is worrying many sectors - particularly in the science- and technology-led firms which are worried about a brain drain. Our view is that at least the initial plan will start to take shape quite quickly and firms will then have to make choices on what they are prepared to live with in return for a more pro-business environment.

**Artificial Intelligence** (AI) - While some now understand what AI encompasses and its transformational potential, many are still taking their first exploratory steps to learn more. In many cases leaders are expressing concerns about the amount of effort that goes into creating AI solutions using machine learning and deep learning. They are also worried about the gap between the scale of the applications undertaken by the likes of IBM, Google, Tesla, and Uber and the limited ambitions their own organisations are displaying in the developments being pursued. A chatbot that can answer customer service enquiries seems trivial in comparison to diagnosing cancer, discovering new drugs and driverless vehicles.

My view is that leaders must accelerate their own learning about AI and then put their support behind the pursuit of game changing applications alongside the more cautious learning pilots. The challenge is that the bigger the opportunity, the

greater the mindset shift required internally around how we view markets, what we sell and how we can make money from it.

### Digital Dehumanisation and

Accelerated Obsolescence - Across every business sector, firms are embarking on - or well underway with - digital transformation projects. In many cases, exploring the power of digital is long overdue. However, two concerns are rising to the fore. The first is that each successive stage of automation within the firm seems to eliminate more jobs than it creates and this seems to reduce the capacity to respond quickly with brainpower when new opportunities or challenges arise. It is also raising concerns about the broader impact of long-term technological unemployment in society and how that society will view the firms that contributed to it. A second concern is that the more our businesses automate, the more similar we become to our competitors as it is hard to maintain digital differentiation for any period of time. This can lead to commoditisation and eventual obsolescence - we all know sectors that are facing that dilemma right now - broadcast TV, printed newspapers and media buying spring to mind instantly.

Our view is that firms need to make a conscious choice to retain a level of talent within the firm, and take a cold hard look at their digital transformation strategies in comparison to those of their competitors. How unique are our strategic choices, how can we sustain any points of differentiation and what new options and challenges will we have one, three and five years out if we carry on down the current path? The analysis is the easy part, any resulting course correction on large-scale transformation programmes will take immense courage and honesty.

Stress - Finding an Outlet - In turbulent times, the pressure grows to deliver results rapidly and find answers to emerging issues ever-more quickly because we don't know what might come with the next news cycle. This appears to be driving up stress at every level of the organisation and many still have relatively few coping mechanisms in their personal toolbox. Far too often, it is still seen as a sign of weakness to admit we are feeling stressed. The problem exacerbates the further up the organisation we go, as few leaders can countenance sharing their issues with colleagues. We are seeing real progress though where firms are helping their staff through activities like learning better sleep habits, and introducing them to meditation, yoga, and stress counselling services. We are also seeing a growing number of leaders acknowledge that the issues that are manifesting in their decision making at work are appearing in many other aspects of their life, and may indeed have been present for some time. What's encouraging is that many are turning to a trained therapist to help explore those issues, as seeking help is actually a sign of strength and may be the most powerful way of addressing the issues.

Rohit Talwar

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# The Spirit of Christmas arrives in Deux-Montagnes

Thousands line Oka Road to enjoy 47th annual Santa Claus Parade

MARTIN C. BARRY

For the 47<sup>th</sup> year running, Santa Claus kept his word last Sunday and arrived in the heart of Deux-Montagnes, much to the delight of the thousands of children and adults who lined both sides of Oka Road for the annual Santa Claus Parade. At 1 p.m., the jolly old man in red sat in his traditional spot atop a float at the rear of the long parade that made its way along Oka Road, and then along some residential streets, on its way to city hall where the mayor and city councillors awaited.

Deus Jutras, the 83-year-old retired owner of Constantin Service Appliances, impressed the crowd again this year with a demonstration of his acrobatic ability on a unicycle near the front of the parade. After being missing in action for a while recovering from an illness, Gigi O'Brien, a resident of the Cascades seniors residence, rode her electric scooter once again in this year's parade.

#### **A Deux-Montagnes tradition**

"Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everybody," she said, sending her greetings to everyone in Deux-Montagnes. It is certainly a measure of the enormous amount of community spirit and determination in Deux-Montagnes that the people here, backed by some key sponsors, have kept the Santa Claus Parade going all these years as a cherished tradition.

The origin of Deux-Montagnes' Santa Claus Parade can be traced back to the late 1960s. In 1969, Eaton's department in downtown Montreal ceased the presentation of its traditional Santa Clause parade, thus depriving thousands of children of a spectacle that had been enjoyed by many generations. However, volunteers from Deux-Montagnes took on the challenge of giving back the magic of Christmas to children. The first Deux-Montagnes Santa Claus Parade was held in December 1970.



Deus Jutras, 83 and proud of it, made his traditional appearance leading Deux-Montagnes's 47th annual Santa Claus Parade.

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Santa Claus, seen here from the vantage of the railway overpass that spans Oka Rd., arrived in Deux-Montagnes last Sunday as he promised.



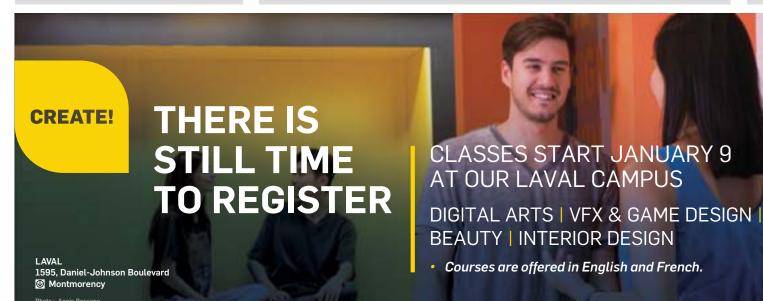
The Maison des Jeunes sponsored one of the most impressive parade floats.



While it was a little early for St. Patrick's Day, it wasn't too early for the Santa Claus Parade for the mascot and some team players from Deux-Montagne's Shamrock Soccer Club.



Longtime Lion's Club member Gigi O'Brien was back in the saddle on her electric scooter to take part in last Sunday's parade.





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# Open House of Gift Giving helps 11 women's shelters

Supporters from all over Montreal region attended event in Rosemère



Coordinators for the 11 women's shelters benefiting from the Open House of Gift Giving, in Rosemère on Nov. 27, helping to make Christmas a happier time for women.

**MARTIN C. BARRY** 

Women and children living away from their usual homes this holiday season will have presents to open on Christmas morning thanks to donations received during the eighth annual Open House of Gift Giving which took place at the Memorial Community Centre in Rosemère on Nov. 27.

#### Aiding women's shelters

The event was held for the benefit of 11 women's shelters in Laval and in the North Shore region, including la Citadelle, La Traverse, Le Mitan, L'Ombre Elles, Maison d'Ariane, Maison de Lina, Maison L'Esther, Maison Le Prélude, PasseR-Elle, Regarde En Elles and Regroupes Elles. In the past year, a total of 1,057 women and 610 children sought assistance at the shelters.

Throughout the day, friends and supporters from all over the Montreal region dropped by to drop off monetary donations as well as new gift items, which included clothing, toys, books, care essentials, bath products makeup and giftcards), while chatting for a while with the staff and directors of the women's shelters.

#### A home-grown cause

Maria Larosa, a Rosemère resident, held the first few Open House of Gift Giving events at her home before deciding last year to make it a larger event at the town's community centre. The organizing committee is made up of women from Rosemère, Sainte-Thérèse, Laval and many other areas of the Montreal region.

"The first year we collected for two women's shelters," she said in an interview with the North Shore News. "And then we just kept adding more shelters to our list. From collecting three or four hundred gifts the first year we collected more than a thousand gifts last year."

#### **Emotional time of year**

The effort has allowed the women's shelters to hold Christmastime events and to provide gifts to the families who happen to be there during the holidays. The assistance comes at a time when when many families are feeling pressure more than at other times of the year.

"Christmas is a time when families are usually together — but many are not," said Larosa. "What we're doing allows these families to have the empowerment they need to be able to get on with their lives and start over with their kids. Like anything else, leaving is never an easy decision."

Jenny Godmer, a coordinator at the Maison

de Lina in Laval, said the Open House of Gift Giving makes all the difference for them at Christmastime. "It makes us able to hold a big party for all our women and children," she said.

#### It really meets a need

"If we don't have this, we can't buy gifts because we don't have that kind of money in our budget." Geneviève Boisvert-Pilon from the Maison Le Prélude also in Laval said that on Christmas morning the children at her shelter will be awaking to gifts "thanks to events like the one Maria is holding today."

Larosa said women's shelters can always use extra support. "The finance from the government goes only so far, certainly not to buy Christmas gifts, just to run the shelters on a day to day basis," she said. "All the extras have to come from fundraising and events like this. We're definitely going to keep doing it as long as everyone keeps supporting us and supporting the homes, as well as many other events."





Maria Larosa of Rosemère started the Open House of Gift Giving from her home eight years ago.

# Town rejects Rosemère Golf Club's six-storey zoning request

Council has no immediate strategy to re-develop course into a park



Left, Rosemère town councillor Kateri Lesage, Mayor Madeleine Leduc and councillor Marie-Andrée Bonneau announced the town's decision on Nov. 29.

MARTIN C. BARRY

In the aftermath of a public consultation held recently in Rosemère on a zoning change requested by the Rosemère Golf Club, elected officials with the municipality say they will bow to public pressure and refuse to allow six-storey construction to rise along Labelle Blvd. on the edge of the golf course. "Given the high rate of participation and the clarity of the results, the town announces that it will not be following up on the request for a zoning change on the strip of land occupied by the Rosemère Golf Club along Labelle Boulevard," Mayor Madeleine Leduc said during a recent briefing to local media on council's decision.

During the consultation in October and November, which included information sessions, a questionnaire distributed to Rosemère households, as well as a survey conducted by the Léger polling firm, a total of 1,071 citizens were formally consulted on the topic.

#### Six storeys opposed

According to the survey's results, 68 per cent of Rosemèrites said they were opposed to increasing the number of storeys allowed for the construction of residential and commercial buildings to six. Sixty-seven per cent also disagreed with increasing the land-occupancy density from 60 units per hectare to 100 units. Only 16 per cent said they favoured the requested zoning change.

"Our priority was to give our residents the final word," said Leduc. "To this end, we made sure that they were properly informed on the project and that as many as possible could participate in the public consultation process. In fact, I would like to thank all Rosemèrites who took part in this process and allowed us to record an unequalled level of participation. The 68 per cent rate of opposition to the change left no doubt as to the decision that had to be taken."

With the zoning issue settled at least for now, Leduc said her administration would be "extending a hand to the golf club in order to come up with a solution that respects our residents' wish to take into account aspects of sustainable development while preserving the Town's country charm.

#### Only four storeys allowed

"Any solution will have to comply with the current by-law, which allows the construction of buildings no more than four storeys high on the strip of land along Labelle Boulevard," she added. "This green space represents without a doubt a wealth for the Rosemère community and, just like you, the Town wants to preserve it." According to Leduc, Rosemère will be taking measures to provide a better framework for the current zoning by-law to ensure it is consistent with comments expressed by residents during

the consultation on traffic, noise, heat islands, the preservation of the natural environment and other issues, she said.

With the future of the golf course now uncertain, the North Shore News asked Leduc whether in time the Town of Rosemére might develop a strategy to acquire part or all of the golf course for a public park. "Presently, no," she replied.

#### No strategy to redevelop as park

"But as we have said, we are extending our hand to the golf club. It is a private golf club so it's up to them. We will sit down with them." She said that "if it is possible to" discuss the matter with the golf course's directors "then we will. We'll see. A lot depends on them. We are ready to work with them."

While there are ongoing concerns among Rosemère residents that large areas or even all of the golf course might end up being razed and redeveloped for housing, the mayor said the town's overall goal is to preserve as much green space in Rosemère as possible.

Referring to the Rosemère Golf Club as the town's Central Park, she also said that "it is not the goal" and "not the will of council" to see the golf course fundamentally altered into something other than what it is now.



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# EXTRAORDINARY SITTING ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Town Clerk of Rosemère, that an extraordinary sitting of the Municipal Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016 at the Town Hall, room of deliberations of the Municipal Council, 100 Charbonneau Street, Rosemère, in order to adopt the 2017 budget and the three-year programme of capital expenditures.

ISSUED IN ROSEMÈRE THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.

CAROLINE ASSELIN, lawyer Town Clerk



Rosemère town councillor Daniel Simoneau points to the location of the golf course on a map of Rosemère during an announcement that six-storey construction on Labelle Blvd. will not be allowed.





# Report on the Financial Situation of the Town of Rosemère

Ladies and gentlemen,

In compliance with article 474.1 of the Québec Cities and Towns Act, I am reporting on the Town of Rosemère's financial situation.

It may be recalled that this article of law requires the mayor to present a report on the municipality's financial situation at least four weeks prior to the adoption of its projected budget for the following fixed year.

While this is a requirement, it is also an exercise to which I willingly comply as it allows me to present an overall picture of the Town of Rosemère's finances.

Therefore, my report will address:

- the 2015 consolidated financial statements (including the state of the debt)
- the independent auditor's report for the 2015 fiscal year
- the three-year capital expenditures program in 2015
- preliminary indicators of 2016 results
- the general guidelines of the 2017 budget
- and, finally, it will deal with the next three-year capital expenditures program.

In compliance with prevailing laws, this document also includes a report on the remuneration and expenses allowances of council

#### 2015 consolidated financial statements

The 2015 consolidated financial statements reveal that the Town of Rosemère ended that fiscal year with a surplus of \$522,700.

This budget surplus is mainly due to additional income from transfer fees (\$278,500), the sale of land (\$135,500), fines and penalties (\$135,900), interest income (\$89,000), transfer payments, permits and other sources (\$219,000).

Operating expenses, on the other hand, fell short of projections. Savings were also achieved on snow-clearing operations (\$161,000), expenses related to public transit (\$485,000), salaries (\$288,000) and various other expenses (\$130,800).

Thanks to strict tracking of our revenues and expenditures, we did not need to use the accumulated surplus of \$1,400,000, bringing the surplus for the year to \$522,700.

At the end of the fiscal year, the non-allocated surplus stood at \$2,115,200.

During the 2015 fiscal year, our participation in various partnerships generated a surplus of \$201,300, for a consolidated total of \$724,000. These different partnerships include the Régie intermunicipale d'assainissement des eaux de Rosemère et de Lorraine (Water Treatment Board), the Régie intermunicipale de police Thérèse-De Blainville (Police Board), and the CITL (Public Transit Corporation).

#### The debt

At December 31, 2015, the consolidated debt stood at \$28,064,252. This debt includes our share of the debt of the organizations with which the Town of Rosemère is involved.

I once again draw your attention to the fact that securing government grants helped reduce the cost of various projects for Rosemerites, thereby reducing its consolidated debt.

As a result, on December 31st last, the net long-term debt was \$21,668,545. This represents a net long-term debt of \$0.81 per \$100  $\stackrel{\text{\tiny 2}}{\sim}$  real estate evaluation, a slight increase over 2014 when it stood at  $\stackrel{\text{\tiny 2}}{\sim}$  \$0.75.

For comparative purposes, Rosemère's position is highly enviable, given that the provincial average debt of other towns of similar size is approximately \$2.00 per \$100 evaluation.

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Town of Rosemère's consolidated financial report for the 2015 fiscal year was audited by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton SENCRL. In the view of this firm, the consolidated financial statements provide, in all significant aspects, an accurate reflection of our financial situation at December 31, 2015, as well as the results of our activities.

# The 2015 three-year capital expenditures plan

The municipal council invested \$3,978,006 in various capital expenditures projects during the course of 2015.

Moreover, as in 2014, investments in the rehabilitation of water mains, notably on Northcote between Cedar/Rose-Alma, were authorized

It should be noted as well that we pursued our program of preventive maintenance and improvements to the road network in several sectors of our territory, including the rehabilitation of Grande-Côte between Labelle Blvd. and Montée Sanche as well as the resurfacing of projects of the resurfacing of projects of the resurfacing of projects of the resurfacing of the results of the result

We also acquired a generator for the Tylee station and upgraded our fleet in keeping with our replacement program.

The Town also improved the drop-off area at Alpha School, to ensure greater safety for all.

Finally, as it has for several years now, the Council invested in the renewal of our drinking water network.

A number of these projects, including rehabilitation work on Northcôte, benefitted from government financial assistance (TECQ), which made it possible to reduce the cost to taxpayers and hold the line on our level of indebtedness.

I also wish to point out that, over the past five years, our administration has invested \$22 million \$ in capital expenditures.

## Preliminary indicators of the financial results of the 2016 fiscal year

The most recent comparative statements of revenues and expenditures show that the Town of Rosemère will end this fiscal year without having to allocate \$1.4 million from the accumulated non-allocated surplus, as called for in the 2016 budget.

#### Contracts exceeding \$25,000

This evening, I am tabling a list of contracts representing expenditures of more \$25,000 that the Town of Rosemère concluded since the last report on the financial situation tabled in November 2015. I am also presenting a list of contracts involving an expense of more than \$2,000 and totalling \$25,000 or more for a single supplier during this same period. These lists show, for each contract, the name of the supplier, the amount of the contract and its purpose.

#### Remuneration of elected municipal officials

In 2015, the mayor's salary was \$45,950 plus a non-taxable allowance of \$15,976.

Municipal councillors earned a salary of \$15,317 and a non-taxable allowance of \$7.659.

The Thérèse-De Blainville RCM also paid a total of \$11,688, combining the annual salary and an allowance per meeting, to the mayor and replacement councillors.

In addition, the mayor and certain councillors received an allowance for their participation on the board of directors of the Régie intermunicipale d'assainissement des eaux de Rosemère et de Lorraine (Water Treatment Board), the Régie intermunicipale de police Thérèse-De Blainville (Police Board) as well as the Conseil intermunicipal de transport Laurentides (public transit corporation).

Salaries paid to elected officials do not include fringe benefits or a pension plan.

#### Key achievements in 2016

As always, I am proud to take this opportunity to present our administration's key achievements over the past 12 months, that is, since the last report on the Town's financial situation.

# Further to this, in the area of finance and taxation, the municipal council:

- Pursued its efforts to ensure the sound management of public funds.
- Kept the residential and commercial tax rates among the lowest

in the region and in Québec as a whole.

- Ensured strict tracking of the five-year financial plan, generating significant savings and investments.
- In terms of recreation, culture and community activities and communications, our administration:
- Obtained recognition of Rosemère as an Age-Friendly Municipality (AFM).
- Doubled its offering of public transit for residents 65 years of age and over.
- Celebrated the 30th anniversary of Rosemère en santé.
- Held the Christmas celebration in the downtown area.
- Organized Saturday-morning shows for families as well as outdoor summer concerts.
- Implemented the first edition of Young Entrepreneurs Day.
- Pursued its partnership with the summer Farmers Market and Christmas Market.
- Improved the branding of the Rosemère News as well as its business model, resulting in significant savings on production.

### Under the banner of environmental protection and development, the Town of Rosemère also:

- Implemented the pick-up of organic waste, in order to ensure the responsible management of residual waste.
- Adopted a new policy on the replacement of ash trees and deployed a plan for the management of the emerald ash borer, including information evenings.
- Distinguished itself in the Communities in Bloom international competition, earning 5 Silver Blooms as well as a special mention for Riverbank Enhancement.
- Held the 17th edition of the Secret Gardens Tour within the framework of Rosemère in Bloom.

#### Finally, in term of infrastructures, the Town:

- Replaced the dock at Charbonneau Park thanks to a grant.
- Carried out work on the streets of Île-Bélair East, Springhill, Rosedale and Saint-Laurent.
- Carried out development work at Rose-Paquette and Delorme parks as well as repairs to the pavement at the library.
- Replaced equipment at the water treatment plant.

## The three-year capital expenditures plan (2017-2018-2019)

The next three-year capital expenditures plan will be adopted next December, when our 2017 budget is presented.

One of the major challenges we face is ensuring a proper balance between the responsible management of infrastructure maintenance and respect of our citizens' ability to pay.

We will provide our residents with municipal services of great quality. We will also invest in our natural spaces and our environment.

As it has in recent years, in 2017, the Town of Rosemère will ensure that it secures the maximum grants for which its projects are eligible.

#### 2017 budgetary guidelines

The development of our 2017 budgetary guidelines took into account elements proposed by our citizens at the public consultation on the financial situation that was held in November 2015:

- Reducing expenses without reducing services
- $\bullet$  Exerting greater control of the debt
- Keeping increases in the tax rate close to the rate of inflation.

I therefore invite you to a special meeting of the municipal council at 7 p.m., Monday, December 19, at which time we will be adopting the budgetary guidelines for 2017.

#### **Madeleine Leduc**

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#### 2015 remuneration of members of the Municipal Council

	Annual salary	Annual non-taxable	Committee attendance fees				
Elected official			Taxable		Non-taxable		
		allowance	Number	Fee (\$)	Number	Fee (\$)	
Leduc Madeleine	\$45,950.16	\$15,975.96	60	\$322.77	-	- \$	
Bonneau Marie-Andrée	\$15,317.16	\$7,658.64	20	\$182.43	20	\$91.21	
Corriveau Normand	\$15,317.16	\$7,658.64	35	\$182.43	35	\$91.21	
Lesage Kateri	\$15,317.16\$	\$7,658.64	25	\$182.43	25	\$91.21	
Richer Guylaine	\$15,317.16\$	\$7,658.64	16	\$182.43	16	\$91.21	
Simoneau Daniel	\$15,317.16	\$7,658.64	35	\$182.43	35	\$91.21	
Westram Éric	\$15,317.16	\$7,658.64	43	\$182.43	43	\$91.21	

#### Other amounts paid for participation in various organizations

#### Thérèse-De Blainville RCM

Elected official	2015 salary	Number	Attendance fee (\$)
Leduc Madeleine	\$7,398.00	12	\$307.50
Richer Guylaine	- \$	1	\$300.00*
Simoneau Daniel	- \$	1	\$300.00*

<sup>\*</sup> In the mayor's absence

Régie intermunicipale d'assainissement des eaux de Rosemère et de Lorraine (Water Treatment Board)

Elected official	2015 salary	2015 non- taxable allowance
Leduc Madeleine (chair)	\$5,964.48	- \$
Corriveau Normand (board member)	\$1,005.28	\$502.64
Lesage Kateri (board member)	\$251.32	\$125.66
Richer Guylaine (board member)	\$753.96	\$376.99
Westram Éric (board member)	\$1,005.28	\$502.64

Régie intermunicipale de police Thérèse-De Blainville et Comité de retraite de la Régie intermunicipale de police Thérèse-De Blainville (Police Board and Retirement Committee)

Elected official	Number	Attendance fee (\$)	Non- taxable allowance
Westram Éric	1	\$279.40	\$277.20
Leduc Madeleine	9 (delegate member)	\$279.40	- \$
	2 (vice-president)	\$355.60	- \$
	11 (retirement committee)	\$127.00	- \$

#### Conseil intermunicipal de transport Laurentides (Public Transit)

	Elected official	Committee attendance fee					
		Та	xable	Non-taxable			
		Number	Fee (\$)	Number	Fee (\$)		
	Corriveau Normand	8	\$150.00	8	\$75.00		
	Richer Guylaine	2	\$150.00	2	\$75.00		







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#### YOUR HOROSCOPE

for the week of December 11 to December 17, 2016

The luckiest signs this week: Leo, Virgo & Libra



You'll be asked to a variety of events, but you'll tend to politely decline the invitations. However, you could be convinced to change your mind at the last minute.



#### **TAURUS**

Staying within your budget won't be easy, especially when buying Christmas gifts. You'll be giving expensive gifts to those you love and espe-cially to those who deserve it.



Expect to use your credit cards a little more than usual. You'll have to decide between Christmas presents. social activities or a family trip.



#### CANCER

Even though the holidays haven't officially begun, your house will be constantly packed. If you have young children, you can expect them, along with their friends, to set up camp in your home.



#### **LEO**

Magic is in the air. Despite your original intentions, you'll finally be swayed by the charm and wonder of Christmas. You'll donate your time to social and humanitarian causes.



#### **VIRGO**

You've already kicked off the holiday festivities! You'll be spending the week surrounded by a lot of different people. You'll also spend some time at shopping malls, even though they're full to the brim. But don't worry; you won't be fazed by the frenzy.



#### **LIBRA**

The thought of taking a trip crosses your mind. You'll be craving adventure and new experiences. You'll also consider the possibility of wor-



#### **SCORPIO**

You might be contemplating going back to school to improve your pro-fessional life, no matter how old you are. You'll hear about an interesting opportunity that could help relieve some financial stress.



#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Your circle of friends needs to be reevaluated. Your partner and your family are your priorities. You really don't need any distractions disturbing your important relationships.



#### **CAPRICORN**

Your loved ones expect you to do more than your share of planning during the holidays. Don't forget to delegate certain tasks to make things more manageable — and fair — this year.



#### **AQUARIUS**

Get ready to do some wrapping. You'll be devoting a lot of time and energy to impress those closest to you. Your hard work pays off.



A particular project will make you the centre of attention. You'll round up the family for a spontaneous trip or a memorable activity during the holidays.



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- 8. Furry companions
- 12. Revise copy
- 13. Brother's sib
- 14. Exceptional
- 15. Vouchers
- 17. Level
- 18. Fundamental 19. Garden starter
- 20. Least distant 25. Historic times
- 28. Stranded
- 32. Family vehicle 33. Breakfast meat
- 34. Long paddle
- 35. Promoted
- 37 Amiss 38. Mortarboard dan-
- glers 40. Storage area
- 43. Fall bloomer 47. Qualified

- 48. Correctly
- 51. Entrance 52. Electrified atom
- 53. Peeve
- 54. Evergreens
- 55. Meadow mother
- 56. Flip

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Parsley, e.g.
- 2. Inkling 3. Nervous twitches
- 4. Beer mugs
- 5. Cleopatra's snake
- 6. Humor 7. Letter before tee
- 8. Magician's word
- 9. Edge of a roof 10. Sycamore or larch
- 11. Cause to go
- 16. Rink surface 21. Pile up
- 22. Speed contests

- 24. A mother's boy 25. Ms. Arden
- 26. Operated
- 27. In addition to
- 29. At this moment
- 30. Serving of corn
- 31. Moistureless
- 33. Bikini top
- 36. Sea mammals
- 37. Proclaim
- 39. Wind around
- 40. Woman
- 41. Reed instrument
- 42. Gush
- 44. Small musical
- group 45. Annexes
- 46. Types of whiskey
- 48. Eskimo
- 49. Spat
- 23. Wear away 50. Till bill

# Sudok

#### **HOW TO PLAY:**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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#### **GUESSING GAME**

Mom: What did you do at school today?

Mark: We played a guessing game.

Mom: But I thought you were having a math exam?

Mark: That's right.

#### **WEIGH BABY**

A woman with a baby walked into a doctor's office. She asked if they could weigh the baby.

A nurse said that the baby scale was not working that day, but what they could do is weigh the mother while she was holding the baby, and then weigh the mother by herself, and subtract.

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Dart night – 7:30 p.m. – if you would like to spare – contact Dave Byers – 514-602-7054 or drop by for a delicious a hamburger or hot dog on sale for players and visitors to the Club – Kitchen open 6:30 p.m.

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Our annual Christmas Turkey Lunch Fundraiser will be held on December 20th.

And then be closed for two weeks back on January 10th.

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#### December 16th

A second Friday Fun with Judy.

December 18th Advent IV

#### December 24th

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service No Worship service on December 25th nor January 1st.

#### January 8th 2017:

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  - 2nd / 4th Sunday Holy Communion
- 3rd Sunday Family service (Morning Prayer)
- 5th Sunday- Church Cafe (whenever applicable)

10:00 – 10:30am: Time to connect (coffee, tea, juice, snacks and friends)

#### December 24th

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Christmas Eve Service of Light December 24th at 9:00PM.

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regarding rates and availability.

St. James Anglican Church Rosemere, thanks you for your support throughout this past year and wishes you all a most blessed Christmas and a New Year of Hope and Faith.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of John Calogeropoulos at the age of 74. Beloved husband and soulmate of Anthi Calogeropoulos. Devoted and loving father to Joanna (Konstantinos) and Catherine (Gerassimos). He will be lovingly remem-

bered by his grandchildren: Photios, lasonas, Chrisanthy, Orpheas and Yanni. Also missing him are many loving nieces and nephews, family and friends. He will be forever remembered by all who ever met him for his storytelling, love of life, passion for work and most of all, generosity. If you ever walked down his street, chances are he invited you in for dinner and sent you home with a container of his olive oil.



#### D'ALONZO, Luigi 1958 - 2016

Ilt is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Luigi D'Alonzo loving son of Giuseppe and Guiseppina D'Alonzo on November 16, 2016. He will be greatly missed by his mother, Giuseppina, his sisters, Roxy, Eliana and Vanda his nieces and nephews, Nadia, Jasmin,

Christopher, Erika, Philip and Colin, and his brothers in-law, Nick and Donald.



#### DI MICHELE, Michele 1935 - 2016

Passed away on November 23, 2016 in Laval, Michele Di Michele, widower of Antonietta Di Domenico. Loving father of Joseph and Graziella (Mark), he also leaves to mourn his granddaughters Laura and Emma, great- grandsons Angelo and Santino, his in-laws Italia,

Julie, Rosaria (Richard), Giovanni (Linda) and Mario (Susan), as well as many other family members and friends.



# **FOSTER, Maureen** 1934 - 2016

It is with great sadness that the friends of Maureen Foster announce her passing at the Centre d'hébergement Rose-de-Lima, Ste. Rose, Laval. Maureen, who lived in Rosemère, was predeceased by her husband Frank, her parents, her brother, and her beloved dog Rocky.

She will be missed by her brother, Michael, her nieces and nephews in England, as well as many friends in England, Canada and the US.

#### SIRUSSI, Shalom

WBeloved husband and best friend of Lucia Picanço. Dear son of Sarah and the late Haim Sirussi. Shalom will be sadly missed by Michael and Steven Balanca, his many friends and all those whose lives he touched.



# **SPENA, Maria** 1945 - 2016

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Maria Spena on November 6, 2016 in Laval at age 71. She is survived by her husband, Francesco Spena; her children, Raffaele and Paolo (Maria Vittoria Novembre); her grandchildren, Francesco Paolo and Briana Victoria;

sisters; brothers; relatives and friends. The family would like to thank Dr. Errol Marliss, Sylvie LeBourdais, Jocelyne Lemieux, Dr. Serge Lemay, and their colleagues at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

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G | 2 hrs 03 mins | Drama |



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13+ | 2 hrs 04 mins | Drama-Thriller |



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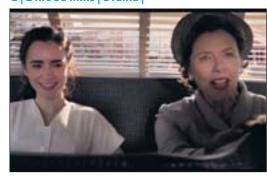
G | 1 hr 32 mins | Animation |



A troll leader (Anna Kendrick) and her polar opposite (Justin Timberlake) embark on an adventure that takes them far beyond the only world they've ever known.

#### RULES DON'T APPLY

G | 2 hrs 38 mins | Drama |



It's Hollywood, 1958. Small town beauty queen and devout Baptist virgin Marla Mabrey (Collins), under contract to the infamous Howard Hughes (Beatty), arrives in Los Angeles. At the airport, she meets her driver Frank Forbes (Ehrenreich), who is engaged to be married to his 7th grade sweetheart and is a deeply religious Methodist. Their instant attraction not only puts their religious convictions to the test, but also defies Hughes' #1 rule: no employee is allowed to have any relationship whatsoever with a contract actress. Hughes' behavior intersects with Marla and Frank in very separate and unexpected ways, and as they are drawn deeper into his bizarre world, their values are challenged and their lives are changed.

#### **BLEED FOR THIS**

13+ | 1 hr 57 mins | Drama |



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