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LA PÊCHE PASSIVHAUS TOWN HALL: A STATE-OF-THE-ART BUILDING

An increasingly popular word is circulating in La Pêche, the region and throughout Quebec: Passivhaus. The future La Pêche Town Hall is aiming for Passivhaus certification in 2024, the first institutional building in Canada to be Passivhaus-certified!

But what exactly is "Passivhaus?"

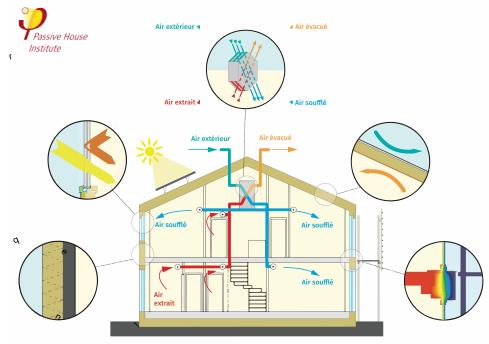
According to the project's architects and engineers, acquiring this certification will result in energy savings of 85% compared with similar constructions prior to 2021, for all the building's energy needs, including heating and cooling.

With its **outstanding insulation**, this reduction in energy demand will also cut mechanical equipment costs and electricity bills. The high-quality materials used will also extend the **building's lifespan**.

Why is the entire structure including the roof made of wood? Wood is a carbon sink that stores and regulates the amount of CO2 in the environment. In addition to being sustainable, it requires little energy for its transformation into a building material, is locally available and provides a pleasant living environment for its occupants.

Every detail was meticulously considered at the design stage, from the length of the screws to the angle of the awnings. The awnings are designed to let in heat and sunlight in winter, but to provide shade in summer!

20 inch screws—yes, you read that right, 20 the engineers and architects calculated the use of CLT!



exact minimum number needed for the The majestic, impressive windows have just structure. In fact, since the screws holding the roof's top plywood are installed under the top membrane, the number had to be kept to a minimum, since the cold is transmitted by the screw from its head on the outside to the inside of the building. For maximum dimensional stability, they used crosslaminated timber (CLT), with a span of up to 18 metres per panel, without the need for columns or beams to support it all! This innovative wood structure will enable the floor to be rearranged to suit long-term needs. Let's talk about the sawtooth roof with its As a bonus, you'll also benefit from the advantages of wood. The sawtooth roof is inches! Each screw being a thermal bridge, a first in North America, thanks to the innovative

been installed, and are well worth a closer

Text written in collaboration with the architects of BGLA

We would like to acknowledge the financial support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in collaboration with the Government of Canada for a feasibility study on the construction of a town hall.

This project has been made possible with the financial support of the **Quebec government**, as part of the **Wood Construction Innovation** Program (PICB) under the Plan for a Green Economy 2023 (PEV).

The Municipality also acknowledges the generous contribution of the Quebec government under the Programme d'amélioration et de construction d'infrastructures municipales (PRACIM), which stems from the Plan québécois des infrastructures (PQI) 2023-2033.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A WORD FROM THE MAYOR



Dear citizens of La Pêche,

As you probably know, on December 18, the Municipal Council adopted a resolution asking Minister Laforest to postpone the adoption of the 2024 budget. This decision was made in light of the shortage of personnel in the Finance Department. In fact, from April to September 2023, two managerial positions became vacant in this department. Fortunately, since September, we've had the great pleasure of working with two professionals who are performing outstanding work to make up for lost time and plan effectively for the coming fiscal years.

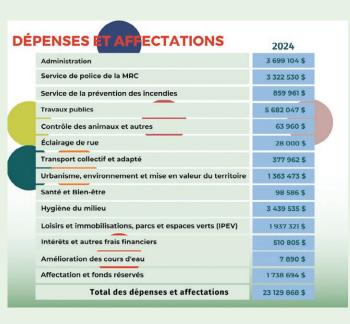
This year again, Quebec municipalities are faced with numerous challenges. The Board has made every effort to minimize the impact of inflation, rising municipal contract costs and interest rates on the taxpavers of La Pêche. However, we have been careful to maintain our essential services, to continue catching up on overdue investments in our infrastructure and equipment, to pursue our environmental efforts and to continue supporting community our debt. organizations' initiatives. However, it is clear that the Council will have to review some of its existing ways of doing things in order to curb rising costs.

Changes are already taking shape in waste management: La Pêche is working with Cantley and Chelsea to set up an intermunicipal service to reduce costs. As for snow removal, we are seriously considering the possibility of returning to in-house operations. In terms of debt management, we are putting off some infrastructure projects to better distribute costs over time, as well as maximizing opportunities to secure funding. We have also introduced an internal financing method to reduce interest payments on All in all, compared with the regional Guillaume Lamoureux, La Pêche Mayor

In terms of taxation, the increases are still higher than desired. Under the circumstances, the Council has decided to review taxation methods so that costsharing is more closely based on property values. Tax payments will also be divided into 4 coupons over an extended period until the end of October. The tax bill increase in 2024 for a single family with a median value home of \$290,300 amounts to an annual increase of \$208.14 compared with the previous year's rates. The change in the residential tax rate went from the MAMH 2023 Financial Profile. \$0.6202 to \$0.5740 for each \$100 of municipal property assessment.

and provincial average rates provided by the Ministère des Affaires Municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH), La Pêche continues to maintain an excellent financial profile.

For more information on the 2024 budget and the City Council's orientations, I invite you to consult the 2024 Budget Presentation, the 2024–2026 Three-Year Capital Expanse Program, the 2019–2023 Strategic Plan, the 2023 Municipal Services Annual Management Report (publication forthcoming), the Organization Plan and villelapeche.qc.ca/municipalite/ administration/gestion-financiere/



	2023	2024
Taxe générale	1 800.44 \$	1 375,65 \$*
Financement immobilisations	n/a	290,30 \$
Fonds vert	29.03 \$	29,03 \$
Soutien à la communauté*	40,00 \$	inclut dans la taxe générale
Service des incendies*	77.80 \$	inclut dans la taxe générale
Service de police de la MRC	134,31 \$	552,73 \$*
Matières résiduelles	295,00 \$	337,01 \$
TOTAL	2 376,58 \$	2 584,72 \$

MAYOR REPORT, FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS **AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022**



Mayor Guillaume Lamoureux presented, during the Municipal Council meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, the highlights of the 2022 financial report and the external auditor's report.

The 2022 financial year ended with an operating surplus for the year of \$286,840, resulting from revenues amounting to \$19,401,192, compared to expenses and allocations of \$19,114,353, as audited

by the external auditor thus bringing Although the year 2022 was marked I thank you for your continued the unallocated surplus to \$1,222,282 by a lack of labour, the Municipality commitment."—Guillaume Lamoureux, as of December 31, 2022. Part of this was still able to invest considerably surplus was allocated to the 2023 financial in its infrastructure and equipment, year and a balance of \$653,672 therefore in addition to taking big steps in remains available.

Achievements 2022

Of the total operating expenses of more than \$19 million, just under \$12.15 million consists of fees and obligations:

- \$4.23 million
- contract: \$1.56 million
 - 1.07 million for garbage and recycling
 - 454 k\$ for compost (new service)
- 50 k for bulky items
- Snow removal contract: \$1.46 million
- \$663 thousand
- Salaries including social charges: \$5.56 million

achieving the objectives identified in the 2019-2023 Municipal Strategic Plan. Investment costs of \$4.5 million were made, including \$3.11 million for road works. The Municipality also received confirmations for obtaining MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais share: more than \$1.53 million in nonrecurring grants, including \$1 million Residual materials management from the Wood Construction Innovation Program for the future Passivhaus City Hall.

"Again this year I would like to highlight the work of all La Pêche volunteers. Although this report describes the Contributions to various organizations: financial situation of our organization, it does not include the invaluable Overall debt management: \$1.29 million contribution you have made to the wellbeing of our community. On behalf of the municipal council and all citizens, gestion-financiere.

Mayor

According to the financial profile published on the website of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the long-term total net debt ratio of the \$100 of standardized property wealth is \$0.88, compared to the average ratio of the all the municipalities of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais of \$1.72, that of the population class \$1.85 (population of 2,000 to 9,999 people), and that of the province of Quebec of \$2.16 (administrative region = \$1.47).

The financial report as of December 31, 2022, therefore demonstrates that your municipality is in an excellent financial situation.

To consult the documents: villelapeche. qc.ca/municipalite/administration/



NOTICE FOR CITIZENS

YOUR MUNICIPALITY, YOUR PRIDE!

As a citizen of La Pêche, you probably All La Pêche residents are entitled to 6 Residual materials transfer station: landscapes, smell the fresh air, and stroll in full safety when you go for a walk. When we think of safety, we always think of children's safety as well. And you're probably proud to be able to show off your beautiful municipality to your friends and family! garbage, their household waste, just about anywhere instead of respecting municipal collection, or taking the waste to the transfer station on their own.

Our team found some debris at Complexe Sportif La Pêche. It's unsafe because it's accessible to children; this deplorable act is not only polluting, but it's also forbidden. This is not a first. Household hazardous waste (HHW) collections take place twice a year in La Pêche, to save residents the trip to the transfer station and to recycle as many items as possible. At no time has the Municipality designated the Complexe Sportif as a triage centre or transfer station.

Investir dans un avenir durable!

want to be able to look at beautiful free HHW deliveries per year, not exceeding 819-457-4086 a total of 100 kg, to the transfer station To reach the environment team: at 28 chemin La Pêche, Val-des-Monts abeaumier@mrcdescollines.com (route 366). What's more, your tires, separated from their rims are accepted! Some bulky items as well! If in doubt or Unfortunately, some people throw their if you have any questions, call or e-mail

819-827-0516, poste 2250

As with all good municipalities, regulations prohibit the disposal of waste this way. No surprise here! Offenders are liable to penal sanctions.



By-law 22RM04 SECTION 6-PROTECTION OF PUBLIC

PROPERTY

6.1 It is prohibited to throw, deposit or spread on any public property, earth, paper, garbage, refuse, dead animals, demolition materials, liquid substances, as well as any movable property or any other substance of the same kind.





Prochaines de collectes 🖔

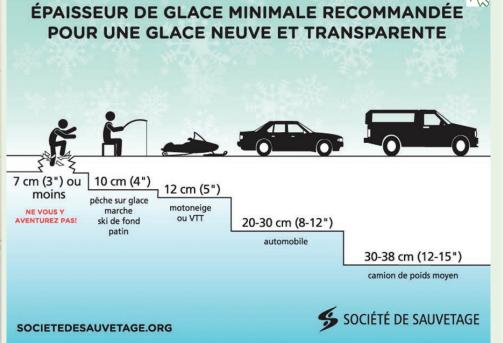


Visitez notre site pour consulter la liste des matières acceptées et refusées : villelapeche.qc.ca/citoyens/informations-pratiques/collectes/

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VARIOUS NEWS

DO YOU KNOW OUR LUCIE?

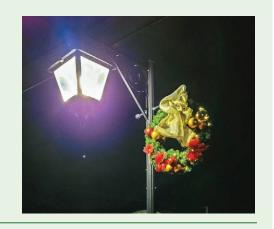
Lucie Groulx who has been working for the municipality for five years.

Lucie brings her spooky decorations from home to amaze the elementary school children when they come to spooky structures.

and Christmas decorations at the Town had to donate wreaths that were too Hall? If so, you can thank the dedicated small to hang on lampposts, Lucie offered to use her personal decorations to refresh them. These 48 newly decorated wreaths were donated to the "Parade illuminée" in 2022 as a fundraiser, and it was a huge success. We'd like to thank Lucie for all her tour the Town Hall, making the Lucie also decorated the 28 new wreaths experience unforgettable with her for the street lamps in the Wakefield and Sainte-Cécile-de-Masham areas,

Have you ever noticed the Halloween What's more, when the municipality once again with ornaments she had at home. With tremendous generosity and boundless passion, this is her way of spreading magic not only in the Municipality, but also in everyone at Town Hall.

> hard work and commitment to the municipality. Lucie, we appreciate everything you've done!



DON'T START A FIRE!

Every year, improper storage of hot ashes causes an average of 140 building fires. In most cases, statistics show that the container was unsuitable or that the storage was inadequate. This heat source is among the top 10 identified by firefighters when investigating the causes and contributing circumstances of a fire.

Safety first!

This can be prevented by regularly removing ashes from the firebox. Dispose of hot ashes in a metal container with a raised base and a metal lid. This container should be placed outside on a non-flammable surface. Never use a vacuum cleaner to collect hot ashes!

Other best practices:

- Put the container at least one metre away from the walls of your house, garage, garden shed or any other flammable material such as hedges or canvas shelters.
- Ashes should remain in this container for at least 7 days before being disposed of in any other container, such as the organic matter bin.
- Before transferring the ashes to any other type of container, make sure they have completely cooled down. Stir the ashes regularly to avoid heat build-up.



throughout the winter and dispose of them in the spring.

Can you use these ashes on your property?

The fertilizing value of wood ashes as a substitute for agricultural lime and potassium and phosphorus-rich fertilizers More tips: is well known. But did you know that ashes can contaminate your soil, pollute water or even smother your home compost?

When spreading ashes, it is advisable

7, and not to exceed a normal agronomic dosage of **0.15 kg/m**² per year. Basic precautions should also be taken during handling ashes to protect eyes and respiratory tract.

- 1. Avoid adding fertilizers containing potassium, phosphorus or calcium.
- 2. Use only natural dry wood (do not use sea wood, treated wood, building materials, plastics, etc.).

For added security, store the ashes to spread them on soils with a pH below 3. Make sure you use high-temperature combustion; low-temperature combustion produces more organic contaminants.

> It's important to dispose of ashes that have been contaminated by soot from chimney sweeping as these are toxic. Be sure to let them cool for at least 7 days before throwing them in the garbage!

Sources: environnement.gouv.qc.ca www.quebec.ca





CULTURE AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CLIMATE CHANGE: INTEREST IS HIGH!

The "Commission municipale pour l'action sur les changements climatiques de La Pêche" would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in our consultation activities this fall.

Since September, over a hundred people have visited the Commission's travelling kiosk (present at events and high-traffic locations throughout the municipality), where visitors have shared their suggestions and voted on possible initiatives for La Pêche's climate action plan. The Commission received detailed briefs, suggestions, and recommendations by email from a range of organizations and individuals, totalling 25.

And then, on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at "Complexe Sportif La Pêche," 36 people took part in a consultation session when the mayor spoke about climate action initiatives already completed and underway within the municipality. Participants learned more about the Commission's mandate and shared some 150 suggestions and 350 votes for actions for inclusion in the action plan.

In addition, during its mandate, the Commission very high level of expertise in climate action within



organized a pre-consultation session with La Pêche's environmental groups and met with several community experts and municipal staff. The Commission is grateful for the expertise shared by these groups and individuals.

The consultation process has come to an end, and the Commission is now preparing to analyze the results and go on to draft its recommendations.

Overall, the Commission was delighted with the high level of involvement in its activities. It observed a La Commission municipale pour l'action sur les



our community, and greatly appreciated the many relevant and well-considered suggestions that were shared.

We thank you for your enthusiasm, commitment, and input to this process. And this is just the beginning once the action plan has been developed and approved, your involvement in its implementation will be vital.

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L'équipe des Services aux Aînés des Collines souhaite une bonne année 2024 et une bonne santé à tous nos aînés! Que cette année qui commence soit douce et remplie de bienveillance pour vous et vos proches.

Nous sommes là pour le bien-être des personnes aînées et nous offrons de multiples services et activités dont vous pouvez bénéficier gratuitement, comme :

* Aide-moi!, dans les Collines : Un programme d'aide aux petits travaux pour l'entretien extérieur de votre propriété.

Nous cherchons d'ailleurs des bénévoles pour aider à pelleter la neige.

Chantal: 1-833-443-3664 ou aidemoi@servicesauxaines.org

- * SOS Proches aidants: Vous êtes un proche aidant et vous avez besoin de soutien? Contactez-nous!
- * Groupe de discussions pour proches aidants : le 8 février à 13h.

Inscrivez-vous!

Wilfried: 1-855-662-4637, ext. 242 ou procheaidance@servicesauxaines.org

* Intervention de milieu : Écoute, rencontres à domicile, orientation vers des ressources, accompagnement, maintien de l'autonomie, quelqu'un à qui en parler en toute confidentialité.

Ève: 1-855-662-4637, ext.244 ou itmav@servicesauxaines.org

- * Activités diverses:
 - Café rencontre : le 6 février en avant-midi : Inscription auprès de France au 819-790-1716 ou atelier@servicesauxaines.org
 - Atelier informatique : le 6 février en après-midi: Inscription auprès de France au 819-790-1716 ou atelier@servicesauxaines.org

• Cuisine collective : le 20 février en après-midi: Inscription auprès de France au 819-790-1716 ou atelier@servicesauxaines.org

Nous travaillons également sur deux nouveaux projets, un sur la sensibilisation à l'intimidation que peuvent vivre les aînés, et un projet de rassemblement pour le bénévolat.

Si vous souhaitez suivre nos projets et activités : Inscrivez-vous dès maintenant à notre infolettre: 1-855-662-4637, ext. 243 ou coordo@servicesauxaines.org

Nous continuons à grandir et à améliorer nos services d'année en année et aimerions beaucoup avoir vos commentaires et suggestions. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter pour nous en parler: 1-855-662-4637, ext. 243 ou coordo@servicesauxaines.org







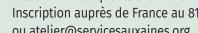


Le comité de la Banque alimentaire La Pêche et les pompiers de La Pêche désirent très sincèrement remercier la population pour ses dons lors de la Guignolée des pompiers tenue en décembre 2024.

Nous désirons aussi souligner la grande collaboration et la générosité du IGA Chelsea pour leur collecte de fonds pour la banque.

Merci aux nombreux commanditaires et volontaires pour leur continuelle générosité. Vous pouvez communiquer avec la Banque alimentaire en tout temps si vous avez besoin d'aide en denrées au 819-456-2839,

Nous vous offrons nos vœux de santé et de bonheur pour la nouvelle année.



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 Un guide expérimenté qui vous fera découvrir les secrets de l'hiver.
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