

Sherbrooke, Magog adopt 2023 operating budgets

By Gordon Lambie

The City of Sherbrooke presented its 2023 operating budget last week, outlining a plan totalling \$400.1 million, \$27.8 million more than the previous year.

Speaking with media about the budget on Tuesday afternoon, Sherbrooke Mayor Évelyne Beaudin called it a budget with “no surprises” based on the fact that the majority of the planning process was held in public council sessions.

Sherbrooke homeowners will see their property taxes increase by three per cent in the coming year, a change which represents \$88 more for the owner of a single-family home of average value in the city (\$259,697.) The increase is slightly lower in the case of sixplexes, at 2.88 per cent, and very slightly higher, at 3.1 per cent for a vacant lot.

In order to meet the commitment of keeping the tax increase at three per cent, the council has opted to increase a number of fees as well as implement some others. Notably, the city will be implementing a new tax bracket for offices and commercial properties with a value in excess of \$750,000. Whereas businesses with a commercial or office space of a value less than \$750,000 will be taxed at a rate of \$2,2378 per \$100 of evaluation, those that surpass will have the part of their evaluation that exceeds

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Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Partage/Share program distributes annual Christmas baskets



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Potton Mayor and member of the Fire Department, Bruno Cote joins the Fire Department and First Responders in make deliveries

BY MABLE HASTINGS

On Tuesday, Dec. 13 the Partage/Share food bank of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) distributed its annual Christmas baskets to families and individuals in need this holiday season.

Volunteers gathered the week prior and on the 12th and 13th to finalize the boxes for distribution. This is no small feat as each family and individual receives several boxes filled with canned goods, a turkey, vegetables, dairy products and more... All items must be coordinated in boxes

that are numbered to assure that all requests are met. Food donations come in from the community at large as well as from supporters like: TANDO (Jean-Phillippe and Jacob Gosselin), Lassonde (Mr. Turner), Owl's Head Homeowners Association organized by

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