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# MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ADOPTS A BALANCED BUDGET OF \$25 MILLION

**Chelsea, December 20, 2022** – At a special meeting, the Municipal Council adopted a balanced budget of \$25 million including a 3.4% tax increase. The tax rate is now 0.7934 per \$100 for residential and \$1.1902 per \$100 for non-residential. The 2023 budget includes projects primarily focused on the environment and climate change, resident services and infrastructure maintenance.

The tax increase is mainly due to the increase in costs caused by inflation. In addition, the increasing need for services to the population and the necessary investment for the maintenance of our existing infrastructures.

### Highlights

- \$227,000 for the environment and the fight against climate change
  - The renewal of the Sustainable Development Action Plan
  - The development of an action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the territory
  - The development and adoption of a conservation plan for natural environments
  - A characterization study of the heat islands on the territory
  - The treatment of contaminated soils and the hydroseeding of our ditches
- \$450,000 in resident services
  - Addition of six new positions to assist the municipal team
  - Implementing an emergency response communication tool
  - Maintaining annual recreational activities
- \$356,000 in maintenance and improvements to our infrastructure
  - Continued drainage work
  - Maintenance of various trails and construction of a basketball court in Sector 1
- \$161,000 in various projects
  - Developing and adopting a Specific Planning Program for the Farm Point area
  - Finalizing the cultural policy and updating the active transportation map
  - Various public consultations: Teen Park Concept, Outdoor Cultural Gathering Place, Voie Verte Chelsea Interpretive Site and Hollow Glen Parks
  - Continued partnership with La Fab sur Mill for cultural programming

" Despite its small size, Chelsea has proven to be a leader in the fight against climate change. The 2023 budget is no exception and includes several items for larger ongoing projects, as well as some new initiatives. This budget will also give us the opportunity to add new resources within the municipal team in order to increase the efficiency of our services to residents. The tax increase was unavoidable due in part to inflation which has increased



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significantly this year. I believe, however, that we have succeeded in finding the right balance between our vision and our ability to pay." Pierre Guénard, Mayor

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