



MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 3, 2023, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

This summary of the highlights from the Town of Hudson's 2022 financial report is presented in accordance with Section 105.2.2 of the Cities and Towns Act.

The 2022 financial report is submitted to the Town Council at the regular meeting of July 3, 2023, by the Town Treasurer. It is accompanied by the unqualified report of the independent auditor, BCGO s.e.n.c.r.l. In their opinion, the financial statements present a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of the Town of Hudson as of December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations, changes in net financial assets, net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for the public sector.

In summary, the Town's financial activities generated revenues amounting to \$15,861,718, while net expenses and allocations totalled \$13,575,351, resulting in an operating surplus for the year of \$2,286,367. This surplus can be mainly attributed to an increase in revenues from property transfer taxes of \$822,628, interest income of \$349,593 and tax revenues of \$290,425, compared to the 2022 budget. Additionally, there were savings, particularly in salaries. Finally, allocations exceeded the budget by \$478,960.

As of December 31, 2022, the Town's unallocated accumulated surplus amounted to \$8,355,078. Approximately \$1,995,000 of this amount will be used within the framework of the three-year capital investment program, with \$1,300,000 earmarked for road resurfacing according to the five-year road rehabilitation plan, while the remainder may be retained as reserve funds. In the financial statements as of December 31, 2022, the committed surpluses and reserved funds total



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\$7,096,344, including \$100,000 that has been allocated to the 2023 budget, thereby reducing the tax burden on the taxpayers.

Furthermore, a sum of \$150,000 has been set aside for the improvement of parks, playgrounds and green spaces.

As of December 31, 2022, long-term debt reached \$28,175,000, an increase of 13.2% compared to December 31, 2021, representing 2.3% of the taxable assessment of \$1,225,831,000. Of this debt, 69.3% is attributable to the whole, while 25.13% is attributable to a portion of the taxpayers as it applies to improvements made to certain local drinking water and wastewater networks. The remaining balance represents amounts borrowed on behalf of the Government of Québec.

The financial report as of December 31, 2022, as well as the presentation made by the Town Treasurer, are available on the Town's website at www.hudson.quebec/en.

To conclude, here are the achievements in the following two funds:

Operating Fund 2022

- Revenues were up compared to budget primarily due to taxes, transfer fees and interest.
- Decrease in salary costs due to labour shortage and employee turnover.
- Increased costs of contracts and the services of the Sûreté du Québec.
- Continued integration of new staff in the wake of restructuring.
- Continued consolidation and control of the Town of Hudson's finances.



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Investment Fund 2022

- Ongoing infrastructure upgrades and improvements (Water, Sewer, IT security and IP telephone system).
- Rehabilitation of Main Road from Oakland to Beach and from Quarry Point to Bellevue.
- Paving on Elm, Crescent, Sanderson, Cedar and Como Gardens streets.
- Acquisition of green space for parkland in the Alstonvale area.
- Acquisition of a backhoe, replacement of the Fire Department utility vehicle and the installation of solar powered radars with speed displays.

Chloé Hutchison,
Mayor

Tabled at the July 3, 2023, Town Council meeting.